



Finance Team

Income	May \$ 9,648.91 YTD \$52,334.79
Expenses	May \$ 6,214.69 YTD \$60,576.21



Most of us take some kind of a summer vacation, but the church's bills do not. If you are going to be gone for an extended period of time, there are several ways for you to keep your financial commitment to the church current. Some people give an extra week or two ahead of time, and a week or two when they return. Other choices:

1. Mail (207 E Maple, Holly, MI 48442) or bring your envelope to the church office before you leave town.
2. If you pay bills online, add Holly Presbyterian Church as one of your payees, and have your donation mailed by your bank on the date you choose. Our phone number is 248-634-9494, address listed above.
3. On the church website (hollypc.org), scroll down to the very bottom of the page to give electronically. You can do this either by credit card or directly from your bank account. There is a small charge to the church for this service, and you will be asked if you wish to cover that charge. PLEASE NOTE: if you use this method, you will get a receipt from the company that processes it. Keep this receipt for your records, especially if you itemize your income taxes. This gift will not be on your annual giving statement from the church. We will be made aware of who contributed this way, however.

Thank you for your support!

Transitional Stewardship

During this time while we are going through our transition between pastors it is critically important for us to know our financial status. We especially need consistent financial stability during this time.

Knowing our financial strength will allow us to decide just what amount we will be able to compensate a new pastor with. Also, it will help us to know whether a full-time or a part-time pastor will fill our needs.

The spiritual joy of giving is something we all deserve to share with the Holy Spirit. God wants our Christian walk to be joyous and comforting. Good consistent stewardship of what God has given to us is a sure path to that joy and comfort. Our generous giving is a large part of Christian stewardship and enables us to not only maintain our facilities but also allows us to reach out with God's message of eternal salvation through our savior Jesus Christ.

What a satisfying relationship we enjoy with God through our generous giving and consistent stewardship.

Thank you, Jesus for this opportunity of discipleship through the giving of ourselves and our finances. .

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Finance Team: Bob Killewald, Vicki Lyles, Carrie Duncanson, and Laura Parker

July Anniversaries

Tim & Linda Burns | July 17th | 48 years

Jim & Roberta Single | July 23rd | 53 years

Brian & Laura Parker | July 25th | 32 years

August Anniversaries

Rick & Margaret Perry | August 21st | 37 years

God bless you as you continue your journey together.



God Bless you all on your special day!

Birthdays for July

July 2nd Sherry McLaughlin

July 17th Jennifer Chanter

July 19th Bruce (Gibby) Dryer (6)

July 19th Tony Duncanson

July 23rd Jim Lyles

July 25th Ryan Shiel

July 29th Peggy Ranger



Birthdays for August

August 11th Randy Cook

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August 19th Patrick Weiss

August 29th Dale Huffman

August 31st Mandie Banks

Worship in the Park 10:00 am - will be held

on July 14th at Lakeside Memorial Park on Holly Bush Dr.

Please bring your lawn chairs, tableware, and a dish to pass. We will have a bbq after worship.

All are invited.



Care Team

Healthy Check up: will be on Sunday, July 21st and August 18th. Don't forget to see Nurse Karen. Your health could depend on it.



Care Team News:



We are happy to report that Carlee Olson Ramirez' husband, Jesse, has received his double lung transplant this week and is now recuperating in the ICU and U of M . Praise God! If you are looking for a way to help out the Ramirez/Muenzer family while they support Jesse through the journey ahead, please consider signing up to bring a meal through the Meal Train that has recently been created by their friends. Currently, there are several days open between July 2 and July 6. The sign up is on Facebook or via this link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/64dgez> If you don't feel comfortable doing it through these formats, please feel free to contact Allison Muenzer who can help you: (phone: 810-280-8389; email: muenzerallison@gmail.com).

If you would like regular updates on Jesse's progress and use Facebook, there is a special site that has been created called Ramierz Strong. Just "like" the page, and you will receive updates.

Jan Bradshaw, Beth Dryer, Loretta Weiss, Judy Studer, and Karen Haneline

Outreach Team

Quote for the month:

*“And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.”*
—Corinthians 13:13



Baby Pantry: Upcoming dates when the Baby Pantry is open: Fri, July 12th; Fri July 26th; Fri August 9th; Fri August 23rd all from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

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! **July & August Dates:** Card orders placed on **July 7th and August 4th**, are available for pick up on **July 14th and August 11th**.

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 (especially the larger ones). We can turn some of them into cash for office supplies.

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday

10:00 am Worship

3:00 pm AA

Monday

7:30 pm AA & Alanon

Tuesday thru Thursday

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



For Worship at 10:00 am

Schedule of Other Events

July 2nd **Team Meetings - all are encouraged to attend**

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Outreach

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Information Technology

NO Personnel

NO Christian Education

July 4th Church Closed

July 7th NO **Fellowship Team Meeting**

July 9th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Freedom Works Opp. (FH)

Team Meetings - all are encouraged to attend

NO Care

NO Worship

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Property

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Finance

July 11th 7:00 pm AYSO

July 12th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry

July 14th 10:00 am Worship in the Park - and bbq

July 16th 7:00 pm Session Meeting

1:30 pm Ruth Johnson

July 21st Healthy Check up

July 26th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry

Aug 4th 11:00 am **Fellowship Team Meeting**

Aug 6th **Team Meetings - all are encouraged to attend**

NO Outreach

7:00 pm Information Technology

NO Personnel

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Christian Education

Aug 9th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry

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AUGUST

Aug 13th **Team Meetings - all are encouraged to attend**

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Worship

NO Care

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Property

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Finance

Aug 15th Newsletter Articles Due

Aug 18th Healthy Check up

Aug 23rd 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry

Fellowship Team

Coffee & Fellowship will be back in September after Labor Day.



Coffee & Fellowship volunteers are the best!! Thank you for your contributions and hard work.

Fellowship Team Meeting - NO meeting July 7th & August 4th at 11:00 am. All are welcome to attend.

Cathie Killewald, Pam Remillard, Mary Renico, Beth Dryer, Margaret Perry, Donna Miller, Colleen Spring,

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.



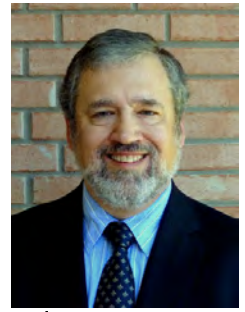
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From the Lion's Den

In my last column I discussed the prevalence of working poverty in areas of our presbytery, as evidenced by the ALICE (asset-limited, income-constrained, employed) report of the United Way. In this column I will talk about the growing problem of working poverty among ministers.



The topic was prompted by an email in which I was informed that in some presbyteries local minimum wage laws are impinging on ministers' salaries, forcing the presbyteries to redefine what is meant by "full-time". To be clear, this is not an issue in Michigan, where ministers are exempted from minimum wage laws.

But the absence of a legal requirement does not release us from the moral requirement to pay ministers fairly. In times past, call forms stated that the pastor's compensation was "to free [them] from worldly concerns so that [they] might devote [themselves] fully to the work of ministry." Frankly, I don't know any ministers who feel "freed from worldly concerns" when it comes to finances. Indeed, as the financial resources of congregations decline, more and more pastors are serving at or below our minimum salary.

Our present minimum salary for full time pastors is \$36,144 with a manse; \$43,373 without a manse - well below the ALICE standard for a family of four. Pastors with part-time calls or contracts typically receive much less. The presbytery is caught in a bind between raising minimum salaries to ensure a living wage for our pastors and pricing many churches out of full-time (or even part-time) ministry. It also makes it difficult if not impossible for quality candidates to accept calls within our bounds, especially if the candidate has a family.

When you factor in that most new pastors carry significant student loan debt from 7 or 8 years of higher education, our salaries are not able to provide what pastors need to make ends meet. (By comparison the church-wide median salary for full time pastors is \$59,100, with an average of \$65,262.) This certainly has contributed to both the number of pastoral vacancies in our presbytery and the difficulty in filling those vacancies.

What can we do about this? We cannot simply raise salaries, nor, given the economic stresses in our communities, can we expect congregations to increase their giving. The reality is that many of our churches are moving from full-time to part-time pastoral contracts or are without a pastor for extended periods of time. This is a trend that will not change, regardless of the giftedness of our pastors and congregational leaders. What is called for are new models of being the church that rely less on pastoral leadership and more on congregational initiative; and new models of congregations sharing resources for ministry.

We cannot turn back the clock. The flush days of the 1960s are not returning to Michigan, and

they are not returning to our congregations. But we can see the changes we are experiencing as creative opportunities rather than terminal diagnoses. Our present age is more like the age of the apostles, when churches grew significantly without benefit of paid clergy; or perhaps more like the frontier churches of the 19th century when circuit riders itinerated among multiple congregations.

Our Savior divested himself of heavenly majesty in order to assume the role of a servant, and then received his most earnest welcome from those who were themselves impoverished. These are challenging times but they are not the end. The gospel is always good news, and the market for that is very strong indeed. So let's move into that future as those who possess the greatest treasure of all, and who lack for nothing that is truly essential to faithful ministry and mission. Faithfully,

Dan Saperstein, Executive Presbyter, dsaperstein@presbylh.org

Joys & Concerns

- **Remember to pray daily** for this church and who our interim pastor will be, and the pastor coming to lead us into the future.
- **Strength, renewal, and healing for:** Jesse Ramirez (Carlee Olson-Ramirez's husband), Carla Rigsby (Penny Schettling's friend), Judy Strickler (wife of Darrell Strickler), Mandie and Hadleigh Banks, Linda (neighbor of Elizabeth Kici's daughter Melinda), Peter Kici, Janice Jackson (Gerry's mom), Jake Vedeer (Kenzie Nash's friend), Lisa Martin, Fran Olson, Joe Watkins (Laura Parker's brother), Cindy Glenn (Elizabeth Kici's granddaughter's mother-in-law), Helen Timko (Penny Schettling's friend), Jim Pelton, Linda Burns, Jan Owens (Rev Sharlyn's sister), and William Woodard (Rev Fred Gates grandson).
- **From the Presbytery** - Liz Long Commissioned Ruling Elder of Ithaca-Layayette who recently fell and broke two ribs.
- **Our Missionaries** - The lobst family in Spain, The Keefer family (Athletes in Action), The Rev. Cathy Chang and family who are serving in the Philippines and Michael and Rachel Ludwig, our Mission Co-Workers who are serving in Niger.
- **Prayers and comfort for the family of** Darrell Strickler (Kathleen Howe'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 July](#) [PP August](#)

TEAM MEETINGS FOR Summer

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 and encouraged to attend.***

Fellowship Team Meeting No July & August 4th at 11:00 am back of Fellowship Hall.

Team Meetings for July 2nd

Outreach 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Information Technology 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Personnel No

Christian Education No

Team Meetings for July June 11th

Care No

Worship 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Property 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Finance 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

& August 6th

No Outreach

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Information Technology

No Personnel

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Christian Education

& August 13th

No Care

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Worship

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Property

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Finance

Session meets July 16th & August 20th at 7:00 pm

2019 Session

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