



Holly Presbyterian Church Newsletter May 2024

Bible Study is on May 12th at 10:00am.



Thoughts From Jamie

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. Jamie Milton, Pastor of Bay City-Westminster and the Moderator of the Mission Coordination Committee, for his contribution to this edition.



Spring is here...mostly. While the warm weather is still a bit elusive, the signs of spring are around us. Yes, the trees are budding, the flowers blooming, and the robins are singing. For me, I know it is spring, when the dandelions show up. I have never been a fan of the dandelion. I have always thought of it as a weed, a pest, a blemish on an otherwise beautiful green lawn. They multiply like crazy, and I actually read that if you cut the root and don't dig all of it up, both pieces continue to grow and you have just made things worse for yourself.

Everywhere you look, there are dandelions; one day sunshine yellow, the next cloudy white with those fun parachute seeds that blow in the wind and of course, make more dandelions. I think that old saying should be changed to "Only three things are certain in life: death, taxes and dandelions!"

As Earth Day approaches, I began thinking about what I might be able to learn from a dandelion. They too, are a part of God's creation, and if I am stuck with them, I might as well learn something. Dandelions are persistent, no matter how hard you may try, you'll never get rid of all of them. They certainly know how to multiply, each flower turns to

hundreds of seeds, quickly turning a field yellow and white. Outside of their annoyance in your yard, dandelions are quite harmless and can be useful. They are edible and can provide a variety of nutrients for your diet. They are also great for your local honeybees!

While I may never be the dandelion's biggest fan, after a little research and reflection, I have come to appreciate them as a part of God's amazing creation. The more I learn about how the world works, the more I come to see God's touch in every aspect of creation. So, take your allergy pill, get outside, enjoy the budding tulips, the blossoming trees, and yes, those little golden dandelions, and give thanks to God for God's beautiful creation!

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Jamie Milton
Pastor of Bay City-Westminster
Presbytery Council Member/Moderator of Mission Coordination
Committee

Finance Team

March
Income \$6,497.08 YTD \$19,359.25
Expenses \$5,222.44 YTD \$19,911.78

Building fund through March
Pledged \$963.50
Received \$860.00



Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Bob Killewald & Vicki Lyles



Calendar of Events for May

Thurs May 2nd	National Day of Prayer
Fri May 3rd	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sat May 4th	10:00am Spring Clean up
Sun May 5th	10:30am Coffee hour
	11:15am Worship
	Special guests Allen & DeeDee Iobst
Tues May 7th	6:00pm Outreach Team
	7:00pm Information Technology Team
Wed May 22nd	1:00pm Worship Team
Sun May 12th	10:00am Bible Study
	10:30am Coffee hour
	11:15am Worship
Thurs May 16th	7:00pm Session Meeting
Sun May 19th	10:30am Coffee hour
	11:15am Worship
Tues May 21st	7:30pm Property Team
Sun May 26th	10:30am Coffee hour
	11:15am Worship
Mon May 27th	10:00am Set up at Lakeside-Memorial Day

Come and help us set up and pass out water to those who are in the parade. **Monday, May 27th at 10:00am.** We will meet at Lakeside Cemetery front entrance.



Happy Birthday!

May God bless you all year long!

May 6th Gene Stevens
May 11th Donna DeNise
May 11th Brian Parker
May 26th Karen Haneline
May 29th Amaris Thomas



Happy Anniversary

Bob & Cathie Killewald May 12th 31 years
Jerry & Charlee Litten May 16th 57 years
Broady & Dessalee Cook May 26th 37 years



**May the Good Lord continue to bless you all
for 2024! We love you!**



Church Work Day—May 4th May 18th in case of bad weather

We are holding a church workday on **Saturday, May 4**, starting at **10 a.m.** (In the event of bad weather, our backup date is **May 18**.) For planning purposes it would be best to know in advance how many are coming. So please give **Jim Lyles** a call at **248-396-4695** or send him an e-mail at jamesmartinlyles@gmail.com to let him know you are coming.

Bottled water and pre-packaged snacks will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. If you have tasks you want to work on, let Jim know.

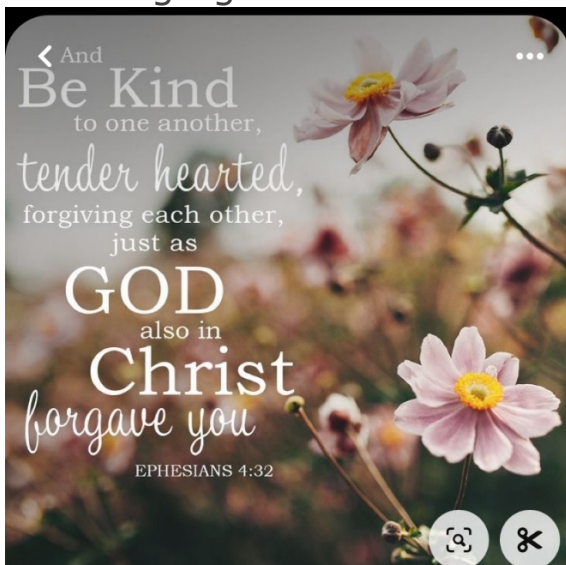
(If you don't e-mail/call ahead, you are still welcome to show up that day.)

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

Please see list in the sanctuary of what needs to be done.

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.



May quote

For healing-Gordie Bradshaw having testing; **Donna Miller** got a pacemaker; **Penny Schettling** put her hip back together 04/19 and recovering from sepsis; **Jerry Watkins** (Laura Parker's dad) recovering from broken femur; **Jessica Duis** (Jim & Vicki Lyles niece) complications have arisen regarding her thyroid cancer treatment. **Sierra & Dalton Sink** repairing damage to home from tornado.



Ongoing prayers: Mike Pelton, Barb Brown, Don Neuville, Mark Bolen, Steve in FL, and Jim Killewald.

Prayers for those suffering: for all those affected by war, severe weather, hunger, gun violence, abuse, and/or addiction.

We lift up those in prayer from the Presbytery

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

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 are:



May 3rd -Jan Bradshaw and Cathie Killewald
May 17th-Pam Remillard and Jennifer Chanter

Thank you in advance to our volunteers.

Recycle



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.....	2024
Christian Education.....	Dessalee Cook ...	2025
Congregational Care.....	Margaret Perry ...	2026
Finance.....	Bob Killewald.....	2025
Information Technology..	Brian Parker.....	2024
Outreach.....	Donna DeNise.....	2025
Property.....	Jim Lyles.....	2026
Worship.....	Tom Schettling...	2024
Moderator and Pastor-Pastor Chris Thomas		

