



Holly Presbyterian Church

HPC Tidings

Believe. It's what we do.



Reflections From Your Pastor

Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

November is such a special month, isn't it? I love this time of year with all the pumpkins, acorns, fall decorations and of course, good food! I've always looked forward to Thanksgiving. When I was growing up, going to my grandmother's house for Thanksgiving was such a special treat. She set the table so beautifully and each one of us had a decorated, folded card with our name and a thanksgiving Psalm on it. We went around the table and each person read their Psalm and then said something we were thankful for. It was very meaningful, although, I confess sometimes my brother and I became impatient to start eating those huge turkey drumsticks!

This year, I'm thankful for my new church family at Holly Presbyterian Church! Fred and I give thanks every day for all of you and to God for leading us here. We are thankful for our home, for Holly, for being close to daughter Annie and her family and for the honor of being called to serve as pastor's in Christ's Church. We truly do have so much to be thankful for!

I also love this time of year as we turn our focus on stewardship - particularly the stewardship of our money. Jesus said "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." I think this is where the rubber meets the road, so to speak. I don't know about you, but I find money to be the hardest to give up control of. It's money that I worry about the most - whether there will be enough to meet my monthly obligations;

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CALENDAR



EVENTS CALENDAR

- NOV 2 AYSO MTG 7:00pm
- NOV 3 BIBLE STUDY 7:00pm
- NOV 6 AA MTG 3:00pm
- NOV 6 TFC MEAL & MTG 5:00pm
- NOV 6 CONG. CARE After Church
- NOV 7 AA & ALANON 7:30pm
- NOV 8 WORSHIP MTG 7:00pm
- NOV 9 AYSO MTG 7:00pm
- NOV 10 BIBLE STUDY 7:00pm
- NOV 13 CONG. MEETING*
- *Immediately following our regular worship service.
- NOV 13 AA MTG 3:00pm
- NOV 13 TFC MEAL & MTG 5:00pm
- NOV 14 AA & ALANON 7:30pm
- NOV 15 SESSION MTG 7:00pm
- NOV 17 BIBLE STUDY 7:00pm
- NOV 20 COMMITMENT SUNDAY
- NOV 20 AA MTG 3:00pm
- NOV 20 TFC MEAL & MTG 5:00pm
- NOV 20 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE @HPC 7:00pm
- NOV 21 AA & ALANON 7:30pm
- NOV 24 OFFICE CLOSED
- NOV 24 NO BIBLE STUDY
- NOV 27 NO TFC



whether I'll have enough to retire on someday; if I'm going to be able to afford a trip to see family.

Not having money, or having it and being concerned about where to invest it - are on a lot people's minds, wouldn't you agree?

I believe that making a commitment of giving to God - even stepping out in faith in giving more than I've given before - ends in more trust in God for everything in my life. I believe that the more I am able to give in faith and gratitude, the more my gifts are multiplied and the more satisfied I am with what I have.

The Apostle Paul said, "God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others." - 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 (CEV) When it comes right down to it, that's what I really want - to do all kinds of good things for others.

As a follower of Jesus, that's what I want. As a human with an ego, I sometimes forget that high calling. I get frustrated with myself when I spend too much on things that really don't matter, when I charge too much on a credit card.

I sometimes have to fall on my knees and ask God to forgive me for being so self-centered because when I spend too much money on myself, then there is not enough to give what I know would be helpful to others, and that would ultimately strengthen my own faith and relationship with my Lord.

I suspect I am not alone in my personal struggle with money. I think many of us have those human tendencies to hoard, or to spend too much and then regret that we don't have more to give when we see a need.

As I make my pledge for this coming year, I am going to renew my commitment to try to spend less on yours truly and to give more for the sake of those who are in need. I believe giving to my church is a way to do that as we are actively doing the ministry of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Will you join me? November 20th is the day when we will lovingly offer our commitments to God with a special worship service of consecration and dedication of our pledges. Please bring your pledge cards with you to worship that day.



In the Beginning Baby Pantry

2011 Dates

November 19, 10am - 2pm

December 17, 10am - 2pm

We have been able to help five families in our first month of operation and expect to see that number increase over the winter months. Please continue to support this important ministry.

HPC TO HOST
COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE

NOVEMBER 20th
7:00pm

TOWN HALL MTG
Holly Area
Community Coalition
"It Takes a Community
to Stay Drug Free"

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011
7:00pm -8:30pm
920 E. Baird St.
Karl Richter Campus
Auditorium

Part One of a Three Part Series



Peace and Grace!
Sharlyn

Dear Church Family,

What a great surprise you gave on Sunday for Pastor Appreciation! I wasn't even aware that there was such a thing. You certainly made my day - I feel very affirmed in my call to HPC, doing ministry with and among all of you. The generous gift of gas cards is a true blessing for me as I go on vacation.

Thank you so very much!

Sharlyn

Thank You. . . .

Michele and I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome we received from the Holly Presbyterian Church.

In effort for everyone to get to know us a little better we wanted to share some information about us. Michele and I have been married 12 years and live in Swartz Creek. Michele is in her 6th year as an elementary teacher at City School in the Perry Center in Grand Blanc. I have been working at Plante Moran as a part of the technology group in the Southfield office for 12 years. At this time we don't have any children except for our two cat Caleb and Jack, maybe sometime in the future God will bless us with children until then we will continue to clean the litter box out each week instead of diapers.

We have been attending the First Presbyterian Church in Fenton for the last 13 years and have been involved in many different parts of the church. Although we have had a lot of great memories in Fenton we are excited about starting new memories with the Holly church community.

Once again Michele and I would like to thank you for making us part of your family.

There are number of small fundraisers that are ongoing efforts. Each opportunity offers easy participation!



Bring in used ink jet cartridges and old cell phones to the church and we will send them in to Phone Raiser who recycles them and pays us for them. There is a basket in the Narthex.



Order Scrip Gift Cards for merchants that you are already shopping with and the church can receive a percentage back from the merchant.



Check out Good Search and help the church earn money

~Shaun

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