



## Holly Presbyterian Church Newsletter March 2025

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### Thoughts From Rev. Brenna



*We regularly like to give our very busy Stated Clerk a small break and have a member of Presbytery Council write an article for the Bi-Weekly Brief. For this edition we are grateful to the Rev. Brenna Overland, Pastor Bay City-First and one of our Pastor to Pastors.*

It's 1am and the lights are off in my bedroom. I just finished feeding our new son when I remembered that I had to finish this article. As I look at the helpless baby next to me, I am often struck by how much we are alike. As much as I want to think that I am somehow I am self-sufficient and capable, the truth is that I need help just as much as he does, perhaps even more so. After all, he at least knows how to ask for help when he needs it, where I try to push it down and pretend, I can do it all by myself.

This job, our culture, can make us think that we are supposed to carry the weight of this call alone. That asking for or needing help is weak and a failure. After all, this is what we chose to do, right?

But my friends we were never meant to do this job alone. To carry congregations on our backs and in hearts without helping hands. We were meant to do this together, with God, in community, with people who could and would see our own need and in the midst of the needs of others.

So my prayer is this: that you would know without a doubt that God hear your cries. The world can feel cold and overhelping, but I hope that when you are up in the middle of night, when the thoughts won't let you rest and the tears feel unending, you remember are never alone. Like a mother with

her infant, God hears our cries, wraps us in arms of comfort, and offers a love that soothes our weary soul. If you are feeling overwhelmed, tired, or lonely please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to walk with you as friends in ministry and in life.

In Christ,  
Rev. Brenna Overland  
Pastor to Pastors



### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> after worship. Please plan on staying for this important meeting.

A hard copy of the Annual Report is available in the narthex for you to

review. **See you there!**

### **Fellowship & Coffee**

Start your Sunday off by coming for Coffee and Fellowship at 10:30am. Also, remember to sign up to make the coffee and bring a snack if you are able. The signup sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary.



### **Finance Team**

Income Jan	\$7,039.25	YTD same
Expense Jan	\$8,356.46	YTD same
Building Fund	\$290.00	

Bob Killewald & Vicki Lyles



## Baby Pantry dates are:



Mar 7<sup>th</sup> Fran Pelton & Loretta Weiss

Mar 21<sup>st</sup> Jan Bradshaw &

Thank you in advance to all our volunteers.

### 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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The office is open and Sherry is back as of March 5th. All is well again. The office is open Tues thru Fri 9am-1pm.

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### February Birthdays-God bless you!



Mar 11<sup>th</sup> Bill Weiss

Mar 12<sup>th</sup> Mary Renico

Mar 18<sup>th</sup> Pam Remillard

Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> Laura Parker

Mar 24<sup>th</sup> Tom Schettling



Sun	Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am Coffee & Fellowship
		11:15am Worship
		Annual Congregational Meeting
Tues	Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm Outreach Team
		7:00pm Information Technology Team
Fri	Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sun	Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	2:00am Daylight Savings Begins
		10:00am Bible Study
		10:30am Coffee & Fellowship
		11:15am Worship
Tues	Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm Property Team
Sun	Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am Coffee & Fellowship
		11:15am Worship
		After Worship-Worship Team
		1:00pm Shar Hecht Memorial
Fri	Mar 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sun	Mar 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am Bible Study
		10:30am Coffee & Fellowship
		11:15am Worship
Sun	Mar 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am Coffee & Fellowship
		11:15am Worship



SPRING FORWARD  
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD AN HOUR

Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> begins **Daylight Savings Time**. When you go to bed on the 8<sup>th</sup> remember to move your clocks ahead one hour.

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**Shar Hecht's Memorial Service** – A memorial service will be here on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. For more information please go to:



<https://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com/m/obituaries/sharlen-hecht/Memories>

**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.



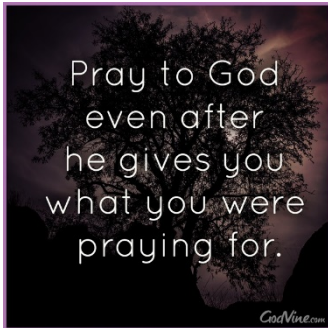
*March Quote*

**Prayer Concerns**

**Pray for** Pastor Chris, his family, and our church daily.

**Prayers of thanks-Gordie Bradshaw** has completed his chemo treatments.

**Prayers, Comfort and Peace to the families of: Keagen** (Margaret Perry) a 20 yr. old.



**For healing: Bob Killewald** hematoma in leg; **Rosemarie McColl** (Dessalee Cook's mother) blood clot leg and foot; **Aletheia Thomas** knee; **Mary Renico** broken hip recovery; **Micah Swanson** (Sherry's second cousin) has been diagnosed with testicular and bladder cancer started treatment;

**Cathie Killewald** recovering from knee surgery; **Jennifer Cotaling** (Randy Cook's sister-in-law) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.; **Alex Searfoss** (great grandson of Donna Miller) Third degree burns over 40% of his body. He is home with his mother now and doing physical therapy; **Mike Schettling** (Tom Schettling's cousin) cancer, same age as Tom; **Won Chea** (Tom Schettling's brother-in-law) treatment stomach cancer; **Penny Schettling**; **Jerry Watkins** (Laura Parker's dad).

**Ongoing prayers: Mike Pelton, Don Neuville, Steve in FL, and Jim Killewald.**

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

***Our Mission Co-Workers:***

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



***Iobst Family***



***Keefer Family***

**2025 Session Members**

- Clerk.....Jim Lyles..... 2026
- Christian Education.....Bob & Dessalee....2027
- Congregational Care.....Margaret Perry ... 2026
- Finance.....Bob Killewald..... 2025
- Information Technology..Walt Brown ..... 2027
- Outreach.....Fran Pelton..... 2027
- Property.....Randy Cook..... 2025
- Worship.....Dessalee Cook..... 2025
- Moderator Pastor Chris Thomas



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