



Holly Presbyterian Church

HPC Tidings

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February 2011

The Pastors' Corner

Can't you just feel it? The excitement in the air; the spirit of love in our hearts; the joy in receiving Rev. Sharlyn Gates as the new minister of Holly Presbyterian Church. We have so much to be thankful for!

Our Pastor Nominating Committee, after many hours, and many Personal Information Forms, listened and prayed and were led to Rev. Gates. Indeed, she, too, heard the call and together a new chapter will begin in March.

As your interim pastors we know how much this congregation works together to do God's will and how much your love spreads to each other and to new persons. It was just a year ago that we stepped into your lives and found here an acceptance and love that allowed us to be your pastors. We will miss you very much but so much less knowing what good things lie ahead.

May we live as faithful companions with Christ; live deeply, with purpose; live wisely, with humility; live justly, with compassion; live gratefully, with generosity; live fully, with enthusiasm. Our blessings go with you, this day, and always.

Blessings, Revs. Ann and Bill



Hello Holly Presbyterian Family,

It is truly a new year, with new beginnings, not only for this church and its members, but for me; and I am looking forward to being an active asset to not just Holly Presbyterian, but to the community of Holly.

Since my return from Virginia; where I worked as an office manager/Principle's Administrative Assistant for the Stafford County Public Schools, just outside Washington D. C. area, I can only state, like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, "There is no place like home!" "There is no place like home!"

Many of you may recognize or have heard of me because of my name, also I am a graduate of Holly, as well as having long family ties in and around Holly. I look forward to serving the Holly Presbyterian Church, and would like to thank you for this opportunity to be HOME. It is my sincere desire to meet each one of you, and look forward to working along side Pastor Gates beginning March 1st. It will be difficult to say good bye to Pastors Ann and Bill as they have made my transition a smooth and enjoyable event. Jinx (Yes, that is my real Name) Kincaid

New Faces of Holly Presbyterian



Dear Friends at Holly Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for the warm reception you gave me this past weekend. It was cold outside but very warm inside! I enjoyed meeting you all and sharing in worship together as well. Fred and I are looking forward to living in Holly and to my serving as your new pastor, beginning March 1st.

In the beginning of a new year we are reminded that God continues to be actively working to make all things new. New things are exciting for some, and challenging for others, yet we trust that with God as our guide there are good things ahead for all.

There is much to do in this time between, as I say good-bye to a loving congregation here and as we prepare for this new call to work among you.

Let us covenant together to pray for one another and look forward to the future with joy!

Peace and Grace,

Rev. Sharlyn Gates



A Message from the Stewardship Committee

Each year our church is required to pay per capita fees to Presbytery. The fee is based on active members of our church. For 2011, per capita fees will be \$2647.75. This equates to \$22.25 per member. While this fee is budgeted each year, it is not an easy expense to pay. Heating bills are higher in the winter, insurance is paid every January, and February is a short month. Please prayerfully consider sending payment for the per capita fees associated with yourself and immediate family; for a family of for this equates to \$89.00. All per capita contributions will appear on your annual giving statement and will help ease our February finances. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Stewardship Committee. Thanks you for your prayerful consideration, and God Bless!



February Calendar

- Feb 6 Worship with Communion 10:30am
(No Sunday Schools)
Guest Speaker Rev. Robert Lakey
10:00am KNIT-WITS Meeting. There will be a meeting of the Knit-Wits Sunday February 6th. **The meeting will begin promptly at 10**, please bring all your items that are completed, so that he may deliver them
11:30 am The CCC will meet, please plan on attending
- Feb 13 Children's Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30am Guest Speaker
Missionary Colby Keefer
- Feb 14 Newsletter Deadline
St. Valentine's Day
- Feb 16 AYSO 7:00
- Feb 20 9:15 Children's Sunday School 9:30
Contemporary Worship 10:30am Guest
Speaker Rev. Pat Harton
- Feb 21 Session Meeting 7:00pm
President's Day
- Feb 27 Children's Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30am Guest Speaker Rev.
Pat Harton

VG's Community Share will become a part of this new program. As a result, the way in which non-profit groups and organizations earn points for VG's Community Share will change. Beginning January 9, **VG's will require all customers to use their VG's yes Rewards card** to earn community share points for their favorite non-profit organization. If you don't use your card, you won't receive points.



Our Life Together

Please pray...

Urgent Concern!!!!

Please pray for Marionette Kubicz as she has lost her home and her beloved pets in a house fire on January 26. She is currently staying with Dan & Barb Goodearl in Traverse City. A special donation account has been set up for Marionette should you want to contribute: **Huntington Bank, Att: Jan O'Brien P.O. Box 1220 Traverse City, MI 49658**, Please make your checks out to Barbara M. Goodearl but specify Account **8585** Jan O'Brien will make sure it properly deposited to Marjorie's accounts.

...for Cristy Banks, Josh Banks, Linda Coale Voorhees, Amie Davis, Beth Foss, Pat Frank, Alice Horak, Dale Hoffman, Dan Nash, Bev Ponton, Ardath Regan, Edith Sargent, Emma Jean Sargent, Marjorie Smith, Jack Smith, Harriet Striggow, Terry Sizemore, Jerry Studer, ...and all of the members of the church who are facing health problems.

...for the families of the congregation and for those who are living alone. Pray that we can treat each other with care and compassion. Pray for members of the church who face difficult times or decisions.

...For our Session as they continuously seek God's leading for the life and future of our church...for the leaders and peoples of Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine and Egypt. Pray for peace in those nations and in our world. And please remember the men & women in our armed services in your prayers.

Handbell Choir



Bell Choir

Dear HPC Family,
We are getting organized for another bell choir performance - this

one for Palm Sunday, April 17. Please see Rob Privette for details.

Food Pantry



As the food need for people in our community is still growing, we will continue collecting food for the pantry at Holly First Baptist Church. Please remember to bring your canned or boxed food and place it in the Narthex.



Community Share Points from VG's

VG's has launched a new program called "VG's yes Rewards", beginning 1/9/11. This will give every customer the opportunity to earn free items, receive special discounts and exclusive offers, simply by shopping in their stores. It is easy to do. Just sign up at your favorite VG's store or go on-line to myyesrewards.com. Once signed up, you will receive a special VG's yes Rewards card to use each time you shop.

Your card will help you to start earning points. In addition, when you provide your email address you'll earn extra bonus points and other exclusive offers delivered directly into your inbox.



Office Hours

Regular office hours are Mon.-Thurs. 9am-2pm.

The office is closed on Fridays.

Up-to-date information is available at our [website](#) under "Church News" or you may contact the church at 248-634-9494.

Our Missionaries



Please pray for our missionaries. Up to date information on them can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall:

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Mission Statement

Holly Presbyterian Church is a community of faith in God that values peaceful, loving and just relationships in our church, families, and the world. Our Mission is to:

- Worship God in a faithful and joyful manner;
- Teach the Good News of the Christian faith, share that faith with each other and reach out to those beyond the church;



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February 14th, Our
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- Be a loving family dedicated to the biblical values of peace, love, faith, and justice;
- Develop a dynamic presence in our community under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.