



## **Holly Presbyterian Church Newsletter October 2025**

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To the Presbytery of Lake Huron:

Like many, I went to church yesterday. I led worship and preached and sang hymns. Then we began to hear about something tragic happening at a church in Grand Blanc. It quickly became apparent that an act of violence, this time with fire and bullets, had descended on the Latter Day Saints congregation there.

And all that I could think was the opening sentence of Psalm 22 – words Jesus cried out from the violence of the cross – “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

And our cries pale next to the cries of those whose lives were forever changed during a worship service. For the victims and their families who will grieve and will always see an empty place. For those who witnessed this horror and those who will try to provide comfort and some sense of safety, no matter how small. For first responders and emergency workers who, despite facing their worst nightmare, courageously and heroically responded as fast as anyone could expect. So many... and so we cry, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

But this is where we begin. Today we do not feel capable or wise. I do not have answers. We do not have answers. We feel forsaken. But we can look to God in our sorrow, our grief, our anger, trusting that God is there. In this darkest time, we cry out to God with nothing but our sorrows. And God meets us and helps us. God does that today. God is doing that in Grand Blanc.

We are not forsaken. It may be a natural to want to ignore what happened yesterday or find a way to numb it or to just not do anything. But as Christians we turn to the Lord in our sorrow and grief. And we keep turning to the Lord, knowing God will help us do what is needed.

We know that gun violence is a scourge on our country. We know God wants all his children to live long and fruitful lives (Isaiah 65:20). The first step is lament, but our second and third steps must work for justice. I would be thankful to hear from you about how we could do this, together, as this part of Christ’s body.

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Knowing that God accompanies us and gives us strength to live faithfully gives me – give us – hope in the darkest of times. This is the hope that can bring back the light where we need it most.

God be with us all,

Ted McCulloch

Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Lake Huron

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**Fall Workday** has been **moved** from Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> to October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will start at 9am. A list of things to be done is in the Sanctuary.

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### **Bible Study is back!**

Join us at 10am for an in depth look at Scriptures.  
We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

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### **Halloween Friday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>**



Our Outreach for Halloween is passing out candy as well as serving popcorn, cider and a warm place to rest. Help is needed to set up at 5:00pm and also at 6:00pm-8:00pm to pass out what we have collected. Donations may be brought in anytime until Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

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## Poinsettias and greens

We will again be selling the Poinsettias and displaying them in the Sanctuary on December 14<sup>th</sup>. You may take them home December 21<sup>st</sup>.



Also, we are selling gift cards and greens. These will be delivered November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Order form is in the Sanctuary. Deadline to order is October 26<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

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**Potluck Dinner** after worship is planned for October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a dish to pass if able. It's a great time of fellowship.



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## Flu Clinic



Holly Pharmacy will be coming Sunday October 19th after worship. Pass the word-it is open to all. They will have other vaccinations if you need them. A sign up sheet is in the Sanctuary.

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## Baby Pantry dates are:

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Cathie Killewald & Pam Remillard

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Fran Pelton & \_\_\_\_\_



Thank you in advance to all our volunteers.

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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.



### **Finance Team**

Income Aug \$9,731.07 YTD \$69,042.58  
Expense Aug \$8,405.30 YTD \$61,842.72

Building Fund Aug \$1,320.00 YTD \$3,822.00

Bob Killewald & Vicki Lyles



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### **October Birthdays-God bless you!**

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Charlee Litten

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Kevin Magnuson



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*When I REST  
or become STILL,  
I HEAR the still,  
small voice of GOD.*

*Be still, and know that I am God.  
Psalm 46:10*



### **October Quote**

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Chandler & Kaitlyn Bass and Charles & Melissa Fales on your marriage!

### **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.

### **Prayer Concerns**

**Please remember to pray for Pastor Chris and his family,** and our church, every day.

**Pray for:** all the people affected by the Grand Blanc shooting and fire at **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.**; **Toni** (Bob Killewald's sister's dear friend) had a brain **Toni** (Bob Killewald's sister's dear friend) had a brain aneurysm-the prognosis is poor.; **Sherry McLaughlin** recovering from hip surgery; **Donna Miller** recovering at her new residence. Her new address is 14480 N. Holly Rd., Apt. 316, Holly, MI 48442 (Hampton Manor); **Dale Huffman** prayers for recovery and increased strength.; **Mark Bolan** treatment for cancer; **Charly** (Bob & Cathie's friend) age 16 had her liver transplant but is going through difficulty.

**Ongoing prayers:** **Alex Searfoss** (great grandson of Donna Miller) Prayers that he continues to improve.; **Jody** (sister of Randy Cook) small cell lung cancer-very aggressive-stage 1-praying the treatment stalls it.; **Micah Swanson** (Sherry's second cousin) possibly has throat cancer but does have testicular and bladder cancer; **Jennifer Cotaling** (Randy Cook's sister-in-law) **Mike Schettling** (Tom Schettling's cousin) cancer; **Rev. Dr. Ian Lamont** had cranial surgery to separate a nerve and artery that had grown together. Prayers of thanks that he is out of the hospital and doing well; **James Teddy**, son of regular attender Duana Teddy, has non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver and had a major stomach bleed. They found and sealed it, but he is now getting scheduled to see if he can get a liver transplant; **Tom Schettling**; **Penny Schettling**; **Jerry Watkins** (Laura Parker's dad); **Mike Pelton**, **Don Neuville**, **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.

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Wed Oct 1st	6:30pm Zumba
Fri Oct 3rd	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sat Oct 4th	NO Workday Rescheduled
Sun Oct 5th	10:30am Coffee
	11:00am Outreach Team
	11:15am Worship
Tues Oct 7th	7:00pm IT Team
Wed Oct 8th	6:30pm Zumba
Sat Oct 11th	9:00am Fall Workday
Sun Oct 12th	10:00am Bible Study
	10:30am Coffee
	11:15am Worship
Tues Oct 14th	7:30pm Property
Wed Oct 15th	6:30pm Zumba

Thurs Oct 16th 7:00pm Session

Fri Oct 17th 10:00am Baby Pantry

Sun Oct 19th 10:30am Coffee

11:15am Worship

12:15pm Worship Team

12:15pm Flu shot clinic

Wed Oct 22nd 6:30pm Zumba

Sun Oct 26th 10:00am Bible Study

10:30am Coffee

11:15am Worship

12:15pm Potluck

Deadline for Poinsettia, greens and gift cards

Wed Oct 29th 6:30pm Zumba

Fri Oct 31st 5:30pm Set up for Halloween

6:00pm Halloween Celebration

### **Our Missionaries:**

**Allen & Deedee Iobst family**-Paris, France

**Colby & Sarah Keefer**-Athletes in Action

**Cathy Chang** and family.





***Iobst Family***



***Keefer Family***



Rev. Cathy Chang and husband Juan Lopez

**2025 Session Members**



Clerk.....	Jim Lyles.....	2026
Christian Education.....	<b>OPEN</b> .....	2027
Congregational Care.....	Margaret Perry ...	2026
Finance.....	Bob Killewald.....	2025
Information Technology..	<b>OPEN</b> .....	2027
Outreach.....	Fran Pelton.....	2027
Property.....	Randy Cook.....	2025
Worship.....	Dessalee Cook.....	2025
Moderator Pastor Chris Thomas		

**Please remember to check your mailbox for any mail, etc**