



Holly Presbyterian Church Newsletter March 2023

From the Session:

We were sad to see Rev. Brooke leave in January but are grateful for her time here at Holly Presbyterian Church. Over the next several months, please join us in prayer on what the future might hold for our church. For now, we have several guest speakers lined up through April. If there is a pastoral care need, please contact the church office.

We are also participating in conversations, along with a few other churches, that the Presbytery is holding concerning collaborative ministry. More updates to come as we move along in this process.

God Bless,

Jan Bradshaw

<i>Invitation from First Presbyterian Church -Fenton:</i>
Lenten Simple Meals - Join us Thursdays, March 2 - 30 in Fellowship Hall
Soup & Salad will be served beginning at 5:30pm Viewing and study of the Chosen Season 3 begins at 6pm

Lilies for Easter-We have the Single Lily for \$13 or the Double Lily for \$24 available. Order must be received by Sunday March 12th. Please make check payable to HPC and in the memo please put flowers. Questions? Please see Vicki Lyles.

Cold/Covid information

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 infections 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.

Calendar of Events for March

Fri Mar 3 rd	10:00am	Baby Pantry
Sun Mar 5 th	10:00am 10:30am 11:00am	Bible Study Coffee hour Worship
Tues Mar 7 th	6:00pm 7:00pm	Outreach Team meets IT Team meets
Wed Mar 8 th	1:00pm	Worship Team meets
Sun Mar 12 th	10:30am 11:00am	Coffee Hour Worship
Tues Mar 14 th	7:30pm	Property Team meets
Thurs Mar 16 th	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Fri Mar 17 th	10:00pm	Baby Pantry
Sun Mar 19 th	10:00am 10:30am 11:00am	Bible Study Coffee Worship
Sun Mar 26 th	10:30am	Coffee





Happy Birthday! May God bless you all year long!

Mar 11 th	Bill Weiss
Mar 12 th	Mary Renico
Mar 18 th	Pam Remillard
Mar 23 rd	Laura Parker
Mar 24 th	Tom Schettling
Mar 30 th	Debbie Russell

Finance Team

Income Jan \$ 8,440.76 YTD \$ 8,440.76

Expense Jan \$11,606.37 YTD \$11,606.37



Per Capita- Our per capita check has been sent to Presbytery. Thank you to all who gave extra to cover this \$1935 cost. \$719.08 came in this year, and some forward-thinking person gave money late last year. Special thanks to those of you who rounded up your payment, whether it was by \$0.23 to make the math easier, or even more to cover the cost for someone else who was unable to do so. If you still wish to help contribute to this expense, no one will complain! The cost was \$29.77 per active member.

Please note "per capita" on your check or giving envelope.

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](mailto:haneline526@gmail.com) , phone 248-894-3489) of the Congregational Care Team.

March quote



- **For healing, strength, comfort and peace:** prayer of thanks that some **businesses affected by the fire in**

Holly are beginning to reopen.; **peace and comfort Terry Striggow** who has had a surgical procedure the 21st or 22nd; **Tom Schettling** who had a second surgery for diverticulitis infection and is improving every day; peace and comfort to **Nancy McDavid's family** a long time Holly Presbyterian member. She was 93.; **Ray Knudsen** who is in rehab for his knee to get strength in it; **Gene Stevens; 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) who is in a lot of pain after his car accident.

Prayers for those suffering from natural and man-made disasters:

- Those affected by the mud slides and rain in CA.
- Those affected by the school shooting at Michigan State University and all the others.
- The families of the victims and those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, winter storm Elliot and hurricanes Ian and Nicole.
- Those people affected by 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

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF LAKE HURON

We are very excited to have two new staff members onboard! (Presbytery of Lake Huron)The [Rev. Brenna Overland](#) and the [Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak](#) joined us on February 15th. They are the new Pastors To Pastors. We will meet them in their new roles at the March 4th presbytery meeting. Both will continue to still serve their congregations as full-time heads of staff, but we wasted no time in putting them to work here by asking them to write the column for this week's Bi-Weekly Brief. Welcome to the staff Brenna and Joseph!



Over the years I (Brenna) have learned that, for me, yoga is not relaxing. Instead, it basically comes down to putting myself into a bunch of uncomfortable positions and learning to breathe through it. It is an exercise in physical and mental endurance.

Far too often, those of us in pastoral positions find that examples like these is how our calling as clergy and CRE's can feel at times; like an ongoing exercise of mental, emotional, and physical endurance.



For me (Joseph), training for and running my first marathon last year showed me the limits of what my human body can handle. All was going well until I was about five miles to the finish and my leg muscles began cramping up severely. As a result, I had to walk, weeping for exhaustion, to the finish line well past my target time. At first, I felt like a

failure because I didn't make my goal. A runner-friend would later remind me that my identity as a runner isn't wrapped up in how fast I finish races. "It's the running that makes you a runner, not the finish times," he said.

In the midst of our pastoral vocations, we can quickly forget that while God has called us to ministry - God also first calls us beloved children. It is easy to stop believing that our happiness, our wellbeing, our thriving as humans matters just as much as the happiness and thriving of the people we serve.

That is why we are so honored to begin our new role as Pastors to (for) the Pastors of Lake Huron Presbytery. Both of us know what it is to be a caregiver in need of care. To experience deep sorrow, and wonder who is there to care about us as people first, regardless of our call.

Both of us have long held a passion for serving our fellow clergy and CRE's. We come to this role with excitement and humility, looking forward to finding ways to connect with you and support you in the ways that make you feel valued and heard.

Over the next few months, you will hear more about our dream and vision for this role; but in the end our vision only matters as much as it meets the felt needs of those serving in pastoral roles in this presbytery.

We are here to listen to you, to hear you; so that we can serve you better and hopefully make your time in ministry not a practice in endurance and surviving, but a season of finding joy and thriving.

We can't wait to connect with you, and in the meantime, we offer this prayer to all from *Every Moment Holy*:

Meet me, O Christ, in the stillness of the morning. Move me, O Spirit, to quiet my heart.

Mend me, O Father, from yesterday's harm.

From the discord of yesterday, resurrect my peace. From the discouragement of yesterday, resurrect my hope.

From the weariness of yesterday, resurrect my strength.

From the doubts of yesterday, resurrect my faith. From the wounds of yesterday, resurrect my love.

Let me enter this new day,
aware of my need,
and awake to your grace, O Lord.

Amen.



Baby Pantry dates and volunteers

Mar 3rd Pam Remillard & Fran Pelton

Mar 17th Jan Bradshaw & _____

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.



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