

Holly Presbyterian Church

Newsletter January 2023



Dear Holly Presbyterian Church community,



By the time that you receive this note, even though I am writing it in early December, it will already be the new year. On Jan. 1 in worship, the lectionary Hebrew scripture reading comes from Isaiah 63. Verse seven begins, "I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord." The beginning of a new year is a good time, I think, to reflect upon the graciousness of the Lord in our lives over the past year and beyond. I invite each one of us to take some time as we begin 2023 to remember God's faithful grace in the past. When we remember, it helps us to strengthen our trust in the one who has been with us always. I think of some of the challenges that I have faced in my own life, and I am reminded of how, though at times life has been very difficult, the faithful companionship, love, and provision of the Lord has accompanied me all the way. God's tender mercies are our steadfast promise.

And just as a reminder, my days of work at HPC are Sunday-Wednesday. I am available through email or phone call from 9:30am-3:00pm, Monday-Wednesday. Generally, I come up to Holly from Ann Arbor on Wednesday mornings until the early afternoon, when it's time to head back to my home to pick up my son from school. I have greatly enjoyed meeting with some of you on these Wednesday mornings for all sorts of different reasons, including just good conversation over coffee at my favorite spot in Holly, Battle Alley Coffee. If you'd like to get together some time on one of these Wednesdays, please email me at revbrooke@hpc.org.

May this new year bring you God's peace and joy.

Pastor Brooke Pickrell

Thoughts From Ted



It has been a weird couple of months for my car. All the electrical wiring in the dash had to be replaced; my rear window crystallized and fell out in a thousand pieces; the key fob had a piece fall off of the switch mechanism; etc. Besides making me all too familiar with the mechanics, it has reminded me of a valuable lesson.

Stuff happens. Simplistic for sure but still relevant. It's true with cars, it's true with life and it's even true with faith. Things will not always go smoothly. That's true even for the life of the church. Pastors leave, roofs leak, arguments happen. Even the disciples argued and fought. Or, in this time of year, the very birth of Jesus was a constant lesson on all the stuff that can happen. Yet through all the stuff that happens in our lives or even our churches, Jesus is the constant. Jesus provides not only reassurance and a way through but helps us to know and trust in God's care and love.

As we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth and wrap up for 2022, the Presbytery has certainly gone through "stuff" in the last year. Yet I cannot help but feel hopeful. I have felt, and I hope we are as a Presbytery have felt, that Christ is walking with us; that we are finding Christ's presence in our walk not only as a Presbytery but as congregations and in our homes. It's exciting to be part of this with each other. May we look forward to where Christ is leading no matter what "stuff" may be happening.

Merry Christmas!

Ted McCulloch, Stated Clerk

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Bible Study—There will be no bible study in January.



The office will be closed from December 23rd thru January 2nd. Wishing you and your family a wonderful Christmas and the very best for the new year. In an emergency you can always reach Pastor Brooke at 505-819-7848 or Sherry McLaughlin at 248-249-3879.

Calendar of Events for January

Sun Jan 1 st	11:00am	Worship
Tues Jan 3 rd	9:00am	Office opens back up
	6:00pm	Outreach Team meets
	7:00pm	IT Team meets
Fri Jan 6 th	10am-12pm	Baby Pantry open
Sun Jan 8 th	10:30am	Coffee
	11:00am	Worship
	11:45am	Congregational Care Team meets
Wed Jan 11 th	1:00pm	Worship Team meets
Sat Jan 14 th		Fellowship Hall reserved
Sun Jan 15 th	10:30am	Coffee
	11:00am	Worship
	11:45am	Celebration of Donna's 90 th birthday



Calendar of events continued

Sun Jan 15th		Pastor on vacation until 22 nd
Fri Jan 20 th	10am-12pm	Baby Pantry
Sun Jan 22 nd	10:30am	Coffee
	11:00am	Worship
Thurs Jan 26 th	6:30pm	Session meets
Sun Jan 29 th	10:30am	Coffee
	11:00am	Worship

Happy Anniversary

***God bless you all on your anniversary!
Amen!***

Jan 2nd	Jeff & Helen McNamara	47 years
Jan 5th	Loretta & Bill Weiss	60 years
Jan 16th	Donna & Donald DeNise	30 years



Happy Birthday! May God bless you all year long!



Jan 4 th	Edie Howe	1 yr old
Jan 4 th	Vera Howe	1 yr old
Jan 8 th	Sloan Sink	1 yr old
Jan 15 th	Mather	12 yrs old
Jan 15 th	Donna Miller	90 yrs old
Jan 16 th	Fran Pelton	
Jan 17 th	Rick Perry	
Jan 30 th	Doris Colegrove	

Finance Team

Income Nov \$5,715.25 YTD\$ 89,240.16

Expense Nov \$9,264.59 YTD\$106,287.22



Per Capita-Our per capita payment to the presbytery is due February 15. The amount is \$29.77 per person. The Finance Team requests that all our members who are able please contribute this amount above your regular pledge; we need your help to make this payment. Please make a note on the memo line of your check, the "Other" line of your regular giving envelope, or on one of the green and white envelopes in the pews. Thank you.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Vicki

Bob Killewald and Vicki Lyles

From the Congregational Care Team

If you have prayer requests please submit them to Karen Haneline (email address- haneline526@gmail.com , phone 248-894-3489) of the Congregational Care Team.

January quotes



- **Prayers Concerns Comfort strength, and peace for:** **Pete Olson** (Carlee Ramirez's brother) who continues to battle colon cancer; **Steve in FL** (Friend of Cathy & Bob Killewald) who has stage 4 bladder cancer; **Jim Killewald** (Bob & Cathie's son)
- **Prayers for those suffering from natural and man-made disasters:** Hurricane Nicole, for all those affected by the school shooting in St. Louis, Hurricane Ian, the fire in downtown Holly this summer, and the war in Ukraine.

Bring protection and healing to the people of Ukraine. Show them that You are with them and that You hear their prayers. Strengthen those who are hurt, alone, or broken, and Bless them with Your Peace and Hope.

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.



Iobst Family



Keefer Family



Baby Pantry dates and volunteers

Jan 6th _____ & _____

Jan 20th Loretta Weiss & Debbie Russell

We need you! Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

Thank you in advance.

We are looking for your used ink cartridges. Bring in your ink cartridges and any batteries you have. Thank you.



Dear Holly Presbyterian Family

A gentle reminder as we enter the season of flu and colds, as well as the continuing challenge of Covid, we wanted to reach out and urge everyone in our congregation to continue to exercise the best care for one another by following suggested guidelines. We navigated the first two winters of Covid with excellence. Let us continue in that spirit in our care for each other. Below is the most recent guidance from the CDC on Covid.

Updated August 11, 2022

If you were exposed to COVID, you should wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and get tested on day 5.

Regardless of vaccination status, you should isolate from others when you have COVID 19.

You should also isolate if you are sick and suspect that you have COVID but do not yet have test results.

If your results are positive, follow CDC's full isolation recommendations. If your results are negative, you can end your isolation.

Should you test positive for COVID 19, you should stay home for at least 5 days and isolate from others in your home. You are likely most infectious during the first 5 days. Wear a high-quality mask when you must be around others at home and in public.

If after 5 days you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication and your symptoms are improving, or you never had symptoms, you may end isolation after day 5.

Regardless of when you end isolation, it is recommended that you avoid being around persons who are more vulnerable to sickness until at least day 11.

You should wear a high-quality mask through day 10.

If you share a dwelling with someone who is COVID positive you should test immediately, as you may have it too and have no

symptoms. You would also test again 5 days later, which is the current estimated incubation period. Since you are sharing your home with a COVID patient you would also test again at day 10 to evaluate if you contracted it during their contagious period.

To care for your fellow congregation, we ask that you not attend any events at Holly Presbyterian Church if you are Covid positive or are in an evaluation period.

As always

- ☐ Wash your hands after using the toilet, before eating, and if you cough/sneeze into your hands (follow the [20-second hand-washing rule](#)). Hand sanitizer can be found in the bathrooms and sanctuary doors.

- ☐ Cough/sneeze into your sleeve, preferably into your elbow. If you use a tissue, discard it properly and clean/sanitize your hands immediately.

- ☐ Avoid touching your face, particularly eyes, nose, and mouth with your hands to prevent from getting infected.

- ☐ If you find yourself coughing/sneezing on a regular basis, avoid close physical contact with others and take extra precautionary measures to minimize the risk of cold, flu or COVID.



2024 Session Members

Clerk.....	Jan Bradshaw.....	2023
Christian Education.....	Dessalee Cook ...	2025
Congregational Care.....	Cathie Killewald...	2023
Finance.....	Bob Killewald.....	2025
Information Technology..	Brian Parker.....	2024
Outreach.....	Donna DeNise.....	2023
Property.....	Jim Lyles.....	2023
Worship.....	Tom Schettling...	2024