

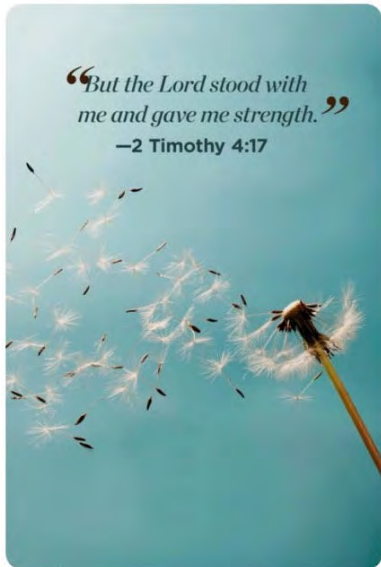


# HPC CONNECTIONS

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## Outreach Team

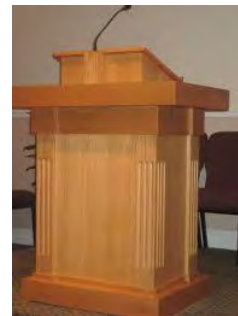
### Quote for the month:



### Baby Pantry:

**Upcoming dates when the Baby Pantry is open:** Fri, Oct 11th; Oct 25th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

## Coming soon to our pulpit!



Oct 6th Rev. Zoltan Sutto (Rev. Z)  
Oct 13th Rev. Zoltan Sutto (Rev. Z)  
Oct 20th Dr. Rev. Ray Knudsen  
Oct 27th Dr. Rev. Ray Knudsen  
Nov 3rd Dr. Rev. Ray Knudsen  
Nov 10th Rev. Don Neuville  
Nov 17th Dr. Rev. Ray Knudsen

## Christian Education Team

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

The Gathering Place for Kids: 11:00 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's 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."*



**Trick or Treat Outreach** will be Thurs Oct 31st from 6pm - 8pm.

Set up is 5pm - 6pm. Workers are needed for both. Also, candy is needed. We have enough non candy items left from last year.

Questions-see or call Donna DeNise 248.634.3760.

**Thursday and Friday, October 10th and 11th,  
9 am - 5 pm and Saturday, October 12th,  
9 am - 12 pm. Cleanup after until done.**



**Your donations of fall and winter items are needed**

**for this sale. You can start bringing them in on Sun, Oct 6th after worship, then Mon - Wed, Oct 7th - 9th starting at 9:30 am.**

**Also needed are many volunteers to set up and run the sale. A sign up sheet is available in the narthex. Flyers need to be passed out to the Holly business's as well as baked goods to sell are needed.**

**Questions....see or Call Cathie Killewald 248.310.2411.**



**Workday at HPC** – Saturday October 5th from 9 am – 1 pm. Randy Cook is leading this. Take a good look around and see what we need to do so we can get a list together. Donuts and coffee will be served.

**Comfort Circle** is back on Saturday, October 5th from 10 am - 12 pm.



**Senior Luncheon with speaker** – Davisburg United Methodist Church has invited all our seniors to attend a luncheon on Saturday October 5th at 12 pm. A guest speaker will be talking about phone and email scams. Please call the office – 248.634.3373 and give your name and how many will be attending or go to the website [www.davisburgumc.org](http://www.davisburgumc.org) and at the top click on EVENTS and complete. This is a free event.

## October Anniversaries

**Carrie & Todd Duncanson, Oct 25th, 34 years**

**Terry & Julie Parish, Oct 25th, 5 years**

**Congratulations and may**

**God bless you as you continue your journey together.**

## Transitional Financial Thoughts

As we approach the end of summer it is imperative that we now review our giving generosity. Our weekly and monthly pledges received have declined. Our pledge giving was \$800 less in July than in June and August giving was \$1275 less than July. This is an alarming trend!

While we are in this transition period it is crucial that we all pray that God will take care of us as we exercise our generosity through faith. God will always provide for our every need. God always honors our faith in Him.

We need to take advantage of our reduced payroll expenses. As you know our bills do not reduce. We are approaching the colder months, therefore our utilities costs will increase as well as paying for snow plowing is coming. We also have a roof to put on the fellowship hall. We are also required to pay the moving expenses for our interim pastor when that person is found.

The plea here is not for additional monies but rather for us to catch up our pledges and to keep the faith so we can support what God has so generously given us to use for his glory. God will surely honor our efforts on His behalf.

We will soon be working on our budget for 2020. Your finance team needs to know you are behind us all the way financially.

God bless this church and God bless all of you.

In love, your Finance Team

**God Bless you all on your special day!**

**Birthdays for October**

**Oct 1st Charlee Litten**

**Oct 8th Carrie Duncanson**

**Oct 17th Andy Schram**

**Oct 18th Todd Duncanson**

**Oct 19th Rebecca Cook**

**Oct 24th Kenzie Nash**

**Oct 29th Julie Parish**

**Oct 31st Kevin Magnuson**



## Finance Team

**Income** Aug \$6,391.01 YTD \$86,534.02

**Expenses** Aug \$4,642.26 YTD \$74,683.62

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



## Regular Weekly Events

### **Sunday**

9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
 10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship  
 11:00 am Worship  
 11:15 am Gathering Place for Kids

### **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  
 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

### **Thursday**

6:30 pm Creative Spirits



## Schedule of Additional Events

Oct 1st ***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

Oct 5th 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Work Day at HPC

10:00 pm - 12:00 pm Comfort Circle is back

Oct 6th set up for Rummage & Bake Sale after church

Oct 7th 9:30 am set up for Rummage & Bake Sale

Oct 8th 9:30 am set up for Rummage & Bake Sale

***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

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Christian Education

Oct 9th 9:30 am set up for Rummage & Bake Sale

Oct 10th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Rummage & Bake Sale

7:00 pm AYSO

Oct 11th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Rummage & Bake Sale

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry

Oct 12th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Rummage & Bake Sale

12:00 pm Clean up

Oct 15th Newsletter Articles Due



Oct 19th	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Snoop Party
Oct 25th	10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry
Oct 27th	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Trunk or Treat Party
Oct 31st	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Set up for Trick or Treat Outreach
	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Trick or Treat Outreach

### ***Trunk or Treat Sunday October 27th from 5 -7pm.***

We need volunteers to have their trunks decorated and pass out candy and a few people to run the games and snacks in the Gathering place. We also need donations of candy, donut holes, cider, napkins and cups. I was going to pass around a sign up sheet this Sunday and leave it in the Narthex. I set up a public facebook invite also. Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else from me. If interested in volunteering or donating please contact

Mandie Banks (248) 820-0657 .

Thanks so much!



### **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

In the last congregation I served, I was once interviewing a candidate for a youth leader position. I had asked the young woman about her spiritual journey, about the gifts that she felt she brought to ministry, and about what she saw as the special challenges young people face. And then I asked, "How do you feel about working in a church setting?"

It was a question I had asked other applicants. I was expecting to hear a response indicating some humility about the spiritual responsibility involved and perhaps not feeling spiritually developed enough for the calling, but instead, the young woman remarked, "It's funny you should ask. I mentioned to some of my friends that I was applying for a job in a church, and they asked me why I would ever want to do that! But I don't think the church is really all that bad. No, I don't have any problems with working in the church." It was not the answer I was expecting!

I have written previously about how over the last 40 years, ministry has changed from a high-status, low-stress vocation to a low-status, high-stress one. Our society today regards church workers with suspicion if not disdain. Persons who serve in all forms of ministry today do so out of a call from God and a conviction that their work is meaningful and important. Indeed, persons entering the ministry today can expect much lower income relative to other professionals with graduate degrees, or even to those who entered ministry a generation ago. (Please remember that when you are calling a new pastor, or reviewing your current pastor's terms of call.)

This Tuesday's presbytery meeting in Mt. Pleasant will mark the fourth anniversary of my election to serve as your executive presbyter. I have been blessed over these past four years by the support of our congregations and leaders, and the warmth of your welcome. This has indeed been a very gratifying place to serve. My call to serve here has been reaffirmed time and again.

What makes it especially gratifying is the team of presbytery staff with whom I am blessed to serve. Presbytery work, like service in congregations, is often misunderstood and underappreciated, so I am deeply grateful for our presbytery staff. You can find them listed on our presbytery website, but I would like to offer a few words of introduction myself.

Ted McCulloch has served as the Stated Clerk of our Presbytery since 2010, but has been a member of our presbytery for 30 years, as pastor in Taymouth, and now at First Presbyterian Church, Saginaw. Ted is a gifted clerk and pastor and has the respect of colleagues across the denomination. He is wise and dedicated in helping our presbytery function decently and in order.

Staci Percy has served as our Communications Manager and Recording Clerk since 2004, making her the senior member of the presbytery staff. She brings energy, creativity, and passion for the mission of our church to her work. The Bi-weekly Brief is just one of her many responsibilities. She is also the institutional memory of the office, a devoted runner, and is especially gifted at "mom-hugs" (or so I am told).

Rose Onan Rose Onan is our Administrative Assistant and Office Manager, and has served the presbytery since 2011. She is an organizational wizard whose attention to the many details of administration is extraordinary. She is also primarily responsible for keeping me on task and on time! As our receptionist, she provides a warm, supportive, and professional welcome to visitors and vendors. Rose is an avid Carolina Panther and CMU football fan.

Tracy Carr is our newest staff member, having joined us as Financial Secretary in 2017. Tracy oversees the financial details of our mission, including bill and payroll processing, producing financial reports, tracking mission and per capita payments, budget, and church loans. Her quick wit

and self-effacing personality make her the perfect fit for our team. Tracy loves animals and raises horses.

Each of these staff members brings a commitment to the work of the presbytery in building vital congregations and healthy leaders for Christ's work. They make coming to the office each day a joy, and make my job both easier and more successful. Should people ask me "why would you ever want to work in a presbytery?" having a staff like ours is one of the first reasons I would give.

Faithfully,

Dan Saperstein, Executive Presbyter

dsaperstein@presbylh.org



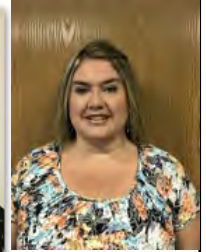
**Ted**



**Staci**



**Rose**



**Tracy**

## 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:** Gordie Bradshaw, Joe Watkins (Laura Parker's brother), Betty Striggow (Penny 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), 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, and all the churches in transition.

**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.

**Peace and comfort to the families of:** Cathv Bethune Iudd (Barb Brown's cousin, Elmer Masingill (Penny Schettling's stepfather), Steve Burrell (friends of Walt and Barb Brown) and Chari Edick (friend of Fran Pelton).

### In Loving Memory of:

Cathy Bethune Judd, 69 years old, August 31, 2019

Elmer Wilburn Masingill, January 19, 1922 - September 2, 2019

Chari Edick, March 15, 1954 - September 27, 2019 (friend of Fran Pelton)



*"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 October](#)

### TEAM MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER

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 will not meet this month.***

#### ***Team Meetings for October 1st***

Outreach 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Information Technology 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Personnel 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

#### ***Team Meetings for October 8th***

Care 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Worship 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Property 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Christian Education 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Finance 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm



***Snoop Party*** – Saturday October 19th at 7 pm - 9:00 pm. Mark your Calendar - Fun Times

Coming Up! Fellowship Team will be hosting a "Snoop Party" in the Fellowship Hall. This is a fun evening playing a gift exchange game that requires a "white elephant" unwrapped "gift" in a brown grocery bag, or, you could choose to buy something under \$5.00. Also, bring an appetizer or something to snack on. Beverages will be provided. If you've never played, come along and bring a friend as well. Card tables will be needed, if you have one. Any questions contact Roberta Single at 248-634-4360.

## 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