



# HPC CONNECTIONS

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## Love

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God ... - 1 John 4:7a*



Valentine's Day is, of course, the day we traditionally show love by giving cards and, flowers, chocolates, etc. It is a perfect day for marriage proposals or even for weddings. Of course, Valentine's Day is more about lovers than the kind of love John writes about in his letter in 1 John 4. While we might enjoy the kind of romantic love we celebrate on Valentine's Day, the best love of all is not about romance but about a deep, abiding love that stems from how God loves us.

John says we are to love one another because love is from God. And the kind of love God gives us is how we are to show to others. Think about the amazing love we have been given. It's unconditional, it's forgiving – full of grace, it's sacrificial (as in God's own Son dying on a cross for us), it's abounding in blessings as we serve and help one another.

Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13: *Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.* This kind of love can only come from God as we humans are usually more self-centered than that.

And of course, it is much easier to love the people we already enjoy being with than it is to love someone who feels like an enemy. But we are told by Jesus to love our enemies too. (Matthew 4:43-45) That takes a lot of prayer!

I have been blessed in love and in loving. I have experienced the romantic love we celebrate this month but even better is the Godly love I have been given. In so many ways, you have shown me that kind of love. And I see it in how you – as God's people – give love to so many. I see it in how the Care Team takes time to send cards, to make phone calls, to make sure prayers are being lifted up, to visit and take a meal to someone who needs help and care.

I see it in how you worship God on Sunday mornings, how you are willing to help on various ministry teams or to serve on property – a big job of keeping up our houses of worship and prayer. I see it in the fellowship opportunities, in funeral luncheons, and pot lucks and bake sales. I see your love as you generously give your tithes and offerings to the Lord and for the sake of ministry in our church. I see love in the ways you participate in reaching out to the community and those who are hurting and in need.

Love is from God, John says. When we know God, we know God's love and we are able to love one another in the same way.

I thank the Lord for all of you and for your amazing love, shown to Fred and me and to so many others.

Peace, Grace, Joy and Love!

*Reverend Sharlyn*

**Thank you!**

Thank you all so much for your generous Christmas gifts you gave to me. The individual gifts, ornaments, goodies, as well as the beautiful candle holders and cash that helped me make the trip to see my sister. I appreciate it all very much and appreciate you even more!

**Rev. Sharlyn**



### February Anniversaries

**Don & Doris Colegrove | Feb 16th | 62 years!**  
**Congratulations and God Bless you on so many years together!**



**February birthday wishes go out to:**  
**God Bless you all on your special day!**

<b>Tim Burns</b>	<b>Feb 2nd</b>	
<b>Ben Muenzer</b>	<b>Feb 12th</b>	
<b>Judy Studer</b>	<b>Feb 12th</b>	
<b>Dessalee Cook</b>	<b>Feb 17th</b>	
<b>Johnny Dryer</b>	<b>Feb 20th</b>	<b>One year old</b>
<b>Penny Schettling</b>	<b>Feb 20th</b>	

### Acting in Faith

**Food Pantry:** In support of the important work being done in the community by our brothers & sisters in Christ at the First Baptist Church of Holly, we continue to collect non-perishable food for their Food Pantry. Place items in the collection tote in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

**Great Lakes Scrip Program** - Support our church by buying your gift cards from HPC. If you have any questions please see Vicki. Thanks for your support! **February Dates:** Card orders placed on **Feb 3rd**, are available for pick up on **Feb 10th**.

**Do you shop on Amazon?** If so, please sign up on Amazon Smile. You can select Holly Presbyterian Church as your organization. Then shop as usual. A part of the proceeds will come to us. It doesn't cost you anything! It is that easy!

**Recycle** - Please bring in your ink cartridges and batteries. We can turn some of them into cash for office supplies.

## GETTING INTO THE WORD OF GOD

### *Worship*

Fellowship & Coffee starts at 10:30 am.

Sundays at 11:00 am.

### *Men & Womens Bible Study*

Wednesday nights 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

*\*Children's Sunday School* - Sundays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

The children will be studying about David & Goliath.

*\*Nursery provided*



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

**Annual Congregational Meeting** - will be on Sunday, February 17th after worship. Please mark your calendars as this is a very important meeting. The Annual Report is on the table in the narthex for your review. Snacks will be provided to sustain us through the meeting.

### Care Team

**Quote for the month: If Not Love** - *If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.* 1 Corinthians 13:2

When my days are difficult or I face trials where my own strength is useless, I know that I am held up by You. It is not only faith that ties me to You, but it is Your love for me that gives me courage, hope, and the perseverance required.

I draw encouragement from understanding my gifts and my purpose in You, yet I know that these do not shape me, make me, or sustain me. Only Your Love does that. -from One Minute Prayers to Begin and End Your Day.

**Baby Pantry: Upcoming dates when the Baby Pantry is open:** Fri, Feb 8th; Sat Feb 16th; Fri Feb 22nd all from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

**Baby Needs:** We are in need of baby shampoo, baby wash, baby wipes, diaper cream and baby lotion. Donations can be placed in the crib in the Narthex. Financial donations can be placed in the offering plate with a notation on the envelope marked "Baby Pantry". Thank you so much for your continued support.

**Healthy Check up:** will be on Sunday, February 17th. Don't forget to see Nurse Karen. Your health could depend on it.



Jan Bradshaw, Beth Dryer, Loretta Weiss, Karen Haneline and Tom Schettling

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**Regular Weekly Events**

***Sunday***

9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee  
11:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Children's Sunday School  
3:00 pm AA  
4:00 pm Confirmation Class

***Monday***

7:30 pm AA & Alanon

***Tuesday thru Thursday***

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

***Wednesday*** 7:00 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study

**Schedule of Additional Events**

Feb 2nd 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Comfort Circle

Feb 3rd 10:00 am ***Fellowship Team Meeting***

Feb 5th ***Team Meeting-all are encouraged to attend***

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Outreach

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Information Technology

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Personnel

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Christian Education

Feb 8th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry

Feb 10th Bake Sale after Worship

Feb 12th 10:00 am Freedom Work Opp (FH)

***Team Meeting-all are encouraged to attend***

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Care

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Worship

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Property

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Finance

Feb 14th 7:00 pm AYSO

Feb 16th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry

Feb 17th Healthy Check up

Feb 19th 7:00 pm Session Meeting

## February Calendar continued

Feb 22nd      10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry  
Feb 24th      Children's Presentation

### Finance Team

**Income**      Dec \$11,363.21 | YTD \$126,498.72

**Expenses**      Dec \$12,863.53 | YTD \$138,306.46



**Our Per Capita Payment Due**-Our per capita apportionment of \$2,186.52 is due to the presbytery by February 15. This payment, which is more than the average amount we collect for a Sunday offering, comes right after we have just paid our annual building and worker 's compensation insurance bills. This creates a major cash flow issue for your treasurer. If you would contribute your portion of the per capita payment (\$28.77 per member), it would help out a lot. We know that not everyone is able to do this, but are hoping that if we each give what we can, we will able to cover a decent portion of the bill.

Finance Team: Vicki Lyles, Carrie Duncanson, Laura Parker, Rev. Sharlyn Gates and Bob Killewald

### Pray for Missionaries & Lake Huron Presbytery

- **Mission Co-Workers** -The Rev Cathy Chang and family who are serving in the Philippines. Michael & Rachel Ludwig who are serving in Niger.
- **Our Missionaries** - Colby & Sarah Keefer & family in Ypsilanti (Athletes in Action), and Allen & Deedee Iobst & family in Spain.
- *See both Iobst & Keefer's latest Newsletter by double clicking on [Iobst](#) & [Keefer](#) at the beginning of the email.*



**KEEFER FAMILY**



**IOBST FAMILY**



## The Lion's Den



A church member in our Presbytery recently asked me some questions about the Presbytery for an article in a church periodical. It struck me that to many of our church members, Presbytery is an abstraction - part of the great mystery of the wider Church-with-a-capital-C. So, I thought I would share some of the questions posed and my answers here.

Q. Who is included and how large is the Presbytery of Lake Huron?

The Presbytery of Lake Huron consists of 46 congregations with about 7200 members in Mid-Michigan, in a region roughly approximating the weather map on the evening news. Each church session is entitled to select one or more ruling elders to serve as voting commissioners at Presbytery meetings. In addition, all ministers on our rolls are members of Presbytery. If there are more minister members than ruling elder commissioners, a balance is achieved by assigning additional elder commissioners.

Q. What are some of the primary goals of the Presbytery?

This question can be answered many ways. Constitutionally, the Presbytery is responsible for the governance of the church, the support of congregations, the administration of mission, and the regulation of the ministry of Word and Sacrament in its district. Officially, our mission statement is: "The mission of the Presbytery of Lake Huron is to partner with congregations, helping people to know, grow, share and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ." Informally, our aim is to build the presbytery and its churches into agents of mission that is "inside-out, upside-down, and sticky" - that is, which sends its members to serve God in the world; divests itself of power and privilege to serve and welcome the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized; and practices mission that builds relationships with those served and invites them to join in the mission. Additionally, each year the Presbytery Moderator selects a theme for the year to direct the content of our presbytery meetings. Moderator Chris Wolf (a lay pastor from Marlette) has chosen her theme for 2019 to be Matthew 25:40: "As you did it to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it unto me."

Q. What is accomplished at the Presbytery meetings?

Each presbytery meeting consists of three components: Worship, Equipping, and Governance. The first order of business is Worship. We try to offer worship that reflects the gifts and diversity of our presbytery. At recent meetings we have been inspired by Korean drummers, a gospel choir, and a jazz guitarist, as well as by outstanding preachers, creative liturgy, and gifted accompanists. After worship is our Equipping Time. The equipping time is part of our commitment to making Presbytery meetings a "value-added" experience-so that every commissioner feels the meeting was beneficial to their church's mission. Recent equipping times have included presentations and conversations on building congregational mission; welcoming diversity; clergy self-care; youth ministry; and creative approaches to stewardship. Upcoming themes include Elders as Spiritual Leaders (March); Becoming a Matthew 25 church (with General Assembly Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson - June); and Facing Racism (September).

Q. What else would you like our members to know about the Presbytery of Lake Huron or the Presbytery meetings?

Presbytery is not "them" - it is all of us together! The Presbytery exists to serve Jesus Christ by serving our congregations - in the firm belief we can accomplish more for God working together

than we can separately. Thank you for your faithful support of our work and your generous sharing of your time and talents!

Faithfully,

Dan Saperstein, Executive Presbyter, [dsaperstein@presbylh.org](mailto:dsaperstein@presbylh.org)

## OUR PRAYERS, CONCERNS AND JOYS:



- Remember to *pray daily* for this church and our pastor.
- **Joys for babies being born - Jaxson Scott Schettling**, born 12/21/18. He weighed 7 lbs 7 oz. 19" long. Proud grandparents-Tom & Penny Schettling. **Emery Kay Howe** born 12/22/18. She weighed 6 lbs, 12 oz. 19" long. Proud parents are Jordan & Nicole Howe as well as grandma, Kathleen Howe.
- **Strength, renewal, and healing for:** Loretta Weiss, Norm Clement, Roberta Single, Linda Living-Hawley (Tyrone Community Church), Lisa Martin, Dawn Spring (Colleen Spring's niece), Jim Striggow (Penny Schettling's cousin), Joe Watkins (Laura Parker's brother), Cindy Glenn (Elizabeth Kici's granddaughter's mother-in-law), Helen Timko (Penny Schettling's friend), Joan Davis, Kenzie Nash's friend, Hadleigh Banks, Fran Olson, Jim Pelton, Linda Larmon & Susan Houghton (Mandie Banks' aunts), Linda Burns, Jan Owens (Rev Sharlyn's sister), Diane Scubiak (step granddaughter of Elizabeth Kici), Tammy Vally (neighbor of Elizabeth Kici), Linda Voll (Karen Haneline's friend), Denny & Beverly Glass (Elizabeth Kici's friend's daughter), and William Woodard (Rev Fred Gates grandson).
- **Prayers and comfort to the families of** Pete Olson, Jackie Pechota (Penny Schettling's daughter in law Jess grandma), Caitlin Ritenour (daughter of Rev Glenn Grant, Pastor of Grand Blanc Kirkridge and wife Debbie), and Linda Coale Voorheis.

## Fellowship Team

- Join us for Coffee & Fellowship at 10:30 am

### COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY ARE:

Feb 3rd Donna DeNise & Jennifer Chanter

Feb 10th Dessalee Cook & Karen Haneline

Feb 17th Beth Dryer & Jan Bradshaw

Feb 24th Needed



**Than you volunteers. Without you we could not hold Coffee & Fellowship.**

- Bake Sale on February 10th after worship. This is always a crowd pleaser,
  - **Fellowship Team Meeting this month is February 3rd at 10:00 am** . All are welcome to attend.

## The Parish Paper - *Ideas and Insights for Active Congregations*

Grab your copy of The Parish Paper in the narthex or you can download it at the beginning of this email by clicking on PP January highlighted in blue [PP February](#)



### TEAM MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY

The times indicated are approximate and may vary. If you would like to join a team or see what it is all about, just come at the selected time to the church and see the Team leader. We always need input and ideas. **All are welcome.**

**Fellowship Team Meeting February 3rd at 10:00 am** back of Fellowship Hall

#### **Team Meetings for February 5th**

Outreach 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Information Technology 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Personnel 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Christian Education 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

#### **Team Meetings for February 12th**

Care 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Worship 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Property 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Finance 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm



Which one is you?

**Session meets February 19th at 7:00 pm**



### 2019 Session

#### **Class of 2019**

Laura Parker | Christian Ed Team | (248) 248-245-5348

Randy Cook | Property Team | (248) 221-9044

Bob Killewald | Finance Team | (248) 310-2410

#### **Class of 2020**

Cathie Killewald | Fellowship Team | (248) 310-2411

Jan Bradshaw | Care Team | (248) 459-1181

Donna DeNise | Outreach | (248) 248-634-3760

Jim Lyles | Clerk | (248) 396-4695

#### **Class of 2021**

Ellen Paulson | Personnel Team | (248) 320-0375

Tom Schettling | Worship Team | (248) 245-8810

Walt Brown | Technology Team | (810) 629-1618

Moderator

The Rev. Dr. Sharlyn DeHaven Gates

(248) 390-0378