

## *Transforming. . . A Message From Your Pastor*

*"When I am confronted by God's Word, I am sometimes able to recognize that some change is needed in my life. Ordinarily I name this piece of growth, transformation. Of course, the other side of transformation is that until I am able to integrate the change into my life, with a certain acceptance, it feels more like death."*

*Macrina Wiederkehr, Abide, Keeping Vigil with the Word of God*

I read this quote from Macrina Wiederkehr this week in my daily devotions. It really stood out for me as I consider my own experiences with change. Change, of course, is inevitable for us. If we are breathing, we are changing: our physical bodies, our minds, our perspectives on life, our environment, and our relationships. We know it is happening and most of the time we go with the flow and adjust. But some of the time it is too big and too fast and it really does feel like death. We go through a period of grief because there is a sense of loss.

The Church is as prone to going through cycles of change as much as individuals are. Those of us who are older members have memories of "the good old days" when the church was bursting at the seams with children and youth and families. We were busy with programs and classes. We were building on additions because we needed more room!

Today, we see change is happening but, as Wiederkehr says, until we are able to integrate it into our lives, with acceptance, it feels a bit like death. Church does not, and

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**The Baby Pantry is Growing!**



***In the Beginning* is open  
on the second and fourth  
Fridays of each month, in**

most assuredly will not, look the same as it used to. It is moving in new directions. What feels like loss, I am hopeful, is simply transformation. The Great Potter is reshaping us to look and be different. And if God is doing the reshaping, we can be positive it will be a glorious change! From how we do communication, to team work (committees), worship, educational classes, even fellowship might look very different.

One thing that does not change, however, is the purpose of the Church. The great commission by our Lord Jesus Christ is to GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES. Getting out of our building and into community, being passionate about our faith and our love for Christ and the church, spreading the good message of God's salvation to all through Jesus - being filled with the Holy Spirit and allowing that Spirit to make us bold as the early apostles' became - teaching our children and grandchildren the faith - all those great ends of the church are our stable, non changing factors.

Let us focus on our goals, celebrate past memories, and joyfully move into the new life of transformation that the Holy Spirit is moving us to! May God bless us as we continue to love Him and one another and serve the Church for His purposes.

Peace and Grace!  
Rev. Sharlyn

## *Building Christ's Church* ... **WORK DAY!**



**On Saturday June 30th at 9:00am we will gather to work on several projects. The most pressing being the west side of the**

**addition to the third Saturday.**

### July Dates & Times

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

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

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



## **CAPITAL BUILDING CAMPAIGN Update!**

Capital Building Campaign Pledges

This campaign is to raise the funds needed to complete the repairs and recovery of the west end basement.

We set a goal of **June 24th** to have received all the pledges for the first phase our building project.

We have received \$16,460 in total pledges and we have received just over \$9,000 of the total

basement. There are other tasks that need attention for those unable to work in the basement area. Please contact Lori Goldsmith with any questions or requests. A log book is available in the narthex to post any repairs that are not already on our lists.

*The crew will need to be fed lunch, so if you can participate that way it would be great.  
Give Lori a call at 810-397-9722*



## JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

- Jul 1      WORSHIP 10:00am  
            WORSHIP COMMITTEE MTG 11:45am  
            AA 3:00pm
- Jul 2      AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Jul 3      TECHNOLOGY MTG 7:00pm
- Jul 4      OFFICE CLOSED
- Jul 5      NO PRAYER & STUDY at the Gate's  
            Home
- Jul 8      AA 3:00pm
- Jul 7      AA AND ALANON 7:00pm
- Jul 8      WORSHIP 10:00am  
            AA 3:00pm
- Jul 9      AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Jul 10     STEWARDSHIP MTG 7:00pm
- Jul 11     CONGREGATIONAL CARE MTG 6:30pm  
            CHRISTIAN ED. MTG 7:00pm
- Jul 12     NO PRAYER & STUDY at the Gate's  
            Home
- Jul 13     BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 12:00pm  
            RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 2:00pm -  
            8pm
- Jul 14     PRIVATE PARTY/REHEARSAL
- Jul 15     WORSHIP IN THE PARK & POTLUCK  
            10:00am  
            WEDDING Perry/Schulze 3:00pm  
            AA 4:30pm\* This week only

pledged funds.

Our goal is \$30,000

Please prayerfully consider how you can support the efforts to repair and maintain a safe healthy place of worship & service to God!



**HOLLY CANDLE CO.**  
is partnering with us  
on an ongoing  
fundraiser!

This local company uses only Michigan grown soy products in their top quality candles! You can pick up a packet in the narthex. Each time we have \$250 in orders we will place an order and they will custom create our order for us. See Mandie Banks if you have any questions.

**We keep 40% of all  
proceeds!**

If you love candles or know someone who does please consider participating!

Jul 16 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm  
 Jul 17 OUTREACH 6:00pm  
 SESSION 7:00pm  
 Jul 18 OFFICE CLOSED  
 Jul 19 OFFICE CLOSED  
 PRAYER & STUDY at the Gate's Home  
 6:30pm  
 Jul 20 OFFICE CLOSED  
 Jul 21 BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm  
 Jul 22 WORSHIP 10:00am  
 AA 3:00pm  
 Jul 23 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm  
 Jul 24 PROPERTY MTG 7:00pm  
 Jul 26 PRAYER & STUDY at the Gate's Home  
 6:30pm  
 OFFICE CLOSED  
 Jul 27 BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 12:00pm  
 OFFICE CLOSED  
 Jul 28 PRIVATE PARTY  
 Jul 29 WORSHIP 10:00am  
 AA 3:00pm  
 Jul 30 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

## AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

Aug 1 WORSHIP COMMITTEE MTG 7:00pm  
 PRAYER & STUDY at the Gate's Home  
 Aug 2 6:30pm  
 Aug 4 BRUNCH WITH MISS EMILY 11:00am  
 Aug 5 WORSHIP 10:00am  
 AA 3:00pm  
 CINDY POWELL CONCERT! 6:30pm  
 Aug 6 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm  
 Aug 7 VBS SET UP! ALL HANDS ON DECK!  
 TECHNOLOGY MTG 7:00pm  
 Aug 8 CONGREGATIONAL CARE MTG 6:30pm  
 VBS!! 6:30 -8:30pm  
 Aug 9 VBS!! 6:30 -8:30pm  
 Aug 10 VBS!! 6:30 -8:30pm  
 REUNION WITH A CAUSE 6:00pm  
 BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 12:00pm  
 WORSHIP 10:00am - Special VBS  
 Aug 12 Service!  
 AA 3:00pm



### 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 that would be contaminated by the chemicals in these items.

**A drop box is in the narthex.**



Aug 13 AA AND ALANON 7:00pm  
 Aug 14 STEWARDSHIP MTG 7:00pm  
 Aug 15 CHRISTIAN ED. MTG 7:00pm  
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### 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 he ministries here at HPC!



### NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN!

Our Outreach Committee



Home Fellowship!

## Prayer & Study Group!

Fred and I will be hosting a prayer and study group in our home during the summer on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. This is something you can participate in every week or at different times through the summer.

In the coming months, I plan on leading us into the next phase of building up the church that we began during our first congregational retreat last fall. We want our church to grow both spiritually and physically. There are two very important things we can be doing to accomplish that growth - prayer and visioning - so we can develop goals with an intentional process.

In these prayer and study groups we will focus on five themes:

- Passionate Worship
- Radical Hospitality
- Intentional Faith Development

- o Risk-taking Mission and Service
- o Extravagant Generosity

We will focus on one topic for 3 weeks and then move to another topic. It will be informal, fun and hopefully a meaningful time of discussion and prayer for our church. I hope to have members of all ages come. If young adults need a nursery, let me know and we will make arrangements.

Our address is 578 Dockside Circle. Everyone is welcome!  
Peace and Grace!

Rev. Sharlyn

## Holly's Reunion With A Cause Cancer Walk



This year we will again be participating in the **Reunion With A Cause** cancer walk sponsored by the **Genesys Health Foundation**. This event is a fun-filled, non-competitive evening celebration to commemorate those lives touched by cancer and to raise money to support cancer patients. **100%** of the money raised will go directly to **Genesys** cancer patients who are in need of help with such costs as medicine, chemotherapy treatments, transportation to and from medical appointments, and much more.

**Friday, August 10, 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm**  
**Holly High School's track.**

If you are willing to be on the "team" for our church and get donations, see Roberta Single at church or call (248) 634-4360. For every \$100 you collect you will get a free Reunion With A Cause t-shirt. A flyer with more information will be available soon on Sundays.

is looking for people in the church family interested in volunteering at Flint's North End Soup Kitchen. This opportunity to serve in the local mission field is open to people of all ages!

A Sign-Up Sheet is available in the narthex. Please sign up if you would be interested in going. Once we have a large enough group of interested people we will call to schedule a day to go the soup kitchen.

See Karen Haneline or Judy Studer with questions.

" If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go In peace, keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good in that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."

**"God's Orchard!"**





## Next Order Date: July 1st!

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!

## Summer Special Events!

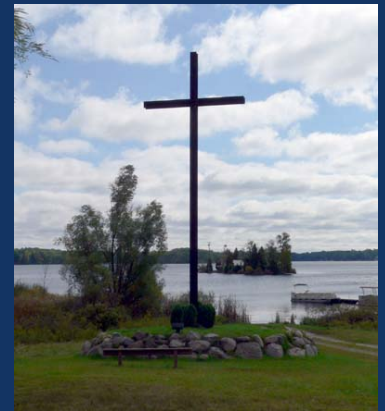
### July 15th

CONGREGATIONAL  
RETREAT 2012

SEPTEMBER 28 & 29

We will return to  
Camp Echo Grove this  
fall for a time of  
renewal and  
fellowship!

More information will follow  
soon!

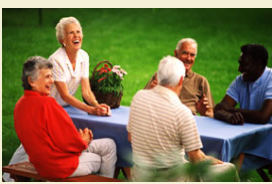


**BACK TO SCHOOL!  
OUTREACH PROJECT!**



We will be collecting  
school supplies for local  
kids in need from  
August 26<sup>th</sup> through  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Suggested items:  
Crayons, Markers,  
Pencils, Highlighters,  
Lined Paper, Binders,  
and Glue Sticks.

**Spread the Word!**



**Worship in Lakeside Park - 10:00am  
Potluck Picnic after in celebration of  
the Church's Birthday! Bring a dish  
to pass & lawn chairs for the  
service. hot dogs, drinks, & paper  
products will be provided.**

**In the event of rain we will be at the church.**

## August 4th



**Brunch with Miss Emily! 11:00am  
Join us for a morning of Faith Food  
and FUN! Miss Emily will entertain  
us with her hilarious stories and bits  
or wisdom!**

## August 5th



**Praise Concert - 6:30pm  
Christian Vocalist Cindy Powell will  
share her gift of music with us!  
Fellowship reception will follow the  
concert, please join us!**



## Nursery Care Attendant Opening

Personnel will soon begin the search to staff our church nursery. Share this opportunity with anyone you know who may be interested.



Great Reading!  
this link. . .

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### THE PARISH PAPER!

Each monthly issue of The Parish Paper provides ideas, insights, research-findings, and practical methods that strengthen the effectiveness of congregations in accomplishing God's purposes through their various ministries.

**GIVE BLOOD!**

## *Prayer Concerns & Joys*

### Concerns

- For all those who are in nursing homes, shut in, or seeking comfort and healing.
- For Dan Nash, Ardath Regan, Bill & Mary Renico, Lynn & Gary Wallis, Mark Ridley, Quinn Elliott, and Travis.
- For all those struggling financially due to job loss and economic setbacks
- For our service men and women, and national and world leaders

Joys!



- For the June 9th, 2012 marriage of HPC Members Sara and Nick Pettit. May God bless their future!

Prayers can be requested for our phone and email Prayer Chains by calling Roberta Single 248-634-4360



## VBS AUGUST 8,9,10!!



VBS "Clean Water for ALL God's Children!"

Do you enjoy the laughter and humor of kids? Do you get a kick out of hearing what kids think about faith and life? Then you want to be a part of this!!!

*We are inviting people with a heart for kids and for God to join our VBS Ministry Team!*

*Please let Christine Cook, Mandie Banks or Laura Parker know if you want to be a part of this exciting event! Have questions?*

*Give one of us a call!*

*Christine 248-887-6647 Mandie 248-382-5110 or Laura 248-634-2773*

***There is nothing better in this life than sharing God's love with kids!***

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**JULY 13th, 2012**

**2:00pm - 8:00pm**

Support the Red Cross Blood Drive being held at the church and organized by Marissa Cook.

Call Marissa at 248-978-2112

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## Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 3:00pm Office Closed on Monday

### Minister: The Rev. Dr. Sharlyn DeHaven Gates

248.369.8893(h) 620.423.2671(c)

E-Mail: [pastor@hollypc.org](mailto:pastor@hollypc.org)

### Our Ruling Session Members are:

#### 2012 SESSION

Jennifer Chanter	Personnel Committee
Dessalee Cook	Worship Committee
Jim Lyles	Clerk
Brian Parker	Technology Committee
Christine Cook	Christian Education Committee
Lori Goldsmith	Property Committee
Roberta Single	Congregational Care Committee
Gerry Jackson	Stewardship Committee
Amy Jones	Congregational Care Committee
Karen Haneline	Outreach Committee
Amanda Banks	Christian Education Committee
Judy Studer	Outreach Committee
Margaret Perry	Worship Committee