

## An Important Message from Your Pastor ...

*"But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives. Much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard." - Galatians 5:22*

Have you been wondering what an "Ingathering Banquet" is? By now you should have received an invitation to attend the "Ingathering Banquet" on November 11<sup>th</sup>. That is the same day we will receive our stewardship commitment pledge cards, which have been mailed to you. I'm really hoping you will RSVP right away and say "YES! I will be there for the banquet." (*If you have not received either the invitation to the banquet or your stewardship letter and pledge card, please contact the office.*)

This is what God told the Israelites they should do, in Exodus 23: "Three times a year you are to celebrate a festival to me."

- "Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread  
"No one is to appear before me empty-handed..."
- "Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field."

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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**

- "Celebrate the ***Festival of Ingathering*** at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field."

Our "Ingathering Banquet" is a way of celebrating our harvest, the fruits that we have been growing as we have studied and considered the *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* these past weeks.

Work Teams have met each week to discuss and envision ideas for implementing ways we can do Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-taking Mission and Extravagant Generosity. They will present their 3-5 ideas to all of us at the banquet. We will have some table discussions and decide together which ideas we want to implement. Once we have set our priority list of what we want to do, our strategic planning team will be in place to make sure we have a clear plan for following through.

There will be lots of good food and, unless you have signed up to be one of the few who said they would contribute to the meal, all you have to do is come and enjoy! It will be a very special time of being together as a church family; celebrating our ministry and gifts as we conclude the study on the *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. Even if you somehow didn't get joined into the study, you are still a part of it and we need you to be there.

This is a very exciting time in the life of the congregation! We are at a place where we look back with joy and celebrate where we have been, yet we are also looking forward to new things that have the potential to reshape and transform our ministries that will move us into the future as a vital, growing congregation.

third Saturday.

**Nov. Dates & Times**

Saturday, Nov. 3rd  
10:00am-2:00pm

Friday, Nov. 9th  
10:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, Nov. 17th  
10:00am-2:00pm

Friday, Nov. 23rd  
10:00am-12:00pm



**CAPITAL BUILDING  
CAMPAIGN Update!**

Capital Building Campaign  
Pledges

**God is good, hearing our  
needs, and talking to us  
loud and clear!!!**

We currently have received pledges of \$46,960 of which \$30,366 has already been received and \$16,594 is yet to be received.

*If you worship and engage in ministry with us you are a part of the church family. Your participation in this Ingathering Banquet is very important! Please RSVP today!*

Peace and Grace!  
Rev. Sharlyn



*Our  
1st Birthday!  
Open House  
Celebration*

*Saturday Nov.3rd  
10am - 2pm*

*October marked the first anniversary of the opening of the baby pantry! Join us to celebrate this amazing ministry that has been led by our Teens For Christ Youth Group!*

*Cake, Activities, Crafts & Free Family*



**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!



**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

## Portraits for our Baby Pantry Families!

### NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

- Nov 1 FIVE PRACTICES WORK GROUP  
7:00pm
- Nov 2 PROPERTY MTG 6:30pm
- Nov 3 BABY PANTRY 1ST BIRTHDAY OPEN  
HOUSE 10-2pm
- Nov 4 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am  
THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS  
9:30am  
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am  
WORSHIP 11:00am  
AA 3:00pm
- Nov 5 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Nov 6 TECHNOLOGY MTG 7:00pm
- Nov 7 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon  
WORSHIP COMMITTEE MTG 7:00pm
- Nov 8 FIVE PRACTICES WORK GROUP  
7:00pm (Final)
- Nov 9 BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Nov 10 SET UP INGATHERING BANQUET  
10:00am
- Nov 11 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am  
THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS  
9:30am  
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am  
WORSHIP 11:00am  
INGATHERING BANQUET 12:00pm  
AA 3:00pm
- Nov 12 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Nov 13 STEWARDSHIP MTG 7:00pm
- Nov 13 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
- Nov 14 CONGREGATIONAL CARE MTG 6:30pm  
CHRISTIAN ED. MTG 7:00pm
- Nov 15 OFFICE CLOSED until Wednesday Nov  
21  
DIGGING DEEPER STUDY 7:00pm
- Nov 16 OFFICE CLOSED until Wednesday Nov  
21
- Nov 17 BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm  
PRIVATE PARTY - ALL DAY Fellowship  
Hall

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.**



### 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!

Nov 18 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am  
 THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS  
 9:30am  
 FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am  
 WORSHIP 11:00am  
 AA 3:00pm

Nov 19 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Nov 20 OUTREACH 6:00pm  
 SESSION MTG 7:00pm

Nov 21 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon

Nov 22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Nov 23 BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 12:00pm

Nov 25 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am  
 THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS  
 9:30am  
 FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am  
 WORSHIP 11:00am  
 HANGING OF THE GREENS! 12:00pm  
 AA 3:00pm

Nov 26 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Nov 27 AVNEE'S ANGELS SUPPORT GROUP  
 7:00pm

Nov 28 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon

It's SO easy and has great potential to support the ministries here at HPC!



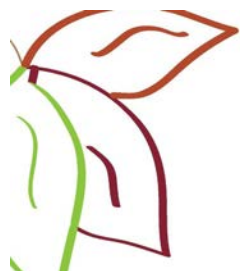
***December Events!  
 Mark Your Calendar...***

***Fenton Ambassadors in Concert at HPC!***  
 December 3rd

***Bake, Drop & Caroling***  
 December 9th

***Miracle in the Manger***  
 December 23rd 11:00am

***Candlelight Service***  
 December 24th 8:00pm



***Ingathering  
 Banquet***

Celebrating the Fruits of God's Orchard

**Sunday, November 11th**

A banquet to celebrate the harvest of blessings and gifts that we have been given as we conclude The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations Study!

***Spread the Word!***

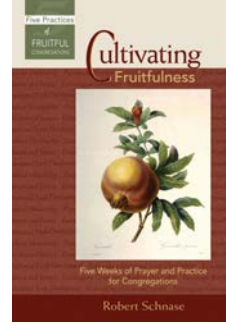


**Nursery Care  
 Attendant Opening**

The Personnel Committee is searching for someone to staff our church nursery. Share this opportunity with anyone you know who may be interested.

Please RSVP by November 4th, 2012

You may simply reply to this email to reserve a seat for yourself, your family and for any guests you would like to bring!



*Five Practices  
of The Fruitful  
Congregation  
WORK GROUPS*

**Thursday Evenings  
in November!**

Come join in the dialog about our future! You can pick one group or come to All of them!

**Risk Taking Mission**

November 1st 7:00pm

**Extravagant Generosity**

November 8th 7:00pm

**Property  
Update. . .**

Electrical demolition, temporary lighting and power, repairs, and work on structural support concerns were



*Hanging of the Greens!*

*Sunday, Nov. 25th*

*Join the fun of decorating the church for the upcoming Advent & Christmas Season!*

*Stay after worship and enjoy a yummy bowl of soup and let's all "DECK THE HALLS!"*



## Order Date: November 4th!

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.

Have you asked yourself this questions?

*"If I want to shop locally,  
how can I do that with scrip?"*

Well. . .

These gift cards can be used right here in Holly:

AutoZone  
CVS/pharmacy  
Hallmark  
Marathon  
Mobil  
Rite Aid  
Subway  
Wendy's

continued at the  
October 27 all church  
work day. Excavating  
will begin  
approximately  
November 1<sup>st</sup>. We are  
currently waiting on  
bids to install the new  
staircase leading to the  
west end basement.

**Thank You to  
everyone who  
came to the  
All Church Work  
Day October  
27th!**



**WEDNESDAY  
LUNCH BUNCH!**  
Every Wednesday at

We hope that you see something you like, and will purchase some gift cards to help support your church! Orders can be turned into the Great Lakes Scrip table on the first Sunday of each month, or placed in the offering plate. See Christine Cook on Sunday to place your order.

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

***Thank you for your support!***

### Office Will Be Closed

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 15th - Tuesday 20th. Messages will be checked regularly. Office will re-open on Wednesday, Nov. 21st.

## *Prayer Concerns & Joys*

"I pray according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with the power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love."

Ephesians 3:16-17

## **Concerns**

- For all those who are in nursing homes, shut in, or seeking comfort and healing.
- For Dan Nash, Ardath Regan, Travis, Beatrice Johnston, Harriett Striggow, Virginia McDonald, Elizabeth Kici, Roberta Single, Pat Frank, Judy Studer, Lisette Cotaling, Steve Fuller, Mark and Del Ridley, Jordan Howe, and Gladys Havenstein

12:00 Noon!

Bring your bible and sack lunch and gather to read and discuss scripture. This informal study time is currently being led by Charlee Litten and we are reading the Apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians.



- For all those who are struggling with economic setbacks, family problems, and emotional upheavals.

## Joys

- For the new home that Nick and Sara Pettit close on this week. May God continue to bless them as they begin their new journey as homeowners!

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

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#### 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