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OUR CHURCH FAMILY_ PRAYER CONCERNS

For all those who are
shut in, or seeking
comfort and healing.

For Jack Smith, Dan
Nash, Jerry Studer, Pat
Frank, and Ivah Curle.

September Muse from Your Pastor

Rev. Dr. Sharlyn DeHaven Gates

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:12

Dear Church Family,

The countdown for our Congregational Retreat is getting shorter all the time. We now have 50 registered to participate! We have great team leaders who are committed to working on all the details so the experience will be the best possible for everyone. Please note who these leaders are and lift them up in prayer. Also, if you see an area you would be interested in helping with, please give them a call.

- Fran Olson - Hospitality Team (working to make us feel welcome and at home)

For all those affected by recent storms, hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and tornados.

For our service men and women, and national and world leaders.



Regular Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Pastor Gates can be reached at

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or

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Holiday Auction Fundraiser! Sunday, Oct. 23rd

Whether you are a crafter, an artist, or love to shop and bid at auction, mark your calendar for this fun event! Preparations are underway now!

Planning meetings will be held in September and October (see church calendar for dates and times) If you have any question see Donna Miller.

Current Fundraising

- Vicki Lyles - Prayer Team (praying for every member, whether attending the retreat or not, and for every detail of the retreat)
- Christine Cook - Activities Team (planning fun activities for all ages)
- Brian Parker - Fundraiser Team (working to find fun ways to help with costs)
- Laura Parker - Administration (registration, brochures, communication, etc,)
- Dessalee Cook - Worship (planning to make our worship meaningful and inspiring, and to be sure we have everything we need.)

Of course, I am also working to be sure we accomplish the goal of the retreat - that it will be a fun, relaxing time of being together and getting to know each other better, plus a time for sharing memories of the past and dreams for the future.

If you haven't signed up for the retreat yet, it is not too late! We realize there are some circumstances that are keeping some from being able to attend, but I hope, if at all possible, you will consider setting aside this time to be with your church family. I believe you will be glad you did.

There will be two worship services on October 2nd. Fred Gates will lead the service at HPC, and I will lead our service at Echo Grove Retreat Center. It is World Communion Sunday and will be a very special time of worship. Even though we won't all be together physically, we will be worshipping and celebrating communion at the same time, thinking and praying for one another.

We have exciting things planned for Fall at HPC! Sunday School for all ages begins September 11 at 9:00 a.m. with our worship time going back to 10:30 a.m. That morning we will commission our teachers during the worship service. Besides Sunday morning classes, opportunities for bible study and good discussion begin on September 15th, and continuing to meet on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. through November 10th. A study for women will be led by Laura Parker and for the men, led by Fred Gates. I will be meeting with our Teens For Christ each Sunday evening at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship hall for supper, fun, fellowship and study. Other youth leaders will be involved with helping as well.

The TFC have been getting ready for the "In the Beginning Baby Pantry" which will open September 17th after participating in the Patriots Day Parade. Please help us spread the word about this great new outreach ministry. And don't forget to come enjoy the fun at the Baby Shower that takes place on Sunday, September 11th following worship. It will be a fun event to celebrate the new ministry and help to build up our inventory. Thanks to all who have helped in so many ways to make this happen.

What a great congregation you are! I'm so excited about the fall and the coming year. May the Lord bless us and guide us in all we plan and do.

Peace and Grace!

Projects

Pastor Sharlyn

HPC has a couple of fundraising projects going on at this time.

Our Congregational Care Committee is still collecting **Vg's Grocery Store Community Share Points**. These share points are found at the bottom portion of your Vg's receipt and signify the amount of funds that the company will re-invest into the community.

Our Stewardship Committee is offering the opportunity to order **Great Lake Scrip** cards (like a gift card) to businesses that you already frequent. These businesses have committed a certain percentage of the face value of each card to the church. I great way to make sure your normal spending can help support the church.

Our Presbyterian Women are planning a **Holiday Auction** this fall on October 23rd!

Watch for our upcoming HPC Apparel project!

Congregational Retreat is going to ROCK!

No. . . *Elvis* won't be there. . .

You'll have to come to find out why it is going to rock!

Registration for this exciting event for the HPC family & Friends closes September 15th!

Reserve your room NOW! There will be great worship and study with Pastor Sharlyn, fun activities, games, bonfires and a hayride! Need a little quiet time too?

Then this is perfect for you. . . nice accommodations, plenty of free time to relax on the deck overlooking the lake, take a stroll or hike in the woods, relax and visit with friends, take time to pray, and do those devotionals that are so hard to fit into everyday life! So pack your bags, bring your favorite book or project and get away from life's craziness! Take a deep breath and retreat with us!



The Gathering in Bethany

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 18: 20

This year our children's Sunday school "The Gathering Place" will be meeting at "Mary and Martha's House" in Bethany to learn about the great ancestor's of our faith. We will be using a workshop rotation model with one lesson for the month learning it each week a different way through music and drama, story telling, and arts & crafts projects. The Gathering Place is looking for a few volunteers to help as "hosts" occasionally to read the story, or help with a song or craft. Please pray about whether God is calling you to lead our children by volunteering for at least one week. It is a rewarding way to spend a Sunday morning!





Teens For Christ!

The Teens will be meeting Every Sunday evening at 5:00pm to prepare & share a meal, activities and the **Re:Form** study. "Anti-Workbooks" will be provided. Pastor Sharlyn will be leading this study and will also use it to lead our 2012 confirmation class!

Adult Midweek Study & Fellowship

Thursday evening's beginning September 15 at 7pm the adults will meet to study and pray together. Women's study led by Laura Parker is "Confessing the Beatitudes". Thursday evening Men's study led by Fred Gates will look at the Special Issue of Presbyterian's Today "What Presbyterians Believe". Men and Women meet jointly one Thursday each month for a joint study led by Barbara Brown.

Reaching out in Ministry. . . .

Helping Kids be prepared go Back to School!

Our HPC Outreach Committee is collecting school supplies for our local kids! Share the love and abundance that you have been blessed with by helping kids in need head back to class prepared to learn! Items include spiral notebooks, loose leaf paper, pencils, glue sticks, memory sticks/flash drives, and folders.

In the Beginning Baby Pantry

Teens For Christ are still collecting baby items for the pantry. New and gently used clothing and linens, diapers, wipes, shampoo & baby wash are all welcome. The GRAND OPENING will be September 17 at 10:00 am with a Ribbon Cutting at 9:00 am. The teens will be participating in the Patriot Festival Parade that same day to promote the Baby Pantry.

Athletes In Action & Campus Crusade for Christ Newsletters are Here!

Newsletters from the Keefer's and lobst's are available to view on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or on our website at www.hollypc.org Please pray daily for our missionaries. If you would like to send a note of support to our missionaries you can send them to the addresses below:

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September 2011 Church Calendar

- 1 Thursday: Stewardship Mtg 7:00pm
- 4 Sunday: Worship 10:00 am
AA and Allanon Mtg 3:00pm
- 5 Monday: Labor Day
AA and Allanon Mtg 7:30pm
- 11 **Sunday: Sunday School Rally Day!**
Youth and Adult Classes 9:00 am
Coffee Hour 10am
Worship 10:30 am
Baby Pantry Shower following worship!
AA and Allanon Mtg 3:00pm
- 12 Monday: AA and Allanon Mtg 7:30pm
- 13 Tuesday: Auction Committee Mtg 7:00 pm
AYSO 7:00 pm - Fellowship Hall
- 14 Wednesday: AYSO Organization 7:00pm
- 15 Thursday: Retreat Registration Deadline.
Retreat Final Payments Due
Women's Bible Study 7:00pm
Men's Bible Study 7:00pm
- 17 Saturday: Baby Pantry Grand Opening 9:00am
TFC in Patriot Day Parade!
- 18 Sunday: Youth and Adult Classes 9:00 am
Coffee Hour 10am
Worship 10:30 am
AA and Allanon Mtg 3:00pm
TFC Dinner & Mtg 5:00pm
- 19 Monday: AA and Allanon Mtg 7:30pm
- 20 Tuesday: Presbytery Mtg All Day - Saginaw
Session Meeting 7:00pm
- 22 Thursday: Women's Bible Study 7:00pm
Men's Bible Study 7:00pm
- 25 Sunday: Youth and Adult Classes 9:00 am
Coffee Hour 10am
Worship 10:30 am
AA and Allanon Mtg 3:00pm
TFC Dinner & Mtg 5:00pm
- 26 Monday: AA and Allanon Mtg 7:30pm
- 29 Thursday: Women's Bible Study 7:00pm
Men's Bible Study 7:00pm
- 30 **Friday: CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT!!!! 5:00 pm**
Car Pool to Echo Grove 4PM

John Dau, One of The "Lost Boys of Sudan" Is Coming To Alma College



At the end of September, [Alma College](#) is hosting Mr. John Dau, one of the "Lost Boys of Sudan". Dau arrived in the United States in 2001 after experiencing the horrors of genocide in the Sudan. He has used his hardship to transform his own life and that of others in profound ways and now is an inspiration to many. In addition, Dau has founded a non-profit in order to improve the lives of the



residents of South Sudan. See
<http://johndaufoundation.org/>

On Wednesday, September 28, 2011 he is offering two events at Alma College that are open to the public.

- An afternoon workshop, 2-4 pm in Jones Auditorium for community and religious leaders on "Working for Change"
- An evening lecture, 8 pm in the Heritage Center for the general public on "Journey to Leadership"

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

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