
HPC Connections

Knowing, Growing, Sharing, and Serving

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A message from Reverend Sharlyn

Summer in the Church

Well, I think it is safe to say that summer really is here now. It seemed to me that it took its sweet time getting here, but I definitely believed it when our air-conditioner didn't work for a few days. With summer, it seems our church activities really slow down and in many ways, that is good. We are small enough that many people have lots of responsibilities and those people do need a break. I am thinking of the Fellowship Team and all the people who provide goodies and coffee for us on Sunday mornings. Coffee time is on a break until September. And Sunday School is on hold until then as well. The choir is taking a break, so no practice after worship for the summer.

I want to encourage you all, though, to remain faithful in coming to worship. Unless we are out of town, we need to come together as a church family and to worship and pray together. We need one another for support and we need to lift our voices together as we praise God for the many blessings we have from Him, as well as praying together for others. And don't forget that when you are out of town, you can continue to honor your financial pledge by going to the website at www.hollypc.org and follow that link.

Our teams are still meeting and the Outreach Team is planning a big event in August. On August 12th we want to have a neighborhood block



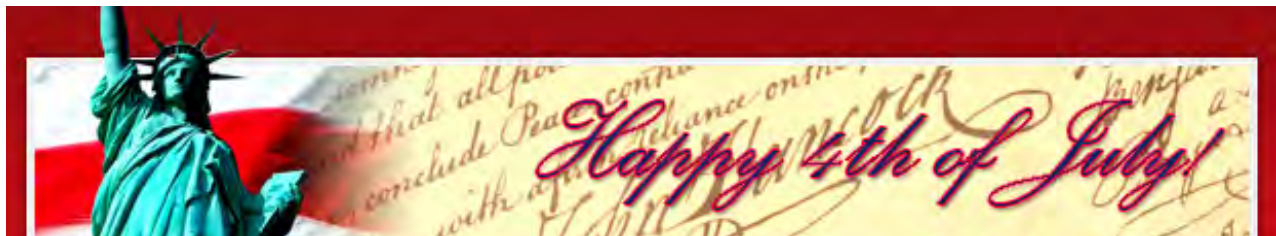
party in the parking lot. We plan to have grills and cook hotdogs, have music and games and gifts for drawings. We want to invite everyone we can find in our surrounding area so we can get to know our neighbors. There will be no strings attached. We just want them to come and play and get to know us. So that means we need all of our church family to plan on taking part. It will be fun and a great outreach for the community. Our Christian Education Team is also planning on getting organized and ready for Sunday School in the fall. We have not had a Sunday School program for our children in a couple of years and we plan on creating an excellent program this year. We will have flyers to hand out at the block party so we can invite our neighbors to come.

But we need YOU. You are an important part of making this whole project successful. We need your prayers and your participation. We need your presence, your offerings of some food and leadership in games. And we need you to volunteer to serve on one of these teams and to help some with the Sunday School plan.

We may be slowed down for the summer, my friends, but we are still the church and we have a great calling to be visible in our community and to be reaching out to the many people who might just be waiting for us to make the first move.

Let's do it! May you have a fantastic, blessed, safe summer and may we, as a church family, do special things in this time that God has for us.

Peace and Grace!
Rev. Sharlyn



Just a reminder that the office will be closed on Tuesday July 4th in observance of the Independence Holiday.

Happy Anniversary



How wonderful. Congratulations and God Bless you all!

July

Tim & Linda Burns, July 17th, 47 years
Rick & Margaret Perry, July 18th, 36 years
Jim & Roberta Single, July 23rd, 51 years
Brian & Laura Parker, July 25th, 31 years

August

Nick & Sue Amory, August 3rd, 10 years
Scott & Jennifer Studer, August 8th, 19 years

If we have missed your anniversary, please notify Sherry our office manager.



Happy Birthday Wishes go out for the months of JULY/AUGUST To:

Annie Mathis	July 1st	Janis Dorsey	August 8th
Sherry McLaughlin	July 2nd	Pete Olson	August 9th
Kay Vander Kuy	July 15th	Helen McNamara	August 11th
Jennifer Chanter	July 17th	Randy Cook	
(Gibby) Bruce Dryer	July 19th	Patrick Weiss	August 19th
Toni Duncanson		Jennifer McDonald	
Jim Lyles	July 23rd	Judy Merritt	August 21st
Holden Pettit	July 25th	Sara Pettit	August 24th

Savannah Whalen
Ryan Shiel
Peggy Ranger

July 29th

Alex Parker
Katie Parker
Dale Huffman
Mandie Banks
Noah Mathis

August 27th
August 28th
August 29th
August 31st

God Bless you all on your special day!!

Information from our bulletins and calendar as well as special projects and disaster relief can be found on our website at www.hollypc.org



Worship in the Park

Worship in the Park is July 9th- Be sure to come to the shelter at Lakeside Memorial Park on Holly Bush Drive for worship and a picnic. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass as well as a comfy chair. We will begin at 10:00 a.



**July and August
2017**

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday

10:00 Worship

3:00 pm AA

Monday

7:30 pm AA & Alanon

Tuesday thru Thursday

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friends with Needs

Schedule of Additional Events

Jul 2 11:15 a Fellowship **Team Meeting** after worship

Jul 4 Independence Day - Office Closed

No Friends with Needs

Jul 5 **Team Meetings**

Worship 6:30 p - 7:30 p

Personnel No Meeting

Information Technology 7:15p - 8:30p

Christian Education 7:30p - 8:30p

Jul 6 7:00 p AYSO

Jul 9 10:00 a Worship in the Park-Lakeside Park

Followed with Potluck

Jul 11 **Team Meetings**

Finance 6:30 p - 7:30 p

NO Care this month

Outreach 6:30 p - 7:30 p

Property 7:30 p - 8:30 p

Jul 14 10:00 a - 12:00 p Baby Pantry

Jul 16 11:15 a Healthy Check up

Jul 22 10:00 a - 12:00 p Baby Pantry

Jul 26 7:00 p Presbyterian Men's Bible Study

7:00 p Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Jul 28 10:00 a - 12:00 p Baby Pantry

Aug 1 **Team Meetings**

Information Technology 7:30 p - 8:30 p

Worship 6:30 p -7:30 p

Personnel 7:00 p - 7:30 p

Christian Education 7:30p - 8:30p

Aug 8 **Team Meetings**

Finance 6:30 p - 7:30 p

Care 6:30 p - 7:00 p

Outreach 6:30 p - 7:30 p

Property 7:30 p - 8:30 p

Aug 11 10:00 a - 12:00 p Baby Pantry

Aug 12 4:00 p - 7:00 p Neighborhood Block Party

Aug 13 Fellowship **Team Meeting** after worship

Aug 15 7:00 p Session Meeting

Newsletter Articles Due

Aug 19 10:00 a - 12:00 p Baby Pantry

Aug 20 11:15 a Healthy Check up

Aug 25 10:00 a - 12:00 p Baby Pantry

Aug 30 7:00 p Presbyterian Men's Bible Study

7:00 p Presbyterian Women's Bible Study



A Word from Pastor Shaun



In couple of weeks we will be celebrating the fourth of July where the thirteen colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States.

Each year on July 4th, also known as Independence Day, Americans will

celebrate this historic day by flying the American flag but do you remember what the flag symbolizes?

The U.S. flag has undergone many changes since the first official flag of 1777. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act, which said that the flag would be made up of thirteen alternating red and white stripes and thirteen white stars on a blue field. Stars have been added to the flag as new states join the union. Currently, the flag contains 50 stars.

Ever wonder why the flag is red, white, and blue? While the flag's colors did not have a specific meaning at the time, the colors were significant for the Great Seal of 1782.

White: Signifies purity and innocence

Red: Signifies valor and bravery

Blue: Signifies Vigilance, perseverance, and justice

Why stars and stripes? Stars are considered a symbol of the heavens and the divine goal to which man has aspired from time immemorial; the stripe is symbolic of the rays of light emanating from the sun.

Have a safe and fun 4h of July celebrating our freedom.

Pastor Shaun

Source: U.S. Consulate General Hong Kong & Macau

From your Finance Team

Income	May	\$10,208.85	YTD	\$51,962.11
Expenses	May	\$12,030.52	YTD	\$62,406.97

Finance Team Thoughts:

In Exodus we see that God has chosen Israel as his own possession among all nations, a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. In that sense God's covenant at the Sinai is in reality a stewardship covenant because they are His possession.

In Leviticus we read that all the land is His and shall never be sold for we are but strangers and sojourners with God. This is a clear teaching that taking care of His possessions is part of our stewardship. This would include not only the possessions God provides for us, but also his people in need. As we enjoy the blessings from God let us share with those in need of help through our faithful stewardship. We are instructed to not use all our possessions for our own wants, but to always keep some for others. Be good stewards of what God has given you and there will always be enough to share where need exists at our Church or in the community.

God will surely bless us all for being good stewards for his glory and witness in the world.

Finance Team - Bob Killewald, Vicki Lyles, Carrie Duncanson & Laura Parker.

A Note from Rev. Sharlyn

Please check out my blog site at <http://www.sharlyndgates.com> and follow as I do something I've always loved doing - WRITING. In my blog I write about life events and how they can help us to experience God in our lives. The latest post is titled: The Me I Have Become. I'd love to hear your feedback.

New Prayer Ministry

Each Sunday following worship, there will be elders in the back of the sanctuary ready to pray with anyone who comes. A quiet, sacred space for prayer will be set aside for that purpose. Please come and know that whatever you share with an elder will be held in complete confidence. If you feel called to be one who prays with and for others, please let one of the pastors or elders know. **Let's pray for one another!**

Friends

With

Needs

This is the craft they did for June. It was 4th of July Visor Hats. Can you volunteer to show them a craft? Do you have a talent you can show them? A job you did or still do you can tell them about. God has brought us these gifted mentally and physically challenged people into our lives to bless us. They need 20 to 30 minutes of your day on a Tuesday. Contact Rev. Sharlyn, Dessalee Cook or Sherry at the office.



From the Lions' Den

"Sticky' Mission"



When Presbyterians think of mission, they usually think of people, programs, and practices performed by others, which their church supports financially. We regard "missionaries" as a unique class of Christians called to leave their communities and go elsewhere to do God's work. Those who read this column regularly know that this is no longer sufficient. The mission field is no longer "out there"; it is right at our doorstep. Missionaries are no longer a special class of Christian; we are all missionaries serving in an alien culture.

This shift is having an effect on our practice of mission that is both necessary and inevitable. It is no longer sufficient for mission to be something for which churches write checks for someone else to perform. It is something that we must do ourselves, not only because the need is at our doorsteps, but because the credibility of our faith and witness demands it.

We have already seen some changes in the past few decades. When I entered ordained ministry thirty-four years ago, 90% of denominational mission giving was undesignated, meaning that it was given to the church to use according to denominational mission priorities. Now, 90% of denominational mission giving is designated - that is, to support people and programs identified by the giver - and far more is spent on "hands-on" mission activities. The giving patterns of Gen-Xers and Millennials show little interest in supporting institutions; they have a definite preference for participatory mission in which they have direct connection with the beneficiaries.

Similarly, younger generations are not excited by a list of causes that churches support with their money but aren't engaged in with their lives. Our presbytery Vision Task Force recently conducted a survey of mission conducted by congregations (see it [here](#)). It is an impressive list of local and global missions that our churches support. But the majority fit the old model of mission - programs performed by others to which we write a check. They are worthy programs and we are generous people, but they do not persuade younger inquirers of the genuineness of our commitment, because, in their language, we have no "skin in the game."

Halford Luccock, the chaplain at Yale University in a previous generation, wrote a stewardship piece that said one's checkbook was the true measure of one's faith. In other words, we can tell our priorities by what we give, and to whom. That is no longer true. The true measure of one's faith priorities is no longer the checks we write (some people write no checks at all!), but the time we spend, the people we touch, and the

difference it makes. Giving is important, but it is no longer sufficient to demonstrate our faith.

At this week's New Visions of Stewardship workshop (see related article), I am leading a section on "'Sticky' Mission: Developing Missional Stewardship." It is my belief that churches need to shift from "Teflon" mission - mission which leaves no lasting effect on the church - to "Velcro" mission - mission that picks up people and changes the church by developing relationships with those we serve. In my next column I will explore examples of this "sticky" mission. Or, you can come to my workshop Saturday!

Faithfully,
Dan Saperstein, Executive Presbyter
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Christian Education

Presbyterian Women's & Men's Bible Study

will meet on the last Wednesday of July, which is July 26th and the last Wednesday of August, which is August 30th at 7:00pm for Bible study. We will resume meeting weekly in September.



Information Technology Team

Information Technology Team members are Sara Pettit, Walt Brown, Jim Lyles, and Brian Parker.

Coming August 12th 4:00p - 7:00p - Neighborhood Block Party

Remember those Block Parties when you were a kid? Well we are bringing it back to our parking lot. Hot dogs, games, prizes. Read all about it in Rev Sharlyn's article and mark your calendars for a great time of fun and outreach.

Care Team



Quote: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me... Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Psalm 51:10,12

Praying for our church family & friends. . Concerns & Joys

- Strength, renewal, and healing for: Celia Pettit, Cynthia Branch (friend of Killewald's), Paul Burnett (neighbor of Killewald's), Cari Oldenburg (friend of Cathie Killewald), Don Colegrove, Barbara Wells, Caroline Parker-Lucido (sister of Brian Parker), Tom Schettling, Pete & Joey Olson, Hadleigh Banks, Margaret House, Rachel Sparling.
- Peace, comfort and healing for the family of Ron Howe, Andrew Nicholson, families of the London apartment fire, families of the London bridges tragedy, and families of the Manchester Concert bombing victims.
- For our country and its leaders. Healing for Representative Steve Scalise and the five others shot at Virginia Part practicing baseball and Airport Security Officer Jeff Neville after being stabbed at Flint Bishop Airport. **For peace.**
- Pray for this church and both our pastors.

Pray for Missionaries & Lake Huron Presbytery

- Pray for the health and safety of our missionaries: The Rev Cathy Chang and family serving in the Philippines, Michael and Rachel Ludwig serving in Niger, Colby and Sarah Keefer & family in Ypsilanti (Athletes in Action), and Allen and Deedee Iobst & family in Spain.
- Pam Brackbill and the Rev. Tom Brackbill (Alma-First), as they deal with Younger Onset Alzheimer's Disease. Pam is at the care of Masonic Pathways.
- Pray for Rev Dr Tom Schacher of Midland-Memorial and his family as they deal with his diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease.
- Continue to pray for Warren Ronk son of Elder Peggy Ronk of Breckenridge-Emerson who is dealing with a significant health issue.

Healthy Check up will be Sunday July 16th & August 20th Nurses Karen and Char will be available to check your

- blood pressure
- oxygen rate
- glucose check

Get your vitals checked and be in charge of your wellness!

Note: These screenings are not intended to be a substitute for your doctor's care. Results are strictly for your information, and is not medical advice.

Care Team

Karen Haneline, Loretta Weiss, Beth Dryer, Linda Burns, Jennifer Chanter, Jan Bradshaw, Judy Studer, Ellen Paulson, Lisa Martin, Charlene Clement and Emily Martin.

Outreach Team

In The Beginning News!

We are looking for **anyone** who would like to volunteer for the Baby Pantry Team.

Giving your time or resources to this wonderful outreach ministry will bless you in so many ways! Just reach out to Judy

Studer or Cathie Killewald if you are interested in supporting this ministry.



UPCOMING DATES:

Friday, May July 14th 10:00 a-12:00 p; Saturday, July 22nd 10:00a -12:00 p; Friday, July 28th 10:00 a-12:00 p; Friday, August 11th 10:00a -12:00p; Saturday, August 19th 10:00a- 12:00p; Friday, August 25th 10:00a - 12:00p.

Items we need include: We are low on many clothing sizes:

- Boys pants (2T, 3T, 4T, 5T)
- Boys shirts (2T, 3T, 4T, 5T)
- Boys PJ's (2T, 3T, 4T, 5T)

We are in need of size 4 diapers and wipes.

Any donations can be placed in the crib in the narthex, or financial donations can be placed in the offering plate with a notation or envelope marked "Baby Pantry". Thank you for your generous support.

If you feel called to this ministry or just want to see what it is about please see Judy Studer or Cathie Killewald.

"And he took the children in his arms, put His hands on them and blessed them." Mark 10:16

Prayer requests from our families

- New families to the community that are struggling to make it. They appreciate the help we give them. They are in need of a better jobs or a job to keep there family going.
- Pray for all those in difficult relationships, struggling with emotional and physical abuse, and self doubt. May they be comforted by the love of Christ.
- Pray for families expecting new arrivals this year. May they experience healthy pregnancies and safe deliveries.
- Pray for those parents who are not getting enough hours on their work schedules.
- Pray for those parents who are seeking work.

Thank you,
Judy Studer, Cathie Killewald, Jennifer Chanter, Donna DeNise, Kenzie Nash and Reisa Hamilton.

Property Team

Building Safety-A reminder to all to check the building for unlocked doors, water, or anything that could be pertinent to the building. It would be appreciated. We could easily prevent disasters.

Please remember we are a smoke-free property. No smoking on the Grounds or in the Building at HPC.

Thank you.

Property Team - Randy Cook, Lori Goldsmith, Broady Cook, Gerry Jackson, Tim Burns, Tom Schettling and Ellen Paulson.

Worship Team

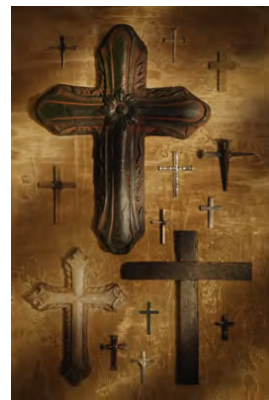
Weekly Attendance

Don't forget to fill out the blue fellowship book for our record keeping of your weekly attendance. Not only is the entry used for important data the church needs to collect for accounting purposes but it is used to learn visitors names, address corrections, etc. Thank you.

Also, Worship is in need of volunteers. Open positions include substitutes and monthly positions for worship leader, ushers, greeters, and communion servers (must be an Elder of the church of serve Communion).

If this sounds like something that interests you see Linda Burns for details.

Worship Team
Linda Burns
Vicki Lyles
Gordie Bradshaw



Support our Missionaries

[Iobst Family picture 2015](#)
[Josiah Phoebe, Thomas,](#)
[Deedee and Allen from Left to Right](#)

[Newsletter link:June Letter](#)



[Keeper Family picture December 2016](#)

[Colby and Sarah Keeper and family](#)

[Newsletter link: June](#)

The Outreach Team-- Reisa Hamilton, Laura Parker, Jennifer Chanter, Donna DeNise, Kenzie Nash, James Lyles.



Fellowship Team

- Fellowship Team meeting will be on Sunday July 2nd at 11:15am and on Sunday August 13th in the back of the Fellowship Hall.
- We will be having our Worship in the Park on July 9th. Please bring a dish to pass, lawn chairs if you want and your own table service. We will have Worship and then Potluck. Games will be played after.
- On August 12th we will be serving hot dogs at the Neighborhood block party. Be sure to bring all your neighbors and friends.

If you have any questions, please see one of us below.
Thank you.

Fellowship Team

Margaret Perry, Beth Dryer, Donna Miller, Colleen Spring, Roberta Single, Cathie Killewald, Elizabeth Kici, Judy Studer, Fran Olson and Mary Renico.

Personnel Team

Charlee Litten, Lisa Martin, Jennifer Chanter, Judy Studer, Dale Huffman

Supporting Missions.

The Keefer Family-Athletes in Action

Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor, Mi

The Iobst Family- Operations Transit

Algeciras, Spain

(Both Working Under Campus Crusade for Christ)

HPC Christmas - Adopt a Family

In the Beginning Baby Pantry

Forgotten Harvest Food Pantry

Holly, Mi

Friend with Needs

School Supplies-Holly Area Youth Assistance

Our 2017 Session

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