

# 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.



## NOVEMBER 2014

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Reflections from your pastor...

'Do not store up for yourselves treasure on earth, ...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, ...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - Matthew 6:19-21

November is here! The month that focuses on giving thanks to God for all that we have. There are many ways that we show our gratitude for the numerous blessings God has poured over

our gratitude for the numerous blessings God has poured over us. As a Christian, striving to be a good steward is one of those ways.

What is a steward, anyway? In the bible, Jesus tells stories about land owners who put their most trustworthy people in charge of running the farm, or in charge of overseeing the estate - including investing their finances. The steward oversees the work of those under him. I guess you could call a steward an administrator or a manager.

A steward knows that everything he is in charge of belongs, not to him, but to the owner, the master. The steward has deep respect for the master and appreciates the trust shown to him. In turn, the steward trusts that the master will take good care of him and his family. He is not concerned for his own welfare - where he will live, what he will eat or wear. It is a two way trust. He gladly gives his time, his resources, his talents to care for what he has been put in charge of and trusts the master completely.

Stewardship is not just about money. It is about giving our time; about understanding that all we have belongs to the Creator; it is about using our talents to grow and enhance what we have been given; it is about using our resources to grow what belongs to the master; and above all, it is about trust- trusting that the master will take care of us. And while it's true that stewardship is not just about money, it is also true that money is an important part of stewardship. Jesus says to store your treasure in the places that will last - like heavenly, Godly things. He makes a way (although I never have it long enough for it to rot); or it gets stolen by thieves and scammers.

Jesus says that giving is a matter of the heart. He says where your treasure is there your heart will be also. You will soon be receiving a letter in the mail, along with a Stewardship Pledge Card. On it, there are places where you can indicate how you would like to serve as well as an amount you feel God is leading you to give to the church. I believe making this

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commitment on paper and signing it is like signing a covenant with God. For me, it is saying "This is where my heart is" The church is where my treasure is. It is the place I can learn and grown and serve as a steward of Jesus Christ."

Thanks be to God,

*Pastor Sharlyn*



### *Associate Pastors Message. . . .*

Greetings!

As we all know, the month of November is when most people come together as family and friends to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. For some, this holiday is all about who is cooking, and what special food will be served on the Thanksgiving dinner table. See, most people think that this delicious dinner is the result of someone having secret ingredients or special tricks, adding a little of this or a little of that, to make all those all those tasty recipes, but they would be mistaken.

The real secret ingredient is the time that is spent together preparing the meal. If we really want to get to know someone or build a stronger family bond, the trick is to cook the meal together this year. Now, when you are cooking with them, do not worry if someone adds a tablespoon of something when they should have added a teaspoon. Do not worry if someone adds baking power instead of baking soda. Do not worry if the rolls burn on the bottom! Just cut off the burnt bottom and add a little butter on top for flavor.

Seriously! Get your family together and have everyone jump into the kitchen chaos this Thanksgiving, and start making memories! Trust me; these will be times that you all laugh about for years to come, creating treasured memories, to be shared with future generations.

Still don't believe me? Then ask me about garlic green beans.

Happy Thanksgiving -

Pastor Shaun

## NOVEMBER SPECIAL SERVICES

**Sunday, November 2 Memorial Dedication Service.** Individuals and their families will be recognized as we dedicate the memorial gifts given in honor of their loved ones. These funds were used within the church for purchases or repairs to our church building. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow worship. All are Welcome!

**Sunday, November 16 Stewardship Commitment.** On this day we joyfully dedicate our pledges on giving our time, talents and money for the continuation of the ministry and mission at HPC. Please join us in celebration of the many blessings God gives us as we join in fellowship for a potluck following worship.

### BOILER FUND BAKE SALE!

Support this important cause by baking or buying!

This Sunday, on Nov 9th, the Fellowship Team's popular fundraiser bake sale will be held before and after worship.

Donna Miller and Cathie Killewald  
are this months contact persons. Let them know if you can help.





## CLEAN UP OUR CHURCH MAKE IT SHINE.

Saturday, November 1st 9am-3pm

### LUNCH PROVIDED

Please come for this very important day to make our church shine. Remember, many hands make work light.



## Health Ministry Sunday November 9th

Our very own Nurse Karen will be able to check our blood pressure. Don't miss out on this great free opportunity. Have your blood pressure checked, it could save your life.

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***Growing Together in Faith!***  
***Sunday School for all ages has begun!***

***THE GATHERING PLACE 4 KIDS:***

# Curriculum: *Spark Ignite Faith!*



## **YOUNG ADULT STUDY**

*Rev. Sharlyn will lead the young adult class  
on the new book and study:*

### **GOD'S NOT DEAD**

*Come Enjoy This Exciting Discussion!*



## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 2014-2015:**

*"Comparative Religions" is our current topic. What do the basic*

*tenants of the world's five major religions and philosophies have in common? We will be studying the way these markedly different belief systems have set up their moral codes, showing the great number of similarities, and a number of the differences between them, and looking at how each of the systems currently influences the actions of nations on the world stage.*

## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**



*Don't sit on the couch, come on out!*

*Wednesdays at 7:00pm for the Men's Bible study on the DVD "The Disciples" that Randy Cook is leading. Great things are happening!*

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*Be a part of it.*

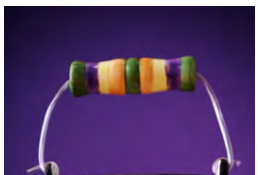


Tues Nov 4th at HPC for Holly Health/Fitness Seminar Workshop  
6:30pm-9:00pm. Sponsored by Snap Fitness, Advanced Care  
Chiropractic and Elements Day Spa

The Event-We have teamed up to bring our patients and customers important information about how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. You won't want to miss this event or the great deals that will be presented! The best news...there is no charge as long as you bring a friend with you! You must RSVP for this event as space is limited to the first 60 individuals! Call 248-328-9800! \*Light snacks will be provided\*

Topics for the Evening:

- Dr. White presents -Seed vs Soil
- Snap Fitness presents - Overview of Functional Fitness and the Gym.
- Elements Day Spa will discuss 9 reasons to get a massage!



**Trick or Treat Outreach This was a great  
success.**





Thanks to everyone who contributed candy. It was amazing the turn out of kids and to see their smiling faces. Thank you so much for showing Holly families what being part of God's family is all about and making HPC shine so brightly! A big thanks to those who helped pass out and gave candy. You all make it happen.

### *Praying for our church family*

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, Brian Palmero, Maxine Bolyea, Kennedy Todd, Jaymi Whalen, Pamela Lender, Ron Mikulak, Beth Krauss, Rev. Mark Knisley, Dan Nash, Dan Goodearl, Jim DeHaven, Marjorie Smith, Connie "C.J" Brummeler, Bernice Schettling, Sharon Lowes, Jean Long, Zach Williams, Bob Killewald, Mandie & Josh Banks, Jerry Litten, the family of Shannon Cook.

Joys. . .

- The safe arrival of Eli Andrew Horton, born October 5th, 8lbs 4oz, 20 in long to Andy and Kendra (Bradshaw) Horton. Congratulations.
- On October 25th Terry Parish & Julie Schram were united in marriage in our sanctuary. Congratulations to our newlyweds.



### UPCOMING THANKSGIVING WEEKEND FUN

Join us for the 1st Dickens Festival Community Caroling Event on Friday, November 28th at 6pm in the Sanctuary at HPC.

Our church will be open to the community to come in and sing Christmas Carols, then going downtown for a parade and a tree lighting ceremony. Come join in on the fun.

Hanging of the Greens-Sunday November 30th 12:00pm Please stay and help make our church beautiful for Christmas! A sign up sheet will be available in the Narthex. Please bring a sack lunch.



Budgeted Income  
Budgeted Expense

## ***Finance Report***

September	\$10,159.05	YTD \$101,562.30
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## Our Missionary Updates. . .

### University of Michigan Athletes in Action

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



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

**[Keefe October Newsletter](#)**

**OPERATION TRANSIT**

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Campus Crusade for Christ missionaries, Allen and DeeDee Iobst, continue to reach people in the name of Christ and distribute bibles.

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

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

[Iobst October Newsletter](#)





## November Calendar of Events

- Nov 2 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 am  
TEENS FOR CHRIST 9:30 am  
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am  
WORSHIP 11:00am  
AA 3pm
- Nov 3 AA 3 pm
- Nov 4 ELECTION DAY  
FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm  
HOLLY HEALTH/FITNESS SEMINAR 6pm-9pm
- Nov 5 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm  
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (DVD DISCIPLES) 7pm  
LUNCH BUNCH 12pm-2pm
- Nov 6 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm  
AYSO 7pm
- Nov 7 BABY PANTRY 10am-12pm
- Nov 9 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 am  
TEENS FOR CHRIST 9:30 am  
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am  
WORSHIP 11:00am  
AA 3pm  
BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK BY NURSE KAREN  
BAKE SALE
- Nov 10 AA & ALANON 7:30pm  
VETERANS DAY
- Nov 11 TEAM PARTY NIGHT 6:30pm
- Nov 12 LUNCH BUNCH 12pm-2pm  
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (DVD DISCIPLES) 7pm
- Nov 13 \*\*\*\*DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE\*\*\*\*
- Nov 15 BABY PANTRY 10am-2pm
- Nov 16 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 am  
TEENS FOR CHRIST 9:30 am  
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am

WORSHIP 11:00am  
 AA 3pm  
 Nov 17 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm  
 Nov 18 SESSION 7pm  
 Nov 19 LUNCH BUNCH 12pm-2pm  
 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (DVD DISCIPLES) 7pm  
 Nov 21 BABY PANTRY 10am-12pm  
 Nov 23 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 am  
 TEENS FOR CHRIST 9:30 am  
 FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am  
 WORSHIP 11:00am  
 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm  
 AA 3pm  
 Nov 24 AA & ALANON 7:30pm  
 Nov 26 NO LUNCH BUNCH OR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
 Nov 27 THANKSGIVING DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)  
 Nov 28 BLACK FRIDAY (OFFICE CLOSED)  
 Nov 30 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 am  
 TEENS FOR CHRIST 9:30 am  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am  
 FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30 am  
 WORSHIP 11:00am  
 AA 3pm



### ***Prayer Requests from the Lake Huron Presbytery:***

- Kris Noble, son of Elder Vicky Bright (Sandusky) who was in a very serious accident last month. He is at home recouping and doing better than expected at this stage, he has a long road ahead of him.

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- Ben & Shelby Offrink, son and daughter in-law of the Rev. Jim Offrink (HR) Ben has had a relapse of Hodgkin's Lymphoma and is receiving chemotherapy. Shelby has been battling cancer for quite awhile and now battling the very painful pancreatitis. Shelby and Ben have two young daughters..
- Elder Peggy Ronk, Commissioned Ruling Elder of Breckenridge-Emerson, and her family. Both Peggy and various close family members of hers are experiencing significant health issues.
- Michael & Rachel Ludwig, our Mission Co-Workers who are serving in Niger.
- 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.



## Order Scrip this Fall!

**Order November 2nd - Delivery November 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. **Be thinking about Black Friday and your holiday shopping. You can use gift cards.**

Be thinking about 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



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[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 those parents who are not getting enough hours on their work schedules.
- Pray for those parents who are seeking work.

### UPCOMING DATES:

#### November

Fri. November 7th 10am - 12pm, Sat. November 15th 10am - 2pm,  
Fri. November 21st 10am - 12pm

***Items we need include: Kleenex, wipes, lotions,  
baby wash & diaper rash cream!***

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

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

*Mark 10:16*

### For Your Information. . .

- If you have something that you would like included in the newsletter please submit it to the church office by the 12th 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!
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## **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

### *Our 2014 Session*

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2014

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