



HPC Connections

Knowing, Growing, Sharing, and Serving

May 2015

While We Wait

We made it! I think with the month of May arriving, it is safe to say we made it through the winter! I don't know about you, but I found myself just trying to not think about the cold and the winter, and simply wait. Do what we had to do. And wait.

As I think about that waiting and doing, it brings to mind our waiting on Christ. Jesus promises that he will return one day. Revelation tells us when Christ returns there will be no more crying, no more sickness, no more pain. Sounds awesome, doesn't it? As we hear news that can be

depressing or even frightful, that promise of a day to come when God's perfect, peaceful Kingdom will be established is one to look forward to. It is certainly something to wait for!

But, just as we had things to accomplish while we waited for winter to end and summer to begin, we Christians also have much to accomplish as we wait for Jesus' return. It's true that, with summer coming, the church isn't quite so busy. Our Sunday School ends after this month. We don't have coffee hour to prepare for. We just come to worship God and be together. Of course, there will be some fun fellowship times throughout the summer that we can look forward to. But things slow down a bit in the summer months.

Even so, there is much to do. Jesus told his disciples just before he ascended into heaven that he was commissioning them to "Go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

That's a big challenge, isn't it? But it is one that is for us today, even as it was for those followers so long ago. Remember that your own authentic story, as you live your life, is a great witness to the faith.

Jesus said:

"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:34-40

May we continue being faithful in our service and love for Christ, even as we wait for his return.

Peace and Grace to All!

Reverend Sharlyn

A Word from Pastor Shaun. . . .

What is Memorial Day? Is Memorial Day the day that begins the 90 days of summer that ends on Labor Day weekend? Is Memorial Day a day to sit down and reflect on the memories of those who have been part of our lives but are no longer with us?

For me this year it will be a day of remembering Barb Lyons who passed away at the end of March. She was a person who I could watch Tigers baseball games with and get advice on life. Whenever I would visit and begin talking about something that was affecting me or my family she would help put it in a positive perspective. She would tell me things like don't work so many hours, be with your family because they won't put how many hours you worked on your head stone. As well as she would tell me, don't worry about everything it will be alright. And you know what, she was right!

As sad as I am to loose Barb this year she will continue to live in my memories and heart. I know this because when life gets crazy with family, work, and church I will hear her voice tell me to not to take life so seriously. And every time I am watching a Tigers game I will know she will be watching the game from heaven with me.

-Pastor Shaun

Monthly Calendar of Events



Regular Weekly Events:

Sunday

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Fellowship Time

11:00 am Worship

11:15 am The Gathering Place for Kids Sunday School

3:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Community Room)

Monday

7:30 pm AA (Community Room) and Alanon (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday - Thursday

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Friends with Needs Group

Wednesday

7:00pm Men's and Women's Bible Study Groups

Schedule of Additional Events:

May 2 Presbyterian Women at Beaverton Pres. 11:00 am-3:00 pm

May 3 Fellowship meeting 10:00 am in back of Fellowship Hall

Sharlyn on Study leave 4th thru May 10th

May 4 AA & Alanon 7:30 pm

May 7 AYSO 7:00 pm

May 8 Baby Pantry 10:00 am-12:00 pm

May 10 Regular Sunday Events ~ Happy Mother's Day

Boiler Fund Bake Sale

May 12 Team Meeting 6:30 pm

May 14 Trim Healthy Mama 6:30 pm

- May 15 Newsletter Article Deadline
- May 16 Baby Pantry 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Bring Rummage Sale items-See below
- May 17 Year End Sunday School Celebration 12:00 pm
Blood Pressure Check
- May 19 Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- May 22 Baby Pantry 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- May 24 Set up for sale, immediately after Worship
- May 25 Set up for sale, time TBA
- May 26 Set up for sale, time TBA
- May 27 Set up for sale, time TBA
- May 28 Rummage Sale 9:00 am-5:00 pm
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Clean up 12:00pm-Finished
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Finance Team Update

Finance Team Thoughts

As we move on into the summer months many of us will be taking long weekends and going on vacations. This usually causes some anxiety when it comes to supporting our Church

through contributions normally done during Worship on Sunday. This is easily relieved by making your contributions on-line at hollypc.org. This allows all of us to keep up on our giving commitments and pledges when we are unable to attend service.

Although this on-line contribution option is convenient and easy to use it is not necessarily provided as a substitute for the joy of giving during Worship. God always provides a special blessing when giving while in fellowship with our Church Family.

Through your prayers and contributions God will surely continue to use



the Holy Spirit to help our Church grow and reach out to our community.

God bless all of you as you continue your journey with our Savior.

Budgeted Income

March: \$12,188.47 YTD: \$31,296.50

Budgeted Expense

March: \$11,253.46 YTD: \$42,923.63

Per Capita Update:

Our budget calls for \$1100 of the total \$2550 cost of per capita to be reimbursed by our members (\$25/member). As of Easter Sunday, we have received \$850. Please consider contributing to this cost if you are able. You can note "per capita" on the memo line of your check, or make a notation on the "other" line of your offering envelope. Thank you.

Christian Ed Team Update

Please join us for a special coffee hour on Sunday, May 17th. We will have a special end of the year Sunday School Celebration after Worship at 12:00pm.



Sunday School

The Wednesday Lunch Bunch will continue throughout the Summer months. The group will finish up the study of Women of the Bible and be changing to cribbage.

Care Team Update

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.
- Brian Palmero, Maxine Bolyea, Kennedy Todd, Pamela Lender, Ron Mikulak, Beth Krauss, Rev. Mark Knisley, Dan Goodearl, Fred Gates, Connie "C.J." Brummeler, the family of Shannon Cook, Harriett Striggow, Beatrice Johnston, Claudia Morton, Gene Stevens, Steve Yokum, Amber Leaming, Jeff Miller, Don Colegrove, Dylan Drews, Elizabeth Kici, Paul Burnett, Marti Dodge, Barb Brown, Pete Olson, Kenzie Nash, Kathy Palmero, Sherry McLaughlin, Rev. Kathy Hammond and the family of Larry Shiel.



Joys

- For the resurrection of our Lord and the signs of new life everywhere.
- For the safe delivery of Jackson Riley Moore on April 9th at 12:54am weighing 8lb 4oz, 19.5 inches long. His parents are Nicci & Joe Moore of Chicago, IL. Proud grandparents are Debbie & Gerry Jackson of Davisburg and Keith & Meg Moore of Clinton Township.

Prayers of Concern at Presbytery of Lake Huron

- Ernesto Badillo from Board of Pensions has passed away from Colon Cancer. Please keep his family in your prayers.
- Elder Vicky Bright's and family Vicky's son Kris Noble passed on Friday, April 10th. Kris has been on our prayer request list frequently after being involved in a very serious accident last summer.
- The Revs. Rhonda & Dave Myers (Midland-Chapel Lane and Caro-First) Rhonda's mother who recently entered hospice.
- Ben & Shelby Offrink, son and daughter in-law of the Rev. Jim Offink (HR) Ben has had a relapse of Hodgkin's lymphoma and is receiving chemotherapy. Shelby has been battling cancer for quite awhile. We lift the entire family in prayer. There are a couple articles in the media about the family [MLife](#) article and [Fox17](#) that includes a video.
- Tom & Pam Brackbill. Tom is Pastor of Alma-First. Pam has Younger Onset Alzheimer's Disease. She is now under the care of Masonic Pathways.
- The Rev. Peter Russell (Retired). Peter is recovering from surgery for a brain bleed he had last week.

Healthy Church Check In!

On Sunday, May 17th after worship. Nurse Karen will be available to check your

- blood pressure
- oxygen rate
- heart rate
- blood glucose levels

Get your vitals checked and be in charge of your wellness!

Note: These screenings are not intended to be a substitute for your doctor's care. Results are strictly for your information, and is not medical advice.

Fellowship Team Update

- May 3rd 10:00am Fellowship meeting, Back of Fellowship hall.
- May 10th Boiler Fund Bake sale.
The table will be open for donations before and after worship.
- RUMMAGE SALE DETAILS...
 - May 16th 1st day to bring items in for Rummage sale. Please bring spring and summer items, save winter and fall items for the fall sale. Place items in back of Fellowship Hall. Any items brought in on the day of the sale MUST be already priced.
 - May 24th, Set up for sale, TBA
 - May 25th, Set up for sale, TBA
 - May 26th, Set up for sale, TBA
 - May 27th, Set up for sale, TBA
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Property Team Update

A BIG thank you for everyone who came out to the all member work day. A lot was accomplished.



Building Safety

A reminder to all to check the building for unlocked doors, water, or anything that could be pertinent to the building. It would be appreciated. We could easily prevent disasters.

Outreach Team Update

In The Beginning News!



We are looking for new volunteers for the Baby Pantry Team for 2015! Giving your time or resources to this wonderful outreach ministry will bless you in so many ways! Contact Laura Parker if you are interested in supporting this ministry.

UPDATES!

UPCOMING DATES:

Friday, May 8th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Saturday, May 16th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Friday, May 22nd, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Items we need include: *We are low on many clothing sizes:*

- Girls pants (12-18 mo, 24 mo, 2T)
- Girls shirts (3T, 4T)
- Boys PJ's (18-24 mo, 2T, 3T, 4T)

Kleenex, hand soap, wipes, & diaper rash cream are an ongoing need. If you feel called to this ministry please see a Judy Studer, Christine Cook, or Laura Parker.

"And he took the children in his arms, put His hands on them and

blessed them."

Mark 10:16

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 families expecting new arrivals this year. May they experience healthy pregnancies and safe deliveries.
- Pray for those parents who are not getting enough hours on their work schedules.
- Pray for those parents who are seeking work.
- Prayers for baby, James Grant Saucier, born with a cleft palette. May God bless him and be with him, and with his parents as they learn what is ahead, and learn to manage life with a newborn.

Supporting our Missionaries



Colby and Sarah Keefer, Univ. of Mich Athletes in Action who continue to reach college athletes in the name of Christ.

[April Newsletter Link](#)



Operation Transit!

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

[March Newsletter](#) Link

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- Easter Baskets
Pontiac, Mi

HPC Christmas - Adopt a Family

In the Beginning Baby Pantry

Forgotten Harvest Food Pantry
Holly, Mi

Friend with Needs Outreach

Our 2015 Session

Class of 2015

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Dessalee Cook	Worship Team	(248) 634-5680
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Class of 2016

Christine Cook	Christian Ed.Team	(248) 887-2012
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Laura Parker	Outreach Team	(248) 245-5348
Margaret Perry	Fellowship Team	(810) 735-7692
Karen Haneline	Care Team	(248) 894-3489

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