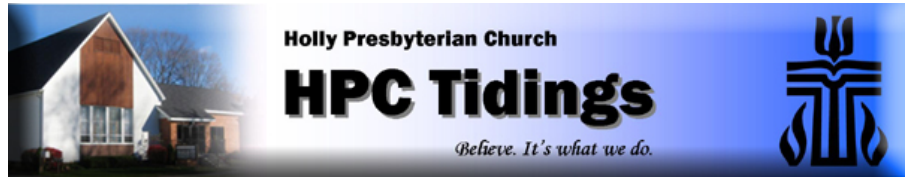


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# Happy New Year!



## *Reflections From Your Pastor*

**"Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them." Isaiah 42:9**

Happy New Year! I love the beginning of a new year, don't you? There is something about moving from one year into the new that has a refreshing feel to it. We look back at 2011 and give thanks for all the blessings that were ours - even the ones we received in times of pain and difficulty, because we knew we were not alone. Our God, who is our refuge and strength was present, helping us through those trying times and has brought us to this new place.

Fred and I give many thanks for this new place God where has led us - here in Holly at HPC with a new congregation that we have quickly grown to love and enjoy living among. The year 2011 brought much transition for us; many changes that were really not too difficult, with the help of all of you. In many ways, it feels as if we have been here much longer than we have. We are happy, comfortable and enjoying life and ministry with our church family at Holly Presbyterian Church.

The year 2012 holds so much promise for us. As people of faith, we give thanks for the new things that God is promising. It has been said that God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. God never changes. And I believe that is true. God's faithfulness is trustworthy for all time. But, the Scriptures show us that while God's love and mercy is always the same, God's activity in the world is constantly moving, never static.

Just looking at our own history, if we believe in God's participation with us humans, we know that things have not stayed the same, and we can trust that God's hand has been a part of that change.

JAN 1 WORSHIP 10:30am  
AA 3:00pm  
JAN 2 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm  
JAN 3 AVNEE'S ANGELS 6:30pm  
WORSHIP MTG 7:00pm  
JAN 5 ADULT STUDY 7:00pm  
JAN 8 WORSHIP 10:30am  
CONG. MTG/SESSION  
MTG  
AA 3:00pm  
TFC 5:30pm  
JAN 9 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm  
JAN 10 AVNEE'S ANGELS 6:30pm  
JAN 11 YOGA GROUP 4:30pm  
JAN 12 BIBLE STUDY MENS  
& WOMENS 7:00pm  
JAN 14 ELDERS TRAINING 9:00  
JAN 15 WORSHIP 10:30am  
CCC MTG after Worship  
AA 3:00pm  
TFC 5:30pm  
JAN 16 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm  
JAN 17 AVNEE'S ANGELS 6:30pm  
SESSION MTG 7:00pm  
JAN 18 YOGA GROUP 4:30pm  
JAN 19 BIBLE STUDY MENS  
& WOMENS 7:00pm  
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JAN 23 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm  
AA 3:00pm  
TFC 5:30pm  
  
JAN 24 AVNEE'S ANGELS 6:30pm  
SESSION MTG 7:00pm  
JAN 25 YOGA GROUP 4:30pm  
JAN 26 BIBLE STUDY MENS  
& WOMENS 7:00pm  
JAN 28 NEW MEMBER CLASS  
10am Lunch Served  
JAN 29 WORSHIP 10:30am  
AA 3:00pm  
TFC 5:30pm  
JAN 30 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm  
JAN 31 ANVEE'S ANGELS 6:30pm

Looking further back (way, way back) we can see how God was actively leading and wooing people to follow and to know this Almighty, Creating God: through Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Rachel, Moses, from Ruth, David and all the prophets God called and led and participated in the lives of the people. We read of an amazing new thing when Jesus was born. The Son of God, the Messiah, the Savior who came to shine the way for those who simply could not see how God loves us. Jesus is the one who came to save us from sin and ultimately to give us life eternal. No longer is death a thing to fear!

But even after that, people rose up to continue the ministry of Jesus, to start Christian communities that would continue to grow and change and spread the Good News of God's amazing love!

We've seen so many changes over the years! We've experienced change in the church as well as in our personal lives. Some of us don't adjust to change too easily, but just think how it would be if nothing changed! We would grow stale and bored and the life in us would not have much zest.

Aren't you so interested in seeing what new and amazing things God will do with us in the year 2012? We don't know yet just what it is, but we can be sure we will see it and we can trust that God will be in it with us all the way!

The new year brings a new beginning. We can start over with some things. It is a time to clean out the old, keep what is of value, learn from our mistakes and let them go. It is a time to embrace a new start.

## Congregational Meeting

January 8th, 2012

following worship.

All members are asked to stay for this brief meeting to elect additional new elders to serve for the 2012-2014 terms. A Session Meeting will be held following the

Together, let us joyfully welcome the new year of 2012 into our lives, into the church and into our hearts.

Peace and Grace!

Sharlyn

Your pastor and friend



congregational meeting.

## FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

We have two extra "Journey of Faith Candles" from our recent fundraiser. Please see Laura Parker if you are interested in purchasing a candle. The scents are Teakwood and Fern, and Cinnamon Apple. The cost is \$12 with the proceeds going to offset retreat costs.

**Join Our Mailing List**

Dear Church Family,

What a delightful surprise you gave us at Christmas, with all the beautiful Christmas ornaments and the generous gift of cash! We are still smiling and giving thanks for you and for your generous, loving gifts. Thank you all so very much!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
*Sharlyn and Fred*



### **BABY PANTRY UPDATE:**

**JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup>, 10am 0in**

Items that are needed:

- Winter clothes and sleepers
- Wipes and Baby Wash.

If you are planning on donating any items please keep these sizes in mind. TFC appreciates the support you are giving to this important mission!

### **OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE TO THE COMMUNITY!**

There has been a need for visits to the baby pantry during the month between the Saturdays that the pantry is manned by the TFC. We are looking for a few adult members that would be willing to open the baby pantry one weekday each month. Please see Christine Cook, Mandie Banks, or Laura Parker if you are interested in participating in this exciting and fulfilling ministry!



### **AVNEE'S ANGELS GRIEF SUPPORT**

**GROUP** A time for parent's and grandparents, who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion or early infant death to reflect, pray and honor these babies. The group will meet at 6:30pm on Tuesday evenings. For more

information please contact Mandie Banks at 248-249-4343 or the church office at 248-634-9494

**NEW MEMBER CLASS!  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH  
10:00AM - 12:30 PM**



Lunch will be provided. Anyone interested in exploring membership at Holly Presbyterian Church is welcome to come meet with Pastor Sharlyn. If you have questions, contact the church office by calling 248-634-9494 or sending an email to [office@hollypc.org](mailto:office@hollypc.org).

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS**

- For all those who are in nursing homes, shut in, or seeking comfort and healing.
- For Jack Smith, Dan Nash, Judy Studer, Pat Frank, Ardath Regan, Margaret Rainey, and Joey Olson.
- For all those struggling financially due to job loss and economic setbacks.
- For our service men and women, and national and world leaders.

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday

9:00am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Office Closed on Monday