



Christian Education Team

Fall Kick off Starts on Sunday, September 22nd for all groups.

2019 - 2020 Theme - **Diving Into Gratitude**



The Gathering Place for Kids: 11:15 am



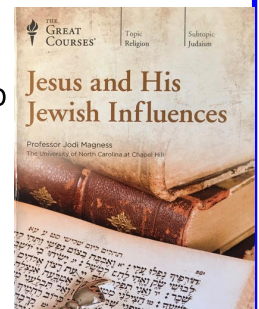
Theme: Growing In Grace & Gratitude!

The kids will begin each Sunday in Worship. Following the Children's Message kids will join their teachers to journey to The Gathering Place until 12:00 pm.

We will be learning about grace & gratitude this year. Children nurtured in the love and grace of God learn a new story of who and whose they are by watching, listening, tasting, smelling, playing and exploring holy things in the context of a faith community.

Adult Sunday School - meets at 9:30 am

We are now studying "Jesus and His Jewish Influences." The course, led by Barb Brown, uses DVDs by distinguished archaeologist Dr. Jodi Magness that will help you understand Jesus' life and teachings within the context of early Judaism. Using passages from the Old Testament, the course sheds light on what Jesus' teachings and sayings meant to Him and His first followers. All adults and high school students are welcome to be part of this class and join the discussions. (Small treat provided; bring your own water or coffee.)



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

Each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm the men and women will meet separately for a time of prayer, study and discussion. The groups will begin with Colossians 3:1-17 discussing the Apostle Paul's letter to the church at Colosse in which he stresses the power and glory of Christ and instructs the church on Christ life.

The key scripture is Colossians 3:16 *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God."*

I am including this so you know what larger scripture the groups will begin studying:

Colossians 3:1-17

The New Life in Christ

3 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, **3** for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ who is your[a] life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). **6** On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.[b]**7** These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.[c] **8** But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive[d] language from your mouth. **9** Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices **10** and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. **11** In that renewal[e] there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. **13** Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord[f] has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. **14** Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **15** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. **16** Let the word of Christ[g] dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.[h] **17** And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Worship will return to
fall hours on
September 8th at 11:00
am.** Please join us for
Fellowship & Coffee at
10:30 am just before.



*Return
to
Regular
Worship
Hours*

**God Bless you all on your special day!
Birthdays for September**

Sept 2nd Linda Burns
Sept 8th Carlee Ramirez
Sept 12th Bob Killewald
Sept 12th Anderson Muenzer
Sept 12th Allison Muenzer
Sept 20th Loretta Weiss
Sept 25th Bronwyn Cook
Sept 25th Lori Goldsmith



Care Team

Healthy Check up: will be on Sunday, September 15th. Don't forget to see Nurse Karen. Your health could depend on it.

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



September Anniversaries

Jim & Vicki Lyles, Sept 15th, 40 years

Josh & Mandie Banks, Sept 25th, 9 years

Tim & Sherry McLaughlin, Sept 28th, 34 years

Congratulations and may

God bless you as you continue your journey together.



Friends with Needs - Brian Presiak & Judy



Wood pictured are in the news as Judy, Co Director of Friends with Needs was given the award

for "Helping Hands" Achievement Award from Oakland Community Health Netowrk.

Way to go Judy!

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!

September Dates: Card orders placed on **Sept 1st**, are available for pick up on **Sept 8th**.

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

Outreach Team

Quote for the month:



Baby Pantry: Upcoming dates when the Baby Pantry is open: Fri, September 13th; September 27th all from

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday

- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School - starts Sept. 22nd
- 10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship - starts Sept. 8th
- 11:00 am Worship - starts Sept. 8th
- 11:15 am Gathering Place for Kids - starts September 22nd

Monday

- 7:30 pm AA & Alanon

Tuesday through Thursday

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

Wednesday

- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study - starts Sept. 22nd
- 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study - starts Sept. 22nd

Schedule of Additional Events

- Sept 3rd ***Team Meetings - all are encouraged to get involved***
 - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Outreach
 - 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Personnel
 - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Information Technology
 - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Christian Education
- Sept 8th 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee - starts back
- 11:00 am Worship - Fall hours start
- Sept 10th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Freedom Works Opp. (FH)
 - Team Meetings - all are encouraged to get involved***
 - 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
- Sept 12th 7:00 pm AYSO
- Sept 13th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry
- Sept 15th Newsletter Articles Due
- Healthy Check up
- Sept 17th 7:00 pm Session Meeting
- Sept 22nd 10:30 am "Diving into Gratitude" Coffee Hour
- 11:00 am - Worship
- 11:15 am Gathering Place for Kids
- Sept 25th 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- Sept 26th 7:00 pm Creative Spirits Group
- Sept 27th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry
- Sept 29th 10:00 am ***Fellowship Meeting - all are encouraged to attend***

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Coming in October

Oct 5th 9am -1pm Work Day at Church

Oct 5th Comfort Circle

Oct 10th, 11th, 12th Rummage Sale - Start going through your fall and winter items. You may start bringing them in on Oct 6th.

Oct 19th Snoop Party - See Roberta Single

Finance Team

Income	July \$ 8,842.06	YTD \$80,143.01
Expenses	July \$ 5,334.54	YTD \$70,041.36



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

Fellowship Team

Coffee & Fellowship will start back up September 29th at 10:00 am. Labor Day.

Coffee sign up sheet is available in the narthex.

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 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



From the Lion's Den

The Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston is not only the former Co-Moderator of the General Assembly and the General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Charlotte, but she also writes one of the very best blogs on ministry - "A Church for Starving Artists" (<https://achurchforstarvingartists.blog/>). One of her recent posts is one that we need to hear and discuss in our congregations and sessions. I share it here:

The Congregational Divide

What makes some congregations thrive and some congregations falter?

I work with 96 congregations of different sizes and contexts that stretch across seven counties. Every day I spend time thinking about the churches that seem to be dying and the churches that seem to be alive with possibility. And the divide between them is obvious and not-so-obvious.

The obvious:

- **Congregations in growing neighborhoods have the capacity to swell in numbers**, as opposed to rural and urban areas where the population is decreasing steadily, usually because of a lack of jobs.
- **Congregations with a large endowment have the ability to keep a full-time pastor**, even if their regular weekly donations are stagnant. They can and do tap into their savings.
- **Congregations with larger memberships (and "larger" is relative) still appear to fill the pews on Sunday mornings**, especially if their sanctuary seats between 100 - 200 people.

The not-so-obvious:

1. **Congregations who do make decisions based on "saving money" are going to die within the next ten years.** *I'm looking at you Pastor Search Committee hoping to hire a retired pastor to avoid paying pension and health benefits.*
2. **Congregations who plan their ministries around "getting people to join" are going to die within the next ten years.** *You are not fooling anyone. We know you started a preschool "to bring in the young families" instead of starting a preschool to serve the children in your neighborhood for their own sake. We know that the only reason you are offering community dinners is "to attract the neighbors" rather than offering hospitality with no strings attached.*
3. **Congregations who consider strategic plans without prayerful discernment are going to die within the next ten years.** So many times church programs happen because they are the pet projects of particular members when - maybe - those programs are no longer relevant or effective.

Thriving congregations make decisions this way:

- **They invest their money in the best possible leadership** trusting that effective ministry funds itself when the community is impacted for good. And this not only includes the paid leadership. They also invest in leadership training for unpaid volunteers.

- **They offer ministry that's informed by the needs of the community.** It's about serving the neighbors, not bringing in new members for the sake of survival.
- **They pray together.** They seriously pray that God will guide them in their planning, that God will open their eyes to the needs around them, that God will empower them to take on audacious goals for the sake of the Kingdom. They take the time to discern what God is calling them to be and do in this time and place.

Children born today will be 25 years old on August 14, 2044. Will there be a church for them? (Thank you HH.)

Thriving congregations are more fearless than not. They especially do not fear failure. *Let's try it and see what happens. Maybe it will work and maybe it won't but God will use it either way.*

If we are too tired or too comfortable or too fearful, our congregations will never thrive. And we might look back 25 years from now and wonder where we went wrong. (Re-read #1-3 above.)

And if you need another reason to embrace a new way of being the Church:

Thriving congregations are more fun.

Faithfully,

Dan Saperstein, Executive Presbyter

Joys & Concerns

Remember to **pray daily** for this church and for who our transitional pastor will be, and the pastor coming to lead us into the future.

• **Strength, renewal, and healing for:** Joe Watkins (Laura Parker's brother), Betty Striggow (Peggy Schettling's mother), Linda (Elizabeth Kici's neighbor), Jesse Ramirez (Carlee Olson-Ramirez's husband), Carla Rigsby (Penny Schettling's friend), 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, 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** –The Rev. Dr. Lucy Der-Garabedian who is serving in Lebanon.

• **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.



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 September](#)

TEAM MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

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 Sunday September 29th at 10:00 am back of Fellowship Hall.

Team Meetings for September 3rd

Which one is you? Join in the meetings.

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 September 10th

Care 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Worship 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Property 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Finance 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm



Session meets **September 17th 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