



The Long Journey is Over. . . A Message From Your Pastor

We made it! The long Lenten journey is over and we have come to joyous Easter. Resurrection has once again burst into our lives, reminding us that, regardless of how grim and hopeless things might seem at times, there is always new life, new beginnings coming our way. God's power, grace and love have been exemplified in God's Son, Jesus the Christ. In Him we have hope and comfort, joy and delight, salvation and life eternal.

What I've come to realize with this past Lenten experience, however, is that the work I am doing with my own spiritual growth doesn't really end with Easter. It was the beginning of a new search for deeper connections to my Savior. Celebrating the resurrection gives the hope and strength for even more renewal and joy in the process. Truth is I've always been on this Lenten journey. All my life I've worked on growing in the faith, strengthening my prayer life, working toward the goal of becoming a more dedicated disciple, a joyful child of God, a better pastor and preacher, a servant for the Lord. Lent just gives me a time for more focus.

I was so proud of all of you during that Lenten journey. I talked with many who were truly spending that time for reflection and growth. Holy Week was so extremely busy, but such a meaningful time with our extra services. Our drama actors who participated in the play - "The Room Upstairs" put in many dedicated hours to make it the best presentation possible. The servants did a great job of serving. The decorations were perfect, as was the food.

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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.**

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It was a great time to remember Jesus and the disciples on that night before his arrest.

As we move on into the next season in the church year - with Confirmation coming on Mother's Day, hearing about and celebrating the ministry and mission of the lobsts on May 20, preparing for the upcoming garage sale and just celebrating the life of the church, we do so with joy and renewed energy as we are Easter people!

Fred and I got moved to our new home after Easter and are enjoying it very much. We so appreciate all the help and food, as well as the prayers, given by many. Moving was not at the top of our list for fun things to do after Easter (or anytime) we are happy that we did it. We continue to know that we are very blessed to be in Holly among all of you, serving together in ministry and being a part of this wonderful church family.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Let us live and work together as Easter people.

Peace and Grace,

Rev. Sharlyn
Your Pastor and Friend

Confirmation 2012



On May 13th during our worship service we will confirm four of our young people into the family of faith.

*Rebecca Cook
Anderson Muenzer
Allison Muenzer*

Friday, May 11th
10:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, May 19th
10:00am-2:00pm

Friday, May 25th
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

Mackenzie Nash

The families would like to invite everyone to join them for a light lunch and cake immediately following worship to celebrate this special day!

CONSUMER ENERGY SHARES PROGRAM FOR SENIORS!

The following Article was reprinted with the permission of Consumers Energy.

"Senior Citizens Can Count on Us"

Are you 65 or older and head of the household? Have you notified Consumers Energy of your senior citizen status?

You can do so today by filling out the form on our website:

[Click Here to Sign Up Today!](#), or by calling 1-800-477-5050.

As a senior citizen you may qualify for: shut-off protection, no late payment charges, payment assistance, special rate provisions and more!

Not a senior but know someone who is? Encourage them to report their senior citizen status to us so we can code their account. For more information

& additional resources,

visit: <http://www.ConsumersEnergy.com/seniors>

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY!

Study



Digging Deeper resumes on May 3rd. 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

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GROW IN KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING!

Leader: Barb Brown



*Saturday, May 12th
Starting at 9:00am*

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this work day. Many projects from simple cleaning and maintenance to skilled work need to be done, so there is something for EVERYONE!

If you can't attend consider bringing food to feed the work crews. Contact Lori Goldsmith with any questions. 810-397-9722 or email her at lagoldsmith537690@gmail.com

Many hands make light work!

Per Capita Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who contributed toward our per capita costs. The extra donations received covered one third of the total cost - \$848 of \$2562.

Bless you all! Vicki Lyles, Treasurer



**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



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!

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

- May 1 TECHNOLOGY MTG 7:00pm
- May 2 WORSHIP MTG 7:00pm
- May 3 YOGA GROUP 6:15pm - Evening Practice
DIGGING DEEPER STUDY 7:00pm
AYSO 7:30pm
- May 4 TFC LOCK-IN
- May 5 BABY PANTRY MOVING DAY! 10 AM
- May 6 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am
PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30am

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!

- AA 3:00pm
TFC MEAL & STUDY 5:00pm
AA AND ALANON 7:00pm
- May 7 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm
- May 8 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE 7:00pm
- May 9 CONG. CARE MTG 6:30pm
CHRISTIAN ED. MTG 7:00pm
- May 10 YOGA GROUP 6:15pm - Evening Practice
MEN'S & WOMEN'S STUDIES 7:00om
- May 11 BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 12:00pm
- May 12 ALL CHURCH WORK DAY 9AM
- May 13 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am
EASTER WORSHIP 10:30am
AA 3:00pm
NO TFC MEAL & STUDY
- May 14 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm
- May 17 YOGA GROUP 6:15pm - Evening Practice
MEN'S & WOMEN'S STUDIES 7:00om
- May 19 BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 2:00pm
- May 20 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am
WORSHIP 10:30am
AA 3:00pm
TFC MEAL & STUDY 5:00pm
- May 21 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm
- May 22 OUTREACH MTG 6:00pm
SESSION MTG 7:00pm
- May 24 YOGA GROUP 6:15pm - Evening Practice
MEN'S & WOMEN'S STUDIES 7:00om
- May 25 BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 12:00pm
- May 27 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am
WORSHIP 10:30am
AA 3:00pm
TFC MEAL & STUDY 5:00pm
- May 28 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm
- May 29 SET UP GARAGE SALE
PROPERTY MTG 7:00pm
- May 30 SET UP GARAGE SALE
- May 31 GARAGE SALE



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. Items can be brought to the church on May 26th - 28th, please make arrangements with Beth Dryer (248-634-7827) to have someone open the church. If you need bring items before those dates they can be stored at the church. Mark your calendars to help during set up and pricing the May 28th-30th.

SAVE THE DATE!



CONGREGATIONAL

SEPTEMBER 28 & 29

FYI. . . .Recipe correction!

For those of you with a church cookbook, I need to make a correction to the recipe for communion bread on page 51. I'm sorry I didn't catch it sooner, but this is not where I go to get the recipe. The amounts of the first three ingredients (flours and cornstarch) should be 1-1/3 cups each, not 2/3 cup.

My fault, and I apologize!!
Vicki

Looking Ahead to Summer. . .

Summer is just around the corner! Mark your calendar for these important dates.

June 3rd - Recognition Sunday and the Gather'Round Picnic. We will recognize our 2012 graduates and others.

June 10th - Summer worship hours begin! Be here bright and early at 10:00am.



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