

# Holly Presbyterian Church Connections Summer July/August 2022 Newsletter Volume 22-Issue 07



One of the topics that arose many times during the Prophetic Preaching course which I completed during my April study leave week was the idea of a time for congregational thoughts and input around the scripture that is preached on each Sunday. Such a conversation has the potential to be a learning tool for both the pastor and the parishioners. The thought behind this is not new- that being that one-way directional sermons are not the only or always the best way to contemplate and preach on the scripture- and that some time for reflection together can open insight into the scripture for everyone involved, and help move a congregation in the direction the Holy Spirit is nudging. In previous congregations, I offered a mid-week lectionary Bible study to do just such collaboration. However, with my twenty hour per week schedule, doing the same at HPC is not possible. So, instead, with Session approval, I have moved forward with such a study on certain Sundays this summer as a way to see if there is interest for this endeavor in the congregation. Our first gathering was May 29, and it resulted in a robust and energetic conversation amongst the participants. The scheduled meetings for the rest of the summer are as follows, all meeting from 10:15-10:45 on the selected Sundays: June 19 and 26, July 3, and Aug. 7 and 14. The topic each time will simply be open space for contemplating the lectionary readings that are to be offered for that Sunday morning's worship service, as well as a chance for people to share any lingering reflections from the previous week's sermon and scripture. I will not be offering a Bible study around the readings, but will be there to help encourage the sharing of thoughts and dialogue. I hope that you will come and join one of these sharing times. Everyone is welcome! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

## Happenings this Summer



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**Sunday July 31 we will have our Anniversary picnic and outdoor service on the front lawn. Please bring your own tablewear, dish to pass and your own lawn chair.**

## **Contemplation and Reflection** July 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>



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10:15 am – 10:45 am. Pastor will lead us a discussion based on lectionary readings that are to be offered during that morning's worship service. The topic will be open space for people to share their thoughts on the lectionary as well as any lingering reflections from the prior week.

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## **Finance Team**

Income May \$7,345.96 YTD \$37,404.45

Expense May \$9,532.20 YTD \$53,831.34

The church is still taking contributions for disaster assistance in Ukraine. 100% of the funds go to the cause; administrative costs do not come out of donations. If you wish to contribute, please indicate "Ukraine" or "Disaster assistance" on your check or giving envelope.



Bob Killewald and Vicki Lyles

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## ***Happy Anniversary!! May you be blessed all year long!***

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Jim & Roberta Single 56 years!!

July 25<sup>th</sup> Brian & Laura Parker 35 years !!

August 21<sup>st</sup> Rick & Margaret Perry 40 years!!



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



July 2<sup>nd</sup> Sherry McLaughlin

July 17<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Chanter

July 19<sup>th</sup> Bruce (Gibby) Dryer age 9

July 19<sup>th</sup> Toni Duncanson

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Jim Lyles

July 25<sup>th</sup> Ryan Shiel

July 29<sup>th</sup> Peggy Ranger

August 11<sup>th</sup> Randy Cook

August 11<sup>th</sup> Helen McNamara

August 19<sup>th</sup> Mark Bolan

August 19<sup>th</sup> Patrick Weiss

August 29<sup>th</sup> Dale Huffman

August 31<sup>st</sup> Mandie Banks



### ***Baptisms***

On Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> we will have three baptisms: Parker Michael Davis Quinn Ryan Davis and Sloan Irene Sink.

### ***Outreach Team***

We will again be doing the Back to School Supplies for Holly Area Schools in August. Since we don't have the listing as of the date, you can use the list from last year as a guide. Further information will follow when available.

Here is what we had last year:

Ear Buds

Crayola Markers – broad and fine tip

Dry Erase Markers

Erasers – pencil tip

Plastic Duo Tang Folders with 2 folders

Highlighters – all colors

Loose leaf notebook paper

Mechanical pencils

Pencil sharpener (hand-held that holds shavings)

Scissors – children's size

Sharpie Markers

Water Color paint set

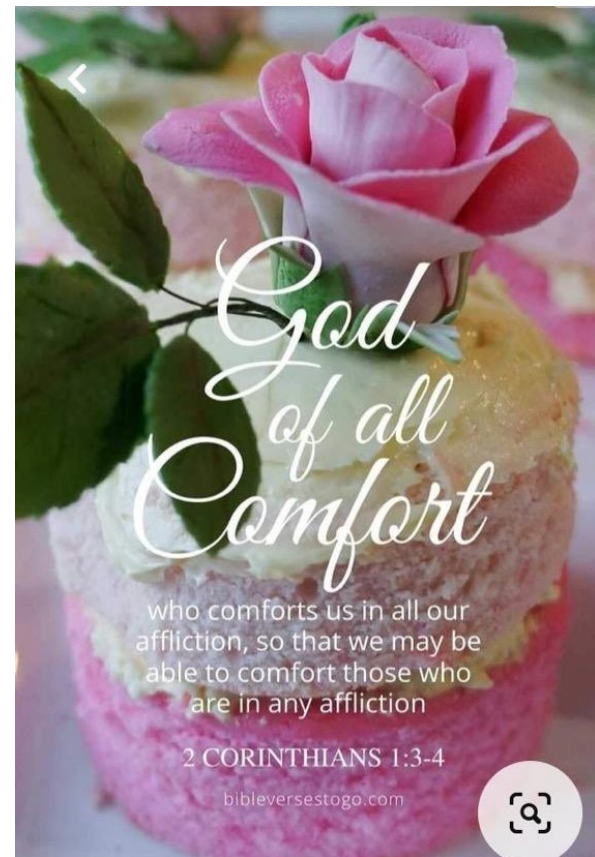
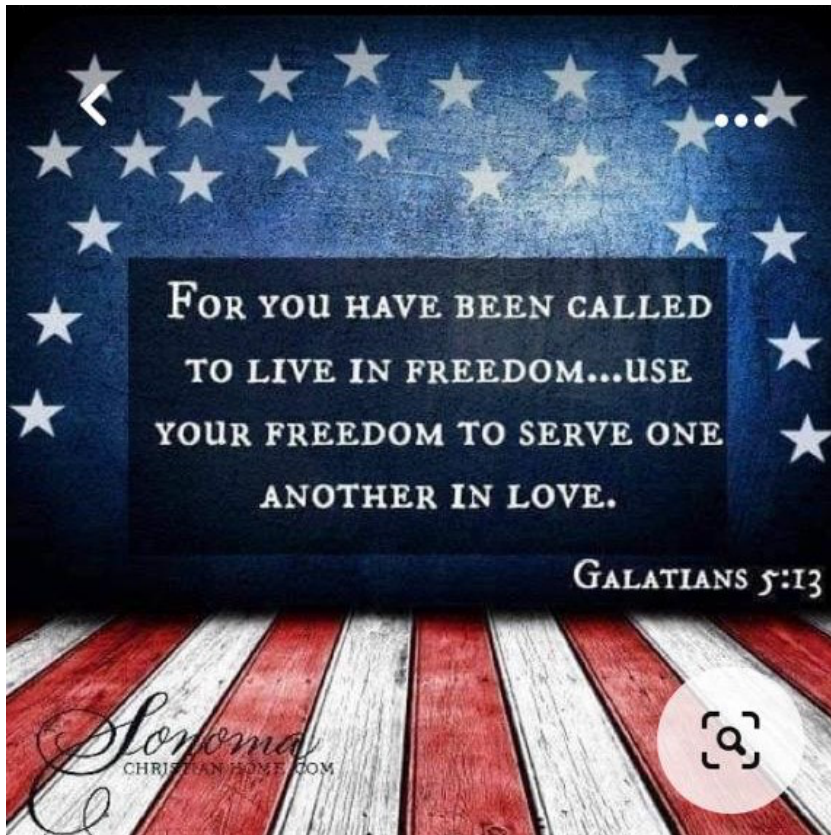


### ***From the Congregational Care Team***

Karen Haneline is the person to take our prayer requests. You can reach her two ways: email [address-haneline526@gmail.com](mailto:address-haneline526@gmail.com) or by phone: 248-894-3489.



## JULY QUOTE



## AUGUST QUOTE

### Prayers during these difficult times:

Please O Lord our God. We come to you to admit our sins which are too many to number. We have not loved you faithfully above all else. We have turned away from the overwhelming needs of many others. We have allowed chaos, corruption, and selfishness around and within us to discourage us. These challenges have weakened our faith. We turn now to seek forgiveness. Lead us back to become true servants. Help us purify our thoughts and focus on righteousness. Let us surrender to His will and know we are forgiven. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

### Prayers of Comfort



#### **For healing, strength, comfort**

**and peace for:** Pray for all of those affected by the fire in downtown Holly on June 21<sup>st</sup>; Prayers are needed for **Cathie Killewald** (and **Bob**) for strength and calm during this time of decision making for her medical care; **Pete Olson** (Carlee Ramirez's brother) is having surgery for colon cancer on June 30th; **Haley Haneline's mom Michelle** fell and required stitches. **Haley** is in her 2nd trimester and stress is not good for the baby or mom. Prayers for calm during this difficult time. (Karen Haneline's daughter-in-law); **Steve** in FL (Friend of Cathy & Bob Killewald) who has stage 4 bladder cancer; **Jim Killewald** (Bob & Cathie's son) who has a lot of pain.

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

- **The Rev. Peter Russell**, Honorably Retired, who is residing at Abbey Park in Grand Blanc.
- **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**

July 1st-Donna DeNise & Loretta Weiss

July 15<sup>th</sup>-Loretta Weiss & Deb Russell

Aug 5<sup>th</sup> OPEN

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> OPEN

Sign up sheet is in the narthex. Thank you in advance.

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### **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