

# Holly Presbyterian Church Connections March 2022 Newsletter Volume 22-Issue 03



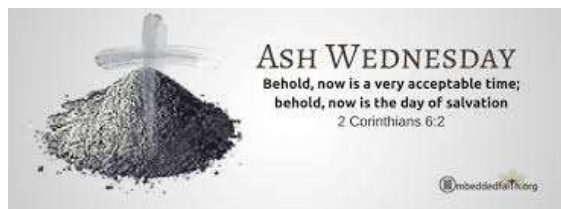
As my installation as your pastor approaches (and by the time you read, this it will have passed!), I have been deeply moved working on the bulletin and remembering just what this service marks. It is a public recognition amongst us all, in the context of worship, of the mutual call to which we have been led through grace and to which we have committed, and the renewed commitment of both pastor and congregation to serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the various gifts that we have been given. There is a particular line in the installation service from our *Book of Occasional Services*- which I'm not including in the afternoon's liturgy so as to be mindful of the length of the service- that reads, In faith we embrace a new openness to what God is doing in our time, a renewed obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and a new joy in our common worship and work. These words bring me energy and passion for what lies ahead for us in ministry together. It seems appropriate that the installation comes just before Lent, moving from celebration to a time of attentive reflection and quiet discernment. I'd like to invite us to take these areas of renewed commitment into Lent: 1) a new openness to what God is doing, 2) renewed obedience to Jesus, and 3) a new joy in our life together. Where might a Lenten season of reflection in these areas lead us as a congregation and in each one of our lives? I am hopeful that grace will provide us some insight on our walk to Easter. God where no words are spoken.



## Happenings in March

---

**Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm** we will have our Ash Wednesday. There won't be a soup supper served this year because of COVID. Come and enjoy as we start the Lenten Season.



***New Destiny Quartet in Concert*** Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm at First Baptist Church in Holly. Love offering will be taken. Celebrating 22 years in Gospel Music. Flyers in the sanctuary.

---

### From Bob Killewald...

I am working on an input for the newsletter and I would like your help.

These are the things I am asking about:

1. Has our church affected you in any profound way during the years you have attended here.
2. Has your attendance here changed your life in any way and has it affected how you have proceeded on your spiritual journey with Christ.
3. How do you feel about our sanctuary – the way it looks or how it makes you feel when you enter.

These thoughts are important to the future of our church and I would appreciate it if you would relate to me your thoughts about all of this.

Talk to me in person, e-mail me or call me. I am looking forward to hearing your feelings about our special little church.

Bob Killewald – Contact info for me is listed in the church directory.

---

### Highlights from the February 17, 2022 Session Meeting

Review and discussion took place concerning our current COVID-19 motions and policies. There hasn't been recent updated information

through several sources, especially regarding churches. We did look at the online weekly data file Jim Lyles maintains, and as of February 7, new COVID-19 cases were dropping in Michigan; however, this is still very high compared to last summer. New deaths in Michigan are also dropping, but not as fast as new cases. It was also noted that Oakland and Wayne County currently have the highest transmission rates in the state. Although Michigan numbers are higher than a year ago, the trend is good. We look forward to a time when we won't have to wear a mask and are able to sing and have social gatherings at church, but we want to do it safely. After careful consideration, it was decided to keep our policy the same for now and to review again next month.

Jan Bradshaw

---

**Finance Team**

Income January \$ 8,480.34 2022 \$ 8,480.34

Expense January \$13,233.72 2022 \$13,233.72



Our per capita payment of \$29.00 per member has been paid. As you can see in the numbers above, this time of the year presents a serious cash flow issue. If you can help out by contributing to helping to pay a portion of this cost, it is greatly appreciated. Please note on your giving envelope or check memo line the amount that is for this purpose.

Thank you for all you do!

Bob Killewald and Vicki Lyles

---



Our Annual Meeting will not be until Spring when the weather is better. The report will be given to you to view well in advance of the meeting.

## **From The Stated Clerk's Desk**-February 9th

---

One of my favorite shows when I was a kid was "Star Trek." I'm talking the Captain Kirk, Spock, Dr. McCoy version of it. There were few things better than getting home after school and finding a Star Trek rerun on channel 32 in Chicago. And who could forget it's classic opening speech - "These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise..."



So like many people back in the late 80s and early 90s, I was super excited when the news came out that there was going to be another, newer Star Trek and it would be called "Star Trek: The Next Generation." It's characters of Picard and Data and Dr. Crusher would become equally well known.

So when the first episode of Star Trek: The Next Generation aired, I was right there watching. And I noticed something in the opening speech of this new show. If you recall, the original Stark Trek speech ended by saying, "to boldly go where no man has gone before." For this Star Trek: The Next Generation, the speech now ended "to boldly go where no one has gone before."

And I can still remember thinking, "that's really cool." The changing of that one word created a whole different tone, a whole different set of possibilities for who would explore the galaxy. I learned a couple of important lessons there.

First, words matter. Even one word can make all the difference in how we see something or perceive someone or how we might try to solve a problem. It's often something many have tried to teach us over the years but that's because it is so true. Every word matters. And so it's crucial to be sure about what we're saying and it's equally important to be aware of how the people listening will hear our words. Now that's not always easy but it's important to try. In the coming weeks and months we will probably be sharing and speaking and listening to lots of words about the life and ministry of the Presbytery. As we have those conversations, we must remember our words matter.

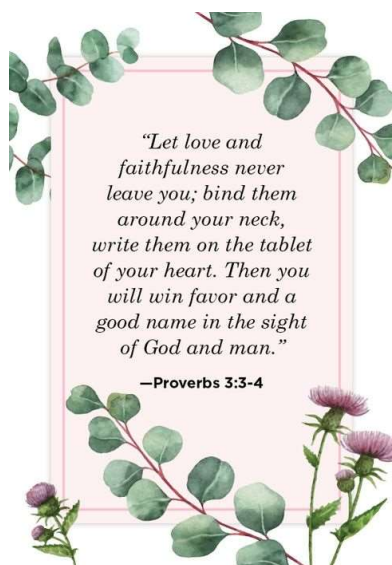
Second lesson I learned is how many new possibilities that simple word change created. I'm not going to say I was some super-enlightened thinker back in 1987. But I remember thinking not only was it cool that a woman could command a starship but so could a Vulcan or an Andorian. In other words, language matters because it makes it possible to include as many as possible, maybe more than we imagined. This too is part of our work as a Presbytery in the times ahead. We need to include as many voices as possible in who we will be going forward. We need to realize that the best ideas may come from those people we haven't heard before or have overlooked.

So as the Presbytery of Lake Huron gets ready to boldly go where no one has gone before, may we go knowing how much what we say to each other and to the world matters. May we go hearing so many wonderful voices with exciting and challenging ideas and hopes and dreams – ready to share the Word with all those we encounter.

Yours in Christ,  
Ted McCulloch  
Stated Clerk  
[tmcculloch@presbylh.org](mailto:tmcculloch@presbylh.org)

---

***From the Congregational Care Team***





## **March Quote**

Please note that now with the Team changes and the new year we have different people doing some things. Karen Haneline has gracefully agreed to take our prayer requests. You can reach her two ways: email address-

[haneline526@gmail.com](mailto:haneline526@gmail.com) or by phone:248-894-3489.



## **Prayers of Joy**

---



**Quinn Ryan Davis** made her arrival on Feb 8th at 8:16am! She made her arrival Feb 8th at 8:16am! She came weighing in at 8 pounds 15 ounces and 21 inches long. Both Katie and Quinn are doing wonderfully. Congratulations Katie, Eric and Parker! Also, Grandma Laura and Grandpa Brian!

## **Other Prayer Concerns -**

- For those who are suffering from natural and man-made disasters.
- For all those sickened and threatened by the COVID-19 virus here in the United States and around the world.
- For healing, strength, comfort and peace for: **Elizabeth Kici** as she recovers from knee surgery; **Beth Dryer** as she acclimates to her new living arrangements at Brookdale. You can find her address in the directory.; **Dale Huffman; Steven Gilbert** (Vicki Lyles brother who had a heart attack on his way to work 2/10. He is now at home.; **for a friend of the church** that God would bring comfort, hope and strength; **Barb Brown** healing from reconstructive surgery on her nose; **Steve in FL** (Friend of Cathy & Bob Killewald) who has stage 4 bladder cancer; **Debbie Mikolowski** (Penny Schettling's sister), who is battling cancer and having a difficult time; **George Dzahristos** (a



friend of Randy Cook's) who has suffered an aneurysm in his brain and has a long recovery; **Mary Renico** who continues with wound treatment; **Melinda** (Elizabeth Kici's daughter), who was diagnosed with breast cancer and is undergoing treatment; **Diana** (friend of Cathie Killewald) who is facing health issues with her lungs and continues with medical tests; **Jim Killewald** (Bob & Cathie's son) who has a lot of pain; **Keaton Banks** is having kidney issues and will be on medication for six months; ongoing prayers for **Hadleigh Banks; Fran Olson** and **Terry & Julie Parish**.

- For those serving, or who have served, in our military.
  - For our country, its leaders and for world peace in a troubled time;
  - For all the churches in our Presbytery that are in transition.
  - And for our church during these difficult times.
- 

### **We lift up those in prayer from the Presbytery**

- **The Rev. Dr. Leigh Holder and her husband** Blessing, on the recent passing of Blessing's mother, Teresa Eboh in Nigeria.
- **Elder Roger Scovill**, Presbytery Treasurer, on the passing of his wife Shirlee. Shirlee was the long-time Clerk of Session at Saginaw-Warren Avenue. Roger has served the presbytery for many years in various capacities.
- **John Haynes**, whose parents are members of Davison-St. Andrews. John is an RN who is experiencing serious heart and lung complications from COVID.
- The **Rev. Peter Russell**, Honorably Retired, who is residing at Abbey Park in Grand Blanc.
- **Jeanette Gillette**, whose husband, the Rev. George Gillette, passed to eternal life last week.
- Our churches currently in pastoral transition.
- Our Mission Co-Workers:  
Lucy Der-Garabedian serving in Lebanon.  
Cathy Chang and family serving in the Philippines.



### **Baby Pantry dates and volunteers**



March 4<sup>th</sup> -Fran Pelton and Pam Remillard

March 18<sup>th</sup> -Margaret Perry and Cathy Killewald

---

**May God bless you all year long!**

Terry Parish March 5<sup>th</sup>

Chris Ridgard March 11<sup>th</sup>

Bill Weiss March 11<sup>th</sup>

Mary Renico March 12<sup>th</sup>

Pam Remillard March 18<sup>th</sup>

Laura Parker March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tom Schettling March 24<sup>th</sup>

Fran Olson March 30<sup>th</sup>

Debbie Russell March 30<sup>th</sup>



---

**Session Members**

Clerk.....Jan Bradshaw.....2023

Christian Education.....Charlee Litten.....2022

Congregational Care.....Cathie Killewald...2023

Finance.....Bob Killewald.....2022

Information Technology..Brian Parker.....2024

Outreach.....Donna DeNise.....2023

Property.....Jim Lyles.....2023

Worship.....Tom Schettling...2024