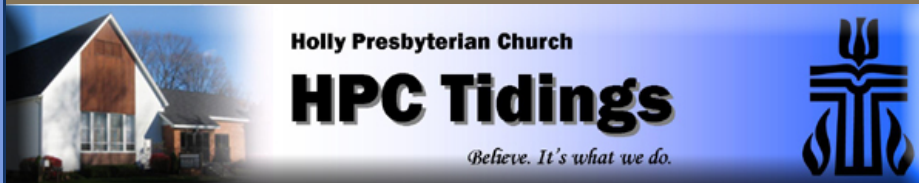


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*Journeying on to Easter
 A Message From Your Pastor*

By now we are fast approaching the end of the wilderness journey through Lent and we know that Easter is the goal. But before we reach that glorious destination, those of us who are seriously focused on completing this 40 day trip through Lent, will most definitely find that the last week will be the darkest valley in the wilderness.

That is the valley of Holy Week. Holy Week begins, of course, with Palm Sunday. On that day we start with a sense of joy and celebration, waving palms and singing "Hosanna!" It can be deceiving for us because we are so ready by now to finally come out of the wilderness and be done with the somberness of Lent.

Yet, before the Palm Sunday service is over, we realize we have a little further to go. We go from waving palms to having a sense of gloom as we consider once again the suffering of our Lord. The Church has called this the "Passion" of Christ. He

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Easter Basket Project!



The Congregational Care Committee will be

was passionate about finishing his journey and his mission. The end goal was to give the world a new covenant - forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God. In Christ's death and resurrection we find amazing grace and new life forever. But that grace and new life came with a costly sacrifice. On the cross, our Lord was in great pain, was humiliated and shamed. He endured a horrendous death for our sakes. That is passionate love, don't you agree?

Holy Week gets busy! We start with Palm Sunday, as I said, waving palms and singing, but go out that morning from worship knowing that the coming days for Jesus meant agony and death. Thursday night, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a soup supper and a drama, to reenact the meal that Jesus and his disciples had together on that last night before he was arrested. All of us will participate in that reenactment at times. We have a cast of actors who will portray Jesus and the disciples. They are meeting often and practicing. I hope you won't miss this great opportunity!

On Friday night we will gather again, this time in the sanctuary for a Good Friday Tenebrae service. This service will be a quiet, somber reminder of the day Jesus died. At the end of the service the last of our Lenten candles will be extinguished - the Christ candle. We go out to spend that night and Saturday reflecting on Jesus death and what it meant for us.

But you can be sure this is not the end!!! You don't want to miss the Easter celebration of the resurrection of our Lord! After 40 days in the wilderness - my hope is you will be more in tune with your own spiritual sense of being and will have met and conquered the wild things in your life (at

collecting items for the Ennis Center for Children's Easter baskets. We have done this in past years and it has been greatly appreciated. Suggested items to donate would be educational books, color books, crayons, toys, stickers, Easter related items such as plastic eggs, grass, and candy. Ages of the children are 13 and under, however, teens are considered too.

We will be collecting these donations Sunday, April 1st.

The Ennis Center will be picking up the baskets after Sunday, April 1st. Any questions, contact Roberta Single or Mary Renico. Thank you for your generous support.

The Baby Pantry is Growing!



***In the Beginning* is open on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, in addition to the third Saturday.**

March Dates & Times

Friday, April 13th
10:00am-12:00pm

least for a time). Easter will be a glorious, joyous time of "coming home" after the Lenten journey.

I am praying for you all as we walk together through the valley of Holy Week and as we look forward to being on the other side - the bright and joyful place of Easter.

Peace and Grace,

Rev. Sharlyn
Your Pastor and Friend

Holy Week Events

Join us for meaningful celebrations of Christ's sacrifice and victory for us!



*Palm Sunday Worship
April 1st 10:30 am*

*"A Room Upstairs"
Maundy Thursday Drama and Soup Supper
April 5th 6:30pm*

*Community Good Friday Service
Hosted by Calvary United Methodist Church
Presented by the Holly Clergy Association
April 6th 12:00 Noon*

*Good Friday Tenebrae Prayer Service
April 6th 7:00pm*

Saturday, April 21st
10:00am-2:00pm

Friday, April 27th
10:00am-12:00pm



OUR CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

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

For Dan Nash, Pat Frank, Ardath Regan, Judy Studer, Marjorie Smith, Beth Dryer, Bill & Mary Renico, Lynn & Gary Wallis, Mark and Del Ridley, Quinn Elliott, Travis, Claudia Morton-Peters, and Beatrice Johnston.

For all those struggling financially due to job loss and economic setbacks.

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

Digging Deeper Study

*Easter Sunday Worship
April 8th 10:30am*

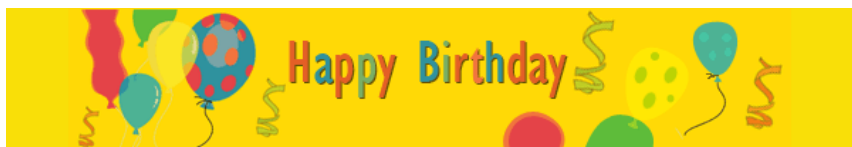


2012 Ecumenical One Great Hour of Sharing Video

*One Great Hour of Sharing
Sharing resources, changing lives*

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with those in need. Your generous gifts assist those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help build strong communities. Our congregation will receive this offering on Palm Sunday April 1st and Easter Sunday April 8th.

Celebrating 100 Years!



HPC member *Ivah Curle* will celebrate her 100th Birthday on April 25th, 2012.

Please join Ivah and her family to celebrate her life at a



Digging Deeper is on hiatus through out Lent and will resume in May. This monthly coed study gathers together men and women into one group on the first Thursday of the month, where we discuss more in-depth topics about the history behind our faith. We are currently listening to and discussing a series of lectures about the writing of the New Testament (or the New Covenant). Who really wrote what, when were things put down in writing, and why was the original text written in Greek rather than Aramaic are some of the things we are considering.

The 1st Thursday of every month @ 7:00pm

OUR NEXT SESSION

IS IN MAY!

Leader: Barb Brown

cake and punch reception.

April 25th, 2012
2:00pm to 4:00pm
In the Fellowship Hall.

If you are unable to attend the reception please consider sending Ivah a birthday card at:

Mrs. Ivah Curle
Wynwood of Grand Blanc
5080 Baldwin Rd.
Holly, Mi 48442



All New Ordering Schedule!

Great Lakes Scrip Program is a simple and easy way to support Holly Presbyterian Church.

Here's how it works:

- On the First Sunday of each month order your gift cards at face value for your favorite restaurant, retail store, gas station, movie theater, etc. (the list is endless)
- On the Second Sunday of each month you will receive your order.
- The church will earn, on average, 4-5% of the face value of the cards ordered.

The Stewardship committee hopes everyone will prayerfully consider supporting this fundraising program. Please see the order form that has been included with your bulletin.

Orders can be turned into the Great Lakes Scrip table on the first Sunday of each month, or placed in the offering plate. If you have any questions please see Christine Cook, Vicki Lyles or Kay VanderKuy.

Thank you for your support!



COLLECTING USED CELL PHONES & INK JET CARTRIDGES!



If you have old cell phones, or empty ink jet cartridges that you want to get rid of we can help! The church is collecting these items as part of the "Phoneraiser" fundraising program. We collect the items and mail them in to Phoneraiser, who checks the phones and pays us for any functioning phones and useable ink cartridges and then properly recycles the unusable items. This great program provides us with a no-cost, easy fundraiser, and a way to be good stewards of God's creation by protecting groundwater

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

- Apr 1 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am
PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30am
AA 3:00pm
TFC MEAL & STUDY 5:00pm
AA AND ALANON 7:00pm
- Apr 2 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm
- Apr 3 DRAMA DRESS REHEARSAL 7:00pm
- Apr 4 WORSHIP MTG 7:00pm
- Apr 5 "A Room Upstairs" DRAMA & SUPPER 6:30pm
- Apr 6 COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
12:00pm
Location: Calvary United Methodist Church
- Apr 6 GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE PRAYER SERVICE
7:00pm
- Apr 8 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am
EASTER WORSHIP 10:30am
AA 3:00pm
NO TFC MEAL & STUDY
- Apr 9 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm
- Apr 10 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE 7:00pm
- Apr 11 CHRISTIAN ED. MTG 7:00pm
- Apr 12 YOGA GROUP 6:15pm- EveningPractice
- Apr 13 BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 2:00pm
- Apr 15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am
WORSHIP 10:30am
AA 3:00pm
TFC MEAL & STUDY 5:00pm
- Apr 16 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm
- Apr 17 PROPERTY MTG 7:00pm
- Apr

that would be contaminated by the chemicals in these items.
A drop box is in the narthex.



Save Your VG's Receipts!

Bring your Vg's receipts to church and we can turn them to generate funds through Vg's Community Share Points program. There is a poster with a pocket for the receipts in the kitchen.



YOUR INTERNET SEARCHES CAN HELP THE CHURCH!

Check out Good Search online to find out how! It's SO easy and has great potential to support the ministries here at HPC!

- 18 CONG. CARE MTG 6:30pm
- Apr 19 YOGA GROUP 6:15pm- EveningPractice
AYSO 7:30pm
- Apr 20 BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 12:00pm
MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE: JACK DAVIS 2pm - 8pm
- Apr 22 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am
WORSHIP 10:30am
AA 3:00pm
TFC MEAL & STUDY 5:00pm
- Apr 23 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm
- Apr 24 OUTREACH MTG 6:00pm
SESSION MTG 7:00pm
- Apr 25 AVNEE'S ANGELS GRIEF SUPPORT 6:30PM
- Apr 26 YOGA GROUP 6:15pm- EveningPractice
- Apr 29 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am
WORSHIP 10:30am
AA 3:00pm
TFC MEAL & STUDY 5:00pm
- Apr 30 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm



Annual Garage Sale!

The dates for the 2012 Church Garage Sale are Thursday, May 31st through Saturday, June 2nd. Please save your unwanted items for this important church fundraiser. We will be announcing when and where items can be stored at the church. Mark your calendars to help during set up and pricing the May 28th-30th.

FYI. . . .Rev. Sharlyn's Moving Vacation

Rev. Sharlyn will be on vacation so she and Fred can move into their new home, from April 9th through April 21st. If you need pastoral care during that time please contact the church office at 248-634-9494 or after hours Laura Parker at 248-634-2773 (home). Please be praying for Rev. Sharlyn & Fred's move to this new more peaceful living space. If you would like to help with the move, please contact the church office to find out how we can support our Pastor in this time of transition.

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