

# 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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## Reflections From the Pastor ...

What a wonderful Holy Week and Easter Day we had! Maundy Thursday was meaningful as we saw the Last Supper reenacted and as we too shared in the bread and cup that Christ provides. Yet there was some fun to it as well, since the disciples didn't know they were going to be "called" until they were. They all did great!

Good Friday was just what we needed as we worshipped with the community, filling the sanctuary with the Faithful and hearing from several pastors in the area. I love times when I get to share in ministry with my colleagues. We remembered Jesus sacrifice and God's great love shown to us through His Son. We shared our burdens and sins with one another for prayer and ended by stripping the church and taking out the Christ candle.

Easter ... what a day! The sanctuary was filled again and the church looked beautiful, as if it too had had a transformation! The lilies, the

**Missionary**

# 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  
Current 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!



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.

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latest news click the link below.

[\*\*Campus Crusade for\*\*](#)

bows, the center piece, the tomb, the cross ... all were so lovely and made it a beautiful place to worship. And our liturgical dancers who danced with joy in response to the amazing message that Christ has risen! Our young people called us into worship with the drama and lighting the Christ candle. We had beautiful music from the choir, from Julia and her violinist friend, Vera ... not to mention how joyfully you all sang the Easter hymns!

I am so deeply appreciative of all of you and how generous and selflessly you serve. My thanks goes to the Fellowship Team for all the meals during Lent and Holy Week and the beautiful reception for Good Friday. Thank you to the Worship Team for keeping up with everything, keeping the colors, the candles, the décor looking good and making sure we were ready for it all. Thanks to Laura Parker for the beautiful artistic arrangements that are not just beautiful but in themselves express a theological message. Thank you to all who worked on that Saturday to make sure the church and grounds were clean and neat. Thanks to Pastor Shaun for all your help and support and to all the teams and all the congregation for the hands and feet that did so much!

Of course, I have to add that having my birthday on Easter was pretty special! To have so many birthday wishes, cards and gifts was a wonderful thing to experience on such a special day. Thanks to all who remembered me in many different ways!

Just one more thing ... Lent is over. Holy Week is over. But Easter continues on! The Season of Easter, on the liturgical calendar, goes through June 1. But, for those of us who are Easter People - who live our lives grounded in the message of the Resurrection - Easter goes on throughout eternity!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Reverend Sharlyn  
Your Pastor and Friend



## *Reflections from Pastor Shaun...*

Have you noticed the cold temperatures and snow have given way to the resurrection of spring flowers, trees blooming and little patches of green grass growing? What is so great about these flowers, trees and new patches of green grass? It marks the beginning of something new and fresh just like our celebration of Easter a few weeks ago. For some Easter means the celebration of new dresses, hats, or the Easter bunny leaving behind chocolate treats.

Others see Easter as a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ

[Christ Operation Transit Website](#)

OR

[Iobst Newsletter](#)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Mark these dates on your calendar!

**Saturday, May 3rd**  
May Day!  
Family Fun Fair

**Saturday, May 17th**  
Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering  
Linden Pres. Church

**Sunday, June 8th**  
Gather 'Round Picnic!

**Saturday June 14th**  
General Assembly  
Opening Worship

A bus is available for those who prefer not to drive.  
See article below for details!

**Annual  
All Church Retreat**



**Camp Echo Grove**  
August 22-23, 2014

**Mark your calendar now!**  
Registration begins May 18th!

**Retreat Sneak Peek & Scholarship Brunch**  
May 18th  
following worship!

on Easter Sunday. They say this because they have lived through Jesus entering Jerusalem to the cheers of people (Palm Sunday), then Jesus washing the disciple's feet and being betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane (Maundy Thursday). From there Jesus is paraded through the streets and then hung on the cross (Good Friday). For some, knowing that Jesus was nailed to a cross and was left to die is the lowest point in their Holy week. But things began to look up with the lighting of the Paschal candle on Saturday at midnight which symbolizes Christ has risen as the light of the world and the celebration concludes on Sunday with celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Although Easter Sunday has passed and the chocolate is gone, set aside 5 minutes each day to remember Jesus Christ has Risen in your busy day. Don't let the celebration of Easter fade so easily from your life and if it helps buy a bag a chocolate.

Peace through Christ-  
*Shaun*

**Don't Miss the Holly Presbyterian Church**

**May Day Family Fun Fair!**

**Saturday, May 3rd**  
**1:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Celebrate Spring!**



**Gallery of Games! Prizes! Crafts!**

**Cake Walk!**

**Drama! Fun! Popcorn!**

**Free Fun for the Entire Family!**

207 E. Maple St. Holly Mi



**Mark your calendar to  
enjoy a delicious  
brunch organized by  
Randy Cook & Team!**

*If you would like to help plan the  
retreat see retreat chairperson Sara  
Pettit for more details or email her  
by  
[Clicking Here](#)*



**Thurs. & Fri.  
May 29th -30th  
9am - 5pm  
Sat. May 31st  
9am - 12pm**

Items may be brought in to  
the church after Mothers Day.  
Bring summer stuff, please no  
winter or Christmas things.

Set up Days will be  
After worship on: Sunday,  
May 25th  
(short time)  
Tues, May 27th  
Wed, May 28th

\*Help will be needed for  
Saturday Tear Down  
at 12pm.  
Trucks & Vans helpful

For more Information visit our website  
[www.hollypc.org](http://www.hollypc.org) or find us on Facebook!

## Finance Team Report

### 2014 Income and Expenses

Description	March 31,2014	Year to Date
INCOME	\$12,468.18	\$31,185.45
EXPENSE	\$11,021.66	\$37,480.33

## Thank You from Outreach! Bringing Easter Joy!



The Outreach team would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the Holly Presbyterian congregation for all of the fabulous donations for the Easter Baskets for Grace Centers of Hope. We filled those 50 baskets to the brim and still had some things left over for next year. We'd also like to thank all those who helped to stuff those baskets. "Many hands made light work." They were delivered on Wed. April 9th by Mandie Banks and Kenzie Nash. We have so much to be proud of but especially for the loving, caring nature of our congregation. We are truly blessed. If anyone is interested in joining this worthwhile team, please contact Judy Studer at 248-634-8918 or [judystuder@yahoo.com](mailto:judystuder@yahoo.com).

# May Calendar of Events

- May 1 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
PRESBYTERIAN WOMENS STUDY 6:30pm  
AYSO MTG 7:00pm
- May 2 NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY
- May 3 FAMILY FUN FAIR - MAY DAY THEME! 1:00pm-4:00pm
- May 4 TEENS FOR CHRIST MTG 9:30am  
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am  
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am  
WORSHIP 11:00am - Communion  
AA 3:00pm
- May 5 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- May 6 OFFICE ON REDUCED HOURS (Laura off site for floral job)
- May 7 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon  
PASTOR ON STUDY LEAVE May 7 - 9
- May 9 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm
- May 11 MOTHER'S DAY  
BAKE SALE FOR BOILER FUND  
TEENS FOR CHRIST MTG 9:00am  
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am  
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am  
WORSHIP 11:00am  
AA 3:00pm
- May 12 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- May 13 TEAM PARTY NIGHT 6:30pm
- May 14 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
- May 15 \*\*\*MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE\*\*\*
- May 17 BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm  
PRESBYTERIAN WOMENS SPRING GATHERING @ Linden PC 9:00am  
SNOOP PARTY 7:00pm
- May 18 TEENS FOR CHRIST MTG 9:00am  
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am  
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am  
WORSHIP 11:00am  
AA 3:00pm
- May 19 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- May 20 SESSION MTG 7:00pm
- May 21 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
- May 23 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm
- May 25 FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am  
WORSHIP 11:00am  
AA 3:00pm
- May 26 MEMORIAL DAY  
  
AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- May 27 SET UP DAYS RUMMAGE SALE Tuesday - Thursday
- May 28 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
- May ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE 9am - 5pm
- 29/30
- May 31 ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE 9am - 12pm  
CLEAN UP RUMMAGE SALE 12pm - till finished



## ***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>**

**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 Exodus. 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.

**June 5th is our next study, we hope you will join us.**

# Praying for our church family & friends. . .

## Concerns

- 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, Raelene Morgan, Judy Blackburn, Grace Ranger, Brian Palmero, Sara Erzen, Leon Parker, Maxine Bolyea, Kennedy Todd, Jaymi Whalen, Don Murphy, grandfather of Josh Banks, Keaton Banks, Pamela Lender, Gene Stevens, Alex Parker, Cal Voorheis (Grandson), Larry Blakemore, Ron Mikulak (Karen Haneline's brother), and Peggy Ranger

## SNOOP PARTY ~ MAY 17th

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR - FUN TIMES COMING UP!

The Fellowship Team will be hosting a "*Snoop Party*"

***Saturday, May 17,***

**7:00pm -9:00 pm**



This is a fun evening playing a gift exchange game that requires a "white elephant" unwrapped "gift" in a brown grocery bag, or, you could choose to buy something under \$5.00.

Also, bring an appetizer or something to snack on. Beverages will be provided.

If you've never played, come along and bring a friend as well.

Card tables will be needed, if you have one.

Any questions? Contact Roberta Single  
at 248-634-4560



### PC(USA) GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN DETROIT

We have a great opportunity to ride a bus with other Presbyterians from our presbytery to attend our General Assembly in Detroit on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. A bus will leave Kirkridge Presbyterian Church in Grand Blanc at 8:30 a.m. and will arrive back at 10 p.m. that night. The cost is \$20. Lunch is on our own. We will see the opening worship service and the election of the new moderator! *The bus only holds 32 so we need to get our reservation in ASAP!* Please call or write the office or Pastor Sharlyn if you are interested in going. Or you can contact Stephanie Cervini at [scervini@presbylh.org](mailto:scervini@presbylh.org) or 989-799-7481 x3. \_



**As part of our Care Team game plan we will recognize birthdays and anniversaries each month. Please take a moment and pray for each of these people this month.**

Joie Hecht May 1 ~ Gene Stevens May 6 ~ Margaret Rainey May 10 ~ Donna DeNise May 11 ~ Kevin Lyles May 11 ~ Brian Parker May 11 ~ Keaton Banks May 18 ~ Karen Haneline May 26 ~



**Anniversaries:** Cathie & Bob Killewald May 12: 24 Years ~ Christine & Randy Cook May 13: 25 Years ~ Kathy & Jack Henn May 17: 41 Years ~ Dessalee & Broady Cook May 26: 30 Years ~



## *Team Party Night!*

***COME ONE, COME ALL!***

Have you been thinking about joining one of the Teams in the church (formerly called committees) but are not sure which one would be a good fit for you? Well, we are doing a new thing which might help you to figure it out - and have some fun while doing it.

Every second Tuesday of the month, which for this month is **May 13th**, all the Teams will meet together at 6:30 for a light supper and then will separate for doing their Team work. Later, they will come back together to share with one another what they are planning. You could come and visit different Teams to see where you feel God might be leading you. Our Teams have a good time together and we would like to share that with more of our congregation. We hope you will join us!



## Prayer Requests from Presbytery. . . .

- Shelby Offrink, daughter in-law of the Rev. Jim Offrink (HR) and wife Sally who is battling cancer. Shelby and her husband Ben have two young daughters. We lift the entire family up in prayer.
- All of those affected by recent tragedies including: the shooting at Fort Hood, the shooting at the Jewish Community Center and Nursing Home in Kansas City, the stabbings at Franklin High School in Pennsylvania and the ferry accident off the coast of South Korea.
- All those affected by the violent weather in the past several days.  
To find out how you can help through [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) please [click here](#).
- The Rev. Ernesto Badillo, our long-time Board of Pensions Representative, and his family as Ernesto battles colon cancer.
- The Presbytery of Detroit as they prepare to host the 221st General Assembly in June. [Click here](#) to watch a video lifting up "Why Detroit?" and assembly theme "Abound in Hope".
- Our Members-At-Large who are participating in non-parish ministry Rev. Jill Rasmussen-Baker and her ministry at Covenant Hospital.



## Support HPC Ministries by ordering Scrip Order May 4th - Delivery May 11th

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!](#)



# In the Beginning News!



## *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. May 9, 10am -12pm. Sat. May 17, 10am -2pm,  
and Fri. May 23, 10am -12pm.

***BABY PANTRY HOSTS ARE NEEDED TO HELP!  
IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER EVEN FOR A FEW HOURS  
PLEASE LET BEKI COOK KNOW! THANKS!***

## **SUPPLY NEEDS:**

***We are low on all sizes of diapers, wipes, tissues, and hand soap.*** Please help us keep this important ministry well stocked. 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 lobst 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**

**Class of 2014**

Karen Haneline	Care Team	(248) 634-7339
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**Class of 2016**

## **CLASS OF 2016**

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