



My Dear Friends in Christ,

How can I say thank you in a way that truly expresses how much I appreciate you all. Your kind and loving, thoughtful ways have meant so much to me and to Fred, too. I can hardly believe this time is upon us and I am retiring. It is truly bittersweet.

Thank you for all the things you have done in honor of my retirement. The plans, the gifts, the party has been wonderful! To all who helped us move and to all who prayed for our move to be smooth – thank you!

For loving us and being so good to Fred and me over the years; for trusting me as your pastor; for listening to me preach every Sunday; for participating in things with me – thank you! We love you all and will miss you terribly but we trust that you are in God's hands and plans and God has wonderful new things ahead for Holly Presbyterian Church.

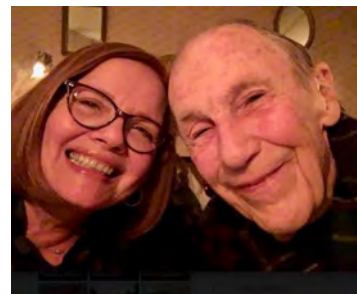
While I can't do pastoral things with you after retirement we will continue our friendships. Please give us a call or stop by to see us when you are in the Williamston area. As the song says: "Friends are friends forever, if the Lord's the Lord of them."

In Christ's Love,

*Rev's Sharlyn and Fred*

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We are pleased to announce that Commissioned Ruling Elder Shaun Hardimon will be preaching for the month of May through June 23rd. We are very excited to see Michele, Abby and Shaun in the days ahead.

If you have a prayer concern, please contact the office at [office@hollypc.org](mailto:office@hollypc.org) or 248.634.9494. The office is open Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm, closed 12 pm - 1 pm for lunch.

### Outreach Team

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the Easter Bags for Traverse Place in Flint. Here is a picture of them.



## MAY Anniversaries

**Bob & Cathie Killewald | May 12th | 29 years**  
**Broady & Dessalee Cook | May 26th | 35 years**  
**God bless you as you continue your journey together.**



## May birthday wishes go out to: God Bless you all on your special day!

May 1st	Joie Hecht	May 12th	Angel Vliet
May 6th	Gene Stevens	May 18th	Keaton Banks (10)
May 9th	James Duncanson	May 26th	Karen Haneline
May 10th	Beau Dryer (3)	May 31st	Lisa Martin
May 11th	Donna DeNise		
May 11th	Brian Parker		

## Rummage Sale & Bake Sale

**When: Thurs May 16th 9-5, Fri May 17th 9-5 and Sat May 18th 9-12**

Please bring in your Spring and Summer items starting Sunday May 12th after worship, then Mon May 13th 10-2, Tues May 14th 10-2, and Wed May 15th 10-12. Please see the sign up sheet for baked goods, to help with set up, tear down, and the actual sale. Many hands are needed to make this sale a success.



## 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! **May Dates:** Card orders placed on **May 5th**, are available for pick up on **May 12th**.

**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.



*Adult Sunday School* meets at 9:30 am and is now studying "Jesus and His Jewish Influence." The course, led by Barb Brown. Our last class will be on May 12th.

### *Men's Bible Study*

We will be studying the scriptures for the coming Sunday.

Wednesday nights 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

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

We will conclude our adventure in May by studying Elijah and the Chariots of Fire before taking our break for the summer.



\*Nursery provided

## Finance Team

**Income** Mar \$10,920.18 | YTD \$29,515.49

**Expenses** Mar \$13,077.68 | YTD \$42,786.67

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



## Care Team



**Quote for the month:** LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE. 1 COR. 16:18

**Baby Pantry: Upcoming dates when the Baby Pantry is open:** Fri, May 10th; Sat May 18th; Fri May 24th 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, May 19th. Don't forget to see Nurse Karen. Your health could depend on it.

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

# MAY 2019 CALENDAR

## Regular Weekly Events

### Sunday

9:30 am Adult Sunday School -  
Last class May 12th  
10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee  
11:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Children's Sunday School  
3:00 pm AA

### Monday

7:30 pm AA & Alanon

### Tuesday thru Thursday

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

### Wednesday

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study



## Schedule of Additional Events

May 5th	10:00 am <b>Fellowship Team Meeting</b> 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm Fellowship Hall (Private Event)
May 7th	10:00 am - 12:00 pm Freedom Works (FH) <b>Team Meetings - all are encouraged to attend</b> 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Care 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Information Technology 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Personnel 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Christian Education
May 9th	7:00 pm AYSO
May 10th	10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry
May 12th	Pick up Flowers after worship Drop off items for Rummage Sale
May 13th	10:00 am - 2:00 pm Drop off Rummage Sale items
May 14th	9:00 am - 2:00 pm Bring in Rummage Sale items <b>Team Meeting-all are encouraged to attend</b> 6:30 pm -7:30 pm Worship 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Property 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Finance
May 15th	9:00 am - 12:00 pm Bring in Rummage Sale items Newsletter Articles Due
May 16th	9:00 am - 5:00 pm Rummage & Bake Sale



May 17th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Rummage & Bake Sale

May 18th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Rummage & Bake Sale  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry

May 19th Healthy Check up

May 21st 7:00 pm Session Meeting

May 24th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry

May 26th Last 11:00 am Worship

June 2nd 10:00 am Worship

## Fellowship Team

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



**Coffee & Fellowship volunteers are needed for the month of May.**

Signed up for May 5th is Pam Remillard.

**Fellowship Team Meeting** this month is May 5th at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend.

**THANK YOU TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE MADE COFFEE AND SNACKS FROM SEPTEMBER TO MAY. WE APPRECIATE YOU!!**

Cathie Killewald, Pam Remillard, Mary Renico, Beth Dryer, Margaret Perry, Donna Miller, Colleen Spring, Roberta Single, Elizabeth Kici, Fran Olson

## 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 lobst & family in Spain.

See both lobst & Keefer's latest Newsletter by double clicking on [lobst](#) & [Keefer](#) at the beginning of the email.



**KEEFER FAMILY**



**LOBST FAMILY**

## From the Lion's Den

*Don't it always seem to go That you don't know what you've got 'Til it's gone* - Joni Mitchell

The fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris this week brought these lyrics to mind. As the flames shot through the roof of the 856-year-old structure, I was horrified at the possibility that this iconic landmark might be lost forever. I was not mourning the loss of life - providentially, the fire began after the building was closed and as of this writing there are no known fatalities - I was mourning the loss of a sacred space, a symbol of our Western civilization, a repository for transcendent art and irreplaceable relics.

The cathedral is one of the world's best known structures, so when I first had the opportunity to visit it during a sabbatical in 2009, there was both a sense of familiarity but also newness, as images I had long admired in books and in movies stood before me in real life. It is a work of living history, not only as a building, but in the statuary and iconography of its architecture and art. If all you ever saw of France was Notre Dame, you could come away with a good understanding of the nation's history and culture.

Each visitor has his or her favorite elements: for some it is the bells made famous by Victor Hugo's hunchback, Quasimodo; for others it is the world-famous organ for which there is a two-year waiting list for guest musicians to play; still others appreciate the architectural elements like the stone gargoyles adding both character and humor to its carved exterior. For me, however, the most compelling part of the building is the rose windows, which date to the 13th century. As the afternoon sun illumines the glass, the nave explodes in color through the great rose window on the west wall.

So I was devastated when I heard that one of the windows had been destroyed in the blaze. (As it turns out, the window was not one of the three large ones, but a smaller window off the attic on the south transept.) And Joni Mitchell's words came to mind. There are many things of holiness and beauty in the world that we take for granted, or assume will always be there. The same week that fire burned in Notre Dame three African-American churches were destroyed by arson in Louisiana. I don't have the same emotional attachment to those churches, but their members certainly do. For centuries, white settlers have desecrated traditional holy sites of Native Americans - most recently at Standing Rock in the Dakotas. And, it goes without saying that each human being is a work of God as exquisite as any cathedral, whose loss - especially by violence or neglect - is incalculable.

Notre Dame will be rebuilt. The extent of the damage, while still largely unknown, appears to be less than feared. Already, a billion dollars has been donated for its reconstruction. This is Holy Week, and we know that for every Good Friday there is an



Easter resurrection coming. But there are some things which when lost do not so easily return. I think of the destruction of the world's largest living creatures - the great coral reefs of the South Pacific which are dying before our eyes from pollution and warming ocean temperatures. I think of the great endangered species like the rhinoceros and the African elephant which when made extinct through poaching will never return. I think of each person whom I love, and those who have touched my life, and those unknown to me who are precious in God's sight.

So let's listen to Joni Mitchell's warning - or at least the commandments of scripture to care for the creation and to love one another. Treasure the gifts of God while we have them, and let's do our best to preserve them for future years.

Faithfully,

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

## Joys & Concerns



- Remember to **pray daily** for Commissioned Ruling Elder Shaun Hardimon who will be preaching May – June 23rd, our interim pastor and the pastor coming to lead us into the future.
- **Strength, renewal, and healing for:** Fran Olson, Janice Jackson (Gerry's mom), Tom House (Margaret House's son), Jake Vedeer (Kenzie Nash's friend), Darrell Strickler (Kathleen Howe's brother-in-law), Debbie Russell, Norm & Charlene Clement, Lisa Martin, , Joe Watkins (Laura Parker 's brother), Cindy Glenn (Elizabeth Kici's granddaughter 's mother-in-law), Helen Timko (Penny Schettling's friend), Hadleigh Banks, 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), Denny & Beverly Glass (Elizabeth Kici's friend's daughter), and William Woodard (Rev Fred Gates grandson).
- **Prayers and comfort to the family of:** Ron Schram (Julie Parish's dad & Mary Renico's brother-in-law).



*"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."*

## 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 May](#)



### TEAM MEETINGS FOR MAY

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 May 5th at 10:00 am** back of Fellowship Hall

#### **Team Meetings for May 7th**

Care 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Outreach 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Information Technology 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Personnel 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Christian Education 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### **Team Meetings for May 14th**

Worship 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Property 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Finance 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm



Where are you in this picture???

**Session meets May 21st 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

Cassie Todd (248) 459-9334