

Holly Presbyterian Church Newsletter



Holly Presbyterian Church is a community of faith in God that values peaceful, loving, and just relationships in our church, families, and the world.



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Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. I

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Missionary Updates. . .

Athletes in Action missionaries, **Colby and Sarah Keefer**, continue to reach college athletes in the name of Christ.



To catch up with them and their latest news click the link below.

[Athletes in Action](#) **Latest Newsletter**

Operation Transit: Campus Crusade for Christ missionaries, **Allen and DeeDee Iobst** joined us for Worship and a potluck January 26th to share their work with us! It was a joy to have them with the HPC Family!

Corinthians 13 4-8a

Hello Valentines!

In this month where we celebrate love, my prayer for all my friends at Holly Presbyterian is that you all feel deeply loved and very special! Because you are.

I recently talked about our baptism and how important it is for us to remember it. Even if we don't actually, literally remember the act of baptism, it's is good for us to hold in our hearts and minds the knowledge that we ARE baptized! Because our baptism stands for how loved we are as a child of God. In baptism we are made a member of God's family; we are sealed in his love - that is, God puts his stamp of identity on us!

Valentine's Day is fun - kids giving other kids little cards; sweethearts giving candy or flowers. But I prefer to think of it as an opportunity to share our love with others - especially those who might be alone, who might not be feeling so loved. It is so important for us as disciples - that is, those who follow Jesus and try to do his work - to pass along the love of Christ.

What can you do this Valentine's Day, or this month, to pass along that love? Maybe take some soup to someone? Maybe bake some cupcakes to share; or make a phone call; or offer to give a ride or take someone out to lunch or invite them over for tea? How about



Alan and Dee Dee, along with their children, will be spending this year in the United States reconnecting with family, attending training conferences, and feeding their faith.

To catch up with them and their latest news click the link below.

[Campus Crusade
for Christ
Operation
Transit Website](#)

or

[Iobst Newsletter](#)

pay for the person in line behind you at McDonalds?

Of course, show your love to your family and close friends. But how about we make a special effort this month to find someone we might not feel that we know all that well and do something to change that? Let's start building relationships of love and community, including those that might feel they are forgotten.

Believe me, you, my flock are not forgotten. You are loved beyond your wildest imagination! You are loved by God and loved by your pastor. Pass it on, Valentines!

With love,

Reverend Sharlyn



Young Adult Ministries of Holly Presbyterian Church

Reflections from Pastor Shaun. . .

Although we all know, by living in the state of Michigan, there will be days filled with snow and cold temperatures. If you are like Michele and me, we didn't figure there would be multiple weeks of snow and sub-zero temperatures.

I wish I could tell everyone some good news but, watching the weather predictions for the next several days, they are calling for more snow and sub-zero temperatures. Make sure when you go out in this type of weather this winter to check on your neighbors to see if they have heat, frozen pipes, or need the snow removed from their driveway. If not, when you are leaving work, or school, brush the snow off someone's vehicle, or when you are in the drive-thru picking up your morning coffee, pay for the persons order behind you.

See, sometimes the actions we perform as Christians speak louder than the words we can say about our faith. So go out today and look for ways to share the Christian faith through your actions.

Peace in Christ-
Shaun

Don't Miss our Upcoming
Winter Family Fun Fair!
Saturday



Young Adult Ministries of Holly Presbyterian Church

February 22nd
1:00pm - 4:00pm

***Bring the Family and BEAT
those Winter Blahs!***

Free Fun for the Whole Family

Gallery of Games! Prizes!
Crafts! Cupcake Walk! Popcorn!
Storyteller!





**Take a few minutes and watch these videos
on fire safety to help
protect your family and home!**

[Kids and Character Fire Safety Video #1](#)

[Kids And Character Fire Safety Video #2](#)

[Kids And Character Fire Safety Video #3](#)

[Kids And Character Fire Safety Video #4](#)

Tax Prep Help from the IRS!

If you plan to file a tax return for 2013, you may be able to file through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program that offers free tax help for qualifying taxpayers. Through the IRS's VITA program, you can take advantage of traditional face-to-face tax preparation with an IRS-certified volunteer or you can use the facilitated self-assistance service where you prepare and file your own tax return with access to an IRS-certified volunteer if you have questions.

For both services, the VITA Program generally offers this free tax

help to people who make \$51,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation and can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify, such as Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit.

VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations. Most locations also offer free electronic filing. To find a VITA location near you that offers self-assistance tax preparation or traditional face-to-face tax preparation, go to <http://1.usa.gov/Xy2TTR>.

For general information about the VITA program, visit this link: [Tax Prep Help](#)



Finance Team Report

The Finance Team will meet regularly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend meetings and join the team!

Thank you for your faithful support of ministries that we all love.

Year-to-date (December 31st, 2013) Income/Expenses Holly Presbyterian Church Financial Summary:

Budgeted Income:	December	\$18,766.44	YTD	\$130,058.21
Budgeted Expenses:	December	\$18,107.76	YTD	\$144,503.59

For You To Consider:

2014 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

Just as each member helps support our local church, each church has a responsibility to support the mission of the governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Our congregation's share of the support for PC USA General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant, and the Presbytery of Lake Huron amounts to \$2523.15 and is due in mid-February. The amount billed to our church is calculated by the total of church-wide expenses divided by the total number of members. For 2014 the amount is \$ 24.03 per active member (non-confirmed youth or children are not included in this Per Capita assessment).

"Per Capita is an opportunity for all active members of the Presbyterian Church throughout the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly and independently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicious functions that identify a Reformed church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians." General Assembly minutes, Part 1, 1995)

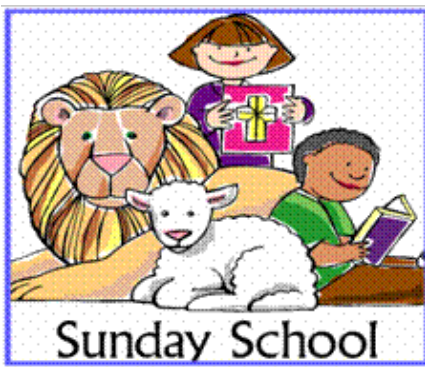
While our church has paid Per Capita from general funds in the past, for the past few years we have asked each member to pay their own Per Capita expense if possible. Our finances just don't allow us to cover it anymore. Please mail or deposit into the offering plate your check marked "Per Capita" to cover the number of active members in your household. Pew envelopes are also available.

The Session gratefully thanks you in advance for this voluntary giving and support of the larger family of the Presbyterian Church (USA).



THANK YOU!

***Sunday School &
Study Opportunities!***



The Gathering Place for Kids Sunday at 9:30 am

Our kids program uses the Spark Activate Faith curriculum and is a Workshop Rotation modeled classroom where our kids get to explore their faith through, art, science, cooking, computers, games, stories, music & drama!

[Register your family and Check it out!](http://hollypc.sparkssundayschool.org)
<http://hollypc.sparkssundayschool.org>

Adult Sunday School 2013-2014 Sunday at 9:30 am

Comparative Religions is our current topic and it has been very interesting so far! How does one religious tradition often differ so markedly from another? This is something we will be studying since religions, which form the foundations for a wide range of moral codes, can and do influence the actions of nations on the world stage, of which we are a part. Everyone is welcome to join us any week you are able.

Wednesday Lunch Bunch! 12:00 noon

The Lunch Bunch meets at noon on Wednesday for an informal Bible study. We are currently studying the Book of Genesis. Charlee Litten is the leader for this study and does a great job of helping look at the scriptures in new ways and with great joy and humor! Everyone is welcome to attend when ever they are

able, just bring your bible if you have one (We have loaners too!) and little something for your lunch!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Abiding Hope"

Each month the women of the church are invited to gather together with Rev. Sharlyn as she leads the Horizon's 2013-2014 Bible Study "Abiding Hope". We will meet the first Thursday of each month to explore the word of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy. The Study Materials are available for a cost of \$10 if you do not already subscribe to Horizon's Magazine. Please let Laura Parker know if you need to have a book ordered for you.

February 6th is our next study, we hope you will join us.

February Calendar of Events



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| Feb 4 | CARE TEAM MTG 6:30pm |
| | PROPERTY TEAM MTG 7:30pm |
| Feb 5 | WORSHIP TEAM MTG 7:00pm |
| Feb 6 | PRESBYTERIAN WOMENS STUDY 6:30pm |
| | AYSO MTG 7:00pm |

Feb 7 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm
Feb 9 TEENS FOR CHRIST MTG 9:00am
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Following Worship
AA 3:00pm
Feb 10 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
Feb 11 FINANCE TEAM MTG 7:00pm
Feb 12 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
CHRISTIAN ED TEAM MTG 7:00pm
Feb 13 RETREAT PLANNING TEAM MTG 7:00pm
Feb 15 BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm
MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Feb 16 TEENS FOR CHRIST MTG 9:00am
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am
AA 3:00pm
Feb 17 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
Feb 18 OUTREACH TEAM MTG 6:00pm
SESSION MTG 7:00pm
Feb 19 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
Feb 20 LHP PRES. WOMEN COORDINATING TEAM MTG
Saginaw 9:00am
Feb 21 SET-UP DAY FOR FAMILY FUN FAIR Time to be
Determined
Feb 22 WINTER FAMILY FUN FAIR 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Feb 23 TEENS FOR CHRIST MTG 9:00am
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am
AA 3:00pm
Feb 24 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
Feb 26 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
Feb 28 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm
ALMA YOUTH MIX

Praying for our church family

Prayers of Concern

- For those serving or who have served us and our country in military service.
- For all those who are in nursing homes, shut in, or seeking comfort and healing.
- For Beatrice Johnston, Nicole Conway, Raelene (Hill) Morgan, and Irene (Bailey) Raby, Grace Ranger, Brian Palmero, Fred Gates, Butch & Linda Crider, Jeff Watkins, Sara Erzen, Leon Parker, Maxine Bolyea, Kennedy Todd, Sandy Brown, and Judy (Merritt) Blackburn.
- For all those affected by the violence and war around the globe.
- For all those suffering as a result of the devastating weather, natural disasters, and global violence these past months.

Prayers of Joy

- With expectant, and hope filled hearts, we offers prayers of adoration to our Lord for the blessings and challenges we have experienced.



Prayer Requests from Presbytery. . . .

The Rev. Jim Browne (Interim General Presbyter) and wife Ginny on

the passing of Jim's mother earlier this week.

The Alma College community as they continue to cope with the loss of freshman Sean Murawske earlier this month.

The Rev. John Becker (Honorably Retired) who is recovering from successful back surgery earlier this week.

The Rev. Wally Mayton (Associate Pastor of Midland-Memorial), wife Lindsay and the entire Mayton family on the recent birth of their granddaughter.

David Justin and the Rev. Mary Anne Evans-Justin (Honorably Retired) David is recovering from a fall from a roof last month and is currently going through intense physical therapy. He is improving and doing well. Both David and Mary Anne appreciate the abundance of prayers, cards, visits and blessings they have received.

The Thumb Ministry Group who began their first Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) program this past weekend. This is an exciting new opportunity for all involved!

The Presbytery of Detroit as they prepare to host the 221st General Assembly in June.

The congregation of Vassar-First as they celebrate the arrival of their new Pastor. This has been a three-year journey for the congregation and they are thrilled to have the Rev. Doug Abel join them.



Support HPC Ministries by ordering Scrip Order Mar 2nd - Delivery Mar 9th

We receive a small profit from the sale of each card, which goes toward our everyday expenses. The church should net approximately \$500 this year from this easy fundraiser.

In addition to the *gas, grocery, and restaurant cards* that most of us order throughout the year, there are also gift cards available for many *major retail stores, amazon.com, and iTunes.*

Look at the complete list of cards available by
[Clicking Here](#)

If you do not feel comfortable using a computer, talk to Christine Cook or Vicki Lyles and we can let you know if what you want is available.

Thank you for your support!!

ALL NEW VG'S SHARE PROGRAM!

VG's grocery store has a new program that will replace the Community Share Points Program we are familiar with now. Please click on the link below to see how you can participate going forward. If you have further questions please see Jan Bradshaw.



[Click Here!](#)

Property Team Update:



SANCTUARY ROOF UPDATE: We are replacing the roof over the sanctuary due to wind damage and age. The contractor we have hired will also be removing the old chimney at a total cost of \$11,759.00. The funds to pay for this project have come in through a variety of sources and we are blessed by such amazing dedication!

HELP KEEP OUR BUILDING SAFE & SECURE.

A friendly reminder to everyone that we all need to be sure

that doors are being locked, and pulled tightly closed when leaving the building. We have had a few instances where doors have been found open or ajar. Thanks!

BATTERY SAFETY CONCERN!

Since we do not have a team or person responsible for recycling batteries, we will no longer be collecting them. Please do not drop them off. Stored batteries create an unnecessary fire risk. It could be a potential danger we would rather not take on.

Thanks!



Boiler Fund Bake Sale!!!

February 9th will be the first bake sale to support our efforts to replace the old boiler. Please support this effort by baking or by eating. . . Which ever you are better at :)

Margaret Perry is the contact person for this month. Let

her know if you have any questions!

Mark your Calendar!
ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, Feb. 9th



We will gather together following worship in our Fellowship Hall for a special extended coffee hour with snacks, to discuss the coming year and hear from our pastoral staff & session members.

Please plan to attend!

In the Beginning News!



Parent Child Play Group
... resuming later this winter!

For more information contact Krystal Caloia at kcaloia1007@yahoo.com

Prayer requests from our families:

- Pray for all those in difficult relationships, struggling with emotional and physical abuse, and self doubt. May they be comforted by the love of Christ.
- Pray for young families facing custody conflicts - may they find peace and resolution.

- Pray for those parents who are not getting enough hours on their work schedules.
- Pray for those parents who are seeking work.
- Pray for the Kline children and their grandparents as they continue to adjust to life changes.

UPCOMING DATES: Fri. Feb. 7, 10am - 12pm (NOTE: This is a 1st Friday)
Sat. Feb. 15, 10am - 2pm
Fri. Feb. 21, 10am - 12pm

Items we need include:

Diapers, Kleenex, wipes, lotions, baby wash & diaper rash cream!

If you feel called to this ministry please see a TFC member, Christine Cook, or Laura Parker.

*"And he took the Children in his arms, put His hands on them
and blessed them."*

Mark 10:16

Supporting Missions . . .



The Keefer Family-Athletes in Action
Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor, Mi

The Iobst Family- Operations Transit
Algeciras, Spain
(Both Working Under Campus Crusade for Christ)

Grace Centers of Hope
Pontiac, Mi

Ennis Foundation
Pontiac, Mi

HPC Christmas - Adopt a Family

In the Beginning Baby Pantry

Forgotten Harvest Food Pantry
Holly, Mi

For Your Information. . .

- If you have something that you would like included in the newsletter please submit it to the church office by the 15th of the month prior. Thanks!
- If you are not receiving the Email Newsletter and other e-updates and would like to, please call the office at 248-634-9494 and we would be happy to add your email to our list!
- If you have had a change of phone, email or mailing address in the past year, we would like to know so that we can make sure everyone's contact information is current in our database.

Your 2014 Session

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