



## Holly Presbyterian Church Newsletter October 2023

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### Bible Study



Bible Study is on Oct 8th and Oct 22nd from 10:00am-10:45am. Dessalee Cook will be our instructor.

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### Calendar of Events for October

Sun	Oct 1st	10:30am Coffee hour 11:00am Worship
Tues	Oct 3rd	6:00pm Outreach Team 7:00pm Information Technology Team
Fri	Oct 6th	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sat	Oct 7th	10:00am Work Day
Sun	Oct 8th	10:00am Bible Study 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:00am Worship
Tues	Oct 10th	7:30pm Property Team
Sun	Oct 11th	1:00pm Worship
	Oct 15th	10:30am Coffee Hour 11:00am Worship-Pulpit Exchange
Tues	Oct 19th	7:00pm Session Meeting
Fri	Oct 20th	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sat	Oct 21st	10:00am to set up trail, 6:30pm to help be a spook, 7:30pm starts-Kirkridge Pres. Haunted Trail & Scavenger Hunt
Sun	Oct 22nd	10:00am Bible Study

		10:30am Coffee hour
		11:00am Worship
Sun	Oct 29th	10:30am Coffee hour
		11:00am Worship
Tues	Oct 31st	6:00pm Halloween Trick or Treat

### ***Highlights from the Session Meeting, 9/19/23***

- ♦ The multi-church collaboration group will be meeting more frequently this fall. It is expected that we will begin, in earnest, the details of the model that best suits the combined financial needs and visions for our churches.

Jan Bradshaw



#### ***Thoughts from Ted***

I am not normally a picture person but this summer has had its share of times that I have wanted to have a picture of. This is one of those times. Having just returned from our usual two weeks up north by Oscoda, with the cottage we rent on the shore on Lake Huron, I keep coming back to this picture. It is a picture from the night of the "super blue moon" that we could see rise

from the horizon of Lake Huron and up through the sky, all while sitting on the deck of the cottage with the sand and the shore.

It was wonderful to see this rare astronomical event that won't happen again until 2037. It is a reminder that the creation we live in is constantly full of changes and surprises and all sorts of beauty. Many of our congregations are beginning our program years with Sunday School and choir resuming and (hopefully) people getting back into the swing of things. And there will be new faces and new ideas, some of which we have never seen before.

Plus moments like this are a reminder that God is always here with us. That brings me great comfort as I hope it does for our churches and everyone who serves in them. We need moments and reminders like that. So I hope that whether pastors or elders or volunteers or congregations, we find moments of peace and beauty as we discover new times and people in ministry for Jesus Christ.

God bless,  
The Rev. Ted McCulloch, Stated Clerk

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### **Thoughts from Matt**



*We give our very busy Stated Clerk a small break by having a member of Presbytery Council write an article on a regular basis. We are grateful to the Rev. Matt Schramm for his contribution this week. Matt is the Senior Pastor of Midland-Memorial and the Vice Moderator of Presbytery.*

I have a grand total of one wrestling win in my athletic career. I won't mention how many losses, but it's more than one. It was a long time ago — long enough that I wrestled in the 112 pound division — and I only lasted a year. That can probably be attributed to this truth about wrestling that I won't forget: it is hard and it is painful. I heard an interview with a wrestling coach who said that among other things, wrestling is intimate and confrontational.

At MPC we've been studying some of our heritage from the Hebrew Scriptures, including Jacob. Jacob's story has its ups and downs; but, eventually, we come to know him as Israel - One who wrestles with God.

As Christians, our ancestors were the people of Israel. In some spiritual sense, we still bear that name. And we do well to remember it is who we are to be wrestling with God. We pursue an opportunity to have a intimate and confrontational relationship with the one who created and redeemed us, who hears us when we cry out for justice,

who knows us better than we know ourselves, and who loves us anyway.

In the Scriptures, over and over we read of God's people wrestling with God. That holds true from the very beginning and is seen even in the life of Jesus, who shares an intimate and confrontational relationship with his Father. God summons us to that sort of relationship, too. In the first chapter of Isaiah, we hear God's invitation to "come now, let us argue it out" as we work with God to seek justice for all (Isaiah 1:1-18 NRSV).

The life of discipleship is not a walk in the park. It's often a wrestling match. Our congregations and our presbytery are not where the wrestling stops and all is well. Instead, we remind one another that we are not alone as we wrestle with who we are called to be as the people of God. We won't be perfect, but may we be found faithful. God be with you as you seek to serve

Rev. Matthew W. Schramm, Senior Pastor  
Memorial Presbyterian Church in Midland

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### **Work Day**

We are holding a church workday on Saturday, Oct. 7, starting at 10 am. Jim will be there at 9 am if you would like to get an early start. (In the event of bad weather, our backup date is Oct. 21.) For planning purposes it would be best to know in advance how many are coming. So please **send Jim Lyles an e-mail** at [jamesmartinlyles@gmail.com](mailto:jamesmartinlyles@gmail.com); **text or call him** at **248-396-4695**; or send him a private message **on Facebook** to let him know you are coming.

Bottled water and pre-packaged snacks will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. If you have specific tasks you want to work on, let Jim know that too. (If you don't e-mail/call ahead, you are still welcome to show up that day.)



If you need to bring tools or supplies for a given task they are listed; otherwise the church will provide the items needed. We do recommend bringing work gloves for many of the tasks. Disposable, water-proof gloves will be provided for indoor cleaning tasks.

#### Exterior:

1. Remove screen windows from Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary and install storm windows--CHECK WITH: Jim Lyles.
2. Fill in cracks in concrete at back entrance area. Also fill the new low spot just south of the handicapped ramp at the back entrance area—CHECK WITH: Broady Cook; he will buy the product needed.
3. Landscaping: thorough weeding, planting bulbs, transplanting—CHECK WITH: Charlee Litten or Vicki Lyles.
4. Remove maple trees and other junk trees/bushes growing along the east side of the church--CHECK WITH: Charlee Litten or Vicki Lyles.
5. Clean up leaves and other debris in the area around the back entrance—NEEDED: lawn blower.
6. Lock box with key on Sanctuary basement entrance doorknob is rusty; needs to be lubricated and tested, or eliminated if no longer working—CHECK WITH: Jim Lyles.
7. Replace electrical junction box on the back Sanctuary wall, under the flat roof—CHECK WITH: Randy Cook; he will buy a new box.
8. Remove the old duct tape around the office windows and potentially replace it with white duct tape—CHECK WITH: Jim Lyles.

#### Upstairs:

1. Clean cobwebs at church entrances and where needed throughout the building (also check downstairs).
2. Put the fans in the Sanctuary in storage (in the west boiler room).
3. Turn on heat at thermostats.
4. Caulk stained glass windows in the Sanctuary—CHECK WITH: Jim Lyles

## Downstairs:

1. Remove A/C window unit from Office and move it to the west storage room—CHECK WITH: Jim Lyles.
  2. Add plastic to the office and Community Room windows—CHECK WITH: Jim Lyles.
  3. Water heater (east boiler room): drain a few gallons of water.
  4. Water softener (east boiler room): check salt level—CHECK WITH: Jim Lyles.
  5. Turn on heat at thermostats.
  6. Test both sump pumps.
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### ***Halloween Trick or Treat***

Tuesday October 31st is Halloween. We will need candy to give out as well as volunteers to help. Volunteers show up at 5:30pm. Trick or Treating will be from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Please have your candy to the church by October 22nd.

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### **From Kirkridge Presbyterian**

Hi everyone, our annual Haunted Trail and kids scavenger hunt is Saturday, October 21st. All are welcome and this event is open to the community. If you have anyone interested in volunteering for setup or as spooks or helpers during the event, let Laurie at the office know. (810-694-3321

or [kirkridgeoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kirkridgeoffice@sbcglobal.net)) We. We usually start setting up around 10am and spooks arrive for staging by 6:30pm. **From Holly Presbyterian**-Doesn't this sound like fun? We could hide in the trail and scare the people that come. I guess it's a big hit at Kirkridge Presbyterian. Can you come and join in on the fun? Hope to see you there!

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



Charlee Litten     October 1st  
Kevin Magnuson October 31st  
***May God bless you all year long!***

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**Happy Anniversary**

Terry & Julie Parish-October 25th-8 years  
Todd & Carrie Duncanson-October 25th-37 years

Congratulations to you all and many blessings to  
your marriage for the coming year!



**Finance Team**

Income	Aug	\$4,822.25	YTD	\$64,130.13
Expenses	Aug	\$5,950.30	YTD	\$64,690.29
Bob Killewald and Vicki Lyles				



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**From the Congregational Care Team**

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

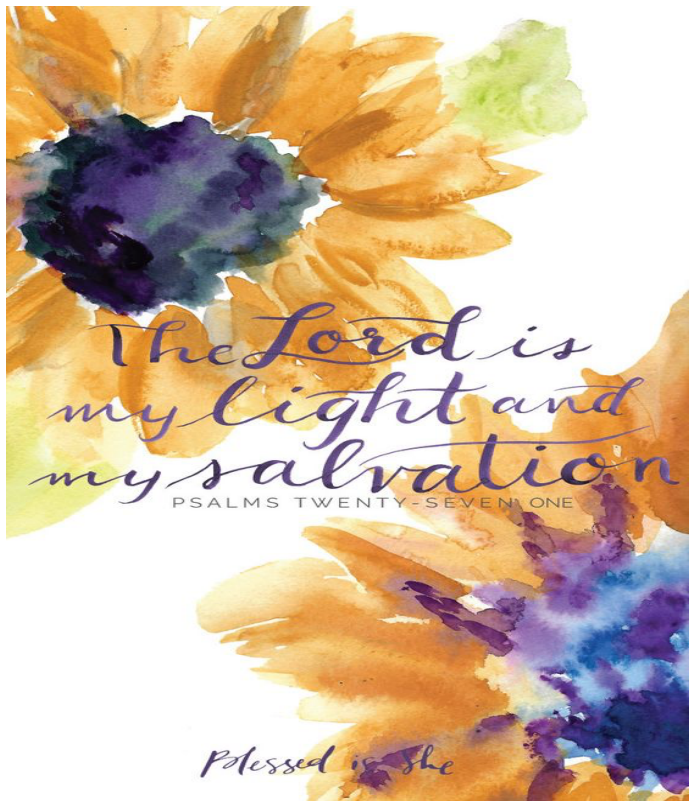
***Prayers of Joy***

- **Allison Muenzer**, former member of the Holly Presbyterian Church and former Candidate Under Care of our presbytery, will be Ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament and Installed as Associate Pastor of Community Life at the First Presbyterian Church of Brighton (in the Detroit Presbytery), 300 E. Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116 on October 8th at 3:00pm. A copy of the invitation is on the table in the narthex.

All are welcome to celebrate with Allison and her new congregation.

## Prayer Concerns

### October quote



### **For healing Clara Renico**

(Mary Renico's granddaughter) **broke** her left elbow on monkey bars, requiring surgery, recovering; **Diana Wagoner** (Mary Renico's best friend) had a stroke can't talk at McLaren; **Cathie Killewald; Jane Knudsen** needs hip surgery. Probably a month off.; **Ray Knudsen** having left shoulder surgery. It has been postponed for about 2 months.; **Barb Brown** who is having puzzling health issues; **Mrs. Cook** (Randy and Broady's mother) kidney issues; **Don Neuville** is home doing PT, OT and has a

visiting nurse. He has congestive heart failure.; **Donna DeNise; Mark Bolen** recovering from heart transplant.

### **Ongoing Prayers—Pete Olson, Steve in FL and Jim Killewald. Prayers for those suffering**

Flooding in Leominster, MA & Elliott City, MD

Morocco earthquake.

Libya floods.

Those affected by the hurricanes in Florida.

Those affected by flooding and mudslides.

People of Maui, Hawaii.

Those affected by hunger.

Those affected by the severe weather all across the country.

Those affected by the wildfires.

Those affected by gun violence.

Those affected by the wars in Sudan and 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**

- **Our churches** currently in pastoral transition.
- **Rev. John Tapley** of Bay City-Westminster, who passed to the larger life last month. We lift up his wife, Martha, their family and church members.

**Our Mission Co-Workers:**

**Lucy Der-Garabedian** serving in Lebanon.

**Cathy Chang** and family serving in the Philippines.



***Iobst Family***



***Keefer Family***

**Coffee and Fellowship Time**



**Coffee Fellowship**

Come at 10:30am for some coffee, snack and Fellowship. Please see the signup sheet and see what date might work for you to serve. Signup sheet is in the narthex.



Baby Pantry dates and volunteers  
Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Pam Remillard & Jennifer Chanter  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Loretta Weiss & Donna DeNise  
**Thank you in advance.**

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## **Recycle**



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

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## **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

