



HPC Connections

Knowing, Growing, Sharing, and Serving

October 2015



I am excited that October is here! Yes, the church is getting busy and that means the pastor is busier too, but I really love this time of year, don't you? I look forward to our activities coming up - our studies, our stewardship focus, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. I love the fall colors, the crisp air, a fire in the fireplace in the mornings. It is a wonderful time of year!

I have been so blessed lately with a feeling of renewal by the Holy

Spirit in our midst ... new people joining our church family, our singing has been better than ever as we lift our voices in praise to our heavenly Father. Our first women's bible study is going great and the men continue to meet and have very meaningful (yet fun as well) discussions on the upcoming scriptures for the next Sunday. I delight in hearing their thoughts on those scriptures and their ideas for sermon titles!

There is an important book review and discussion, coming very soon. It will be held just two nights - October 14 and October 21 from 7 - 9 p.m. This is an all-church event that I do hope many will participate in. It is a discussion that we have put off far too long. The subject is on same-sex marriage and the book we will base our discussion on is Mark Achtemeier's book "The Bible's YES to Same-Sex Marriage ... An Evangelical's Change of Heart." Dr. Achtemeier has served the Presbyterian Church (USA) since 1984 as a pastor, writer, and theologian. He taught theology and ethics for fifteen years on the faculty of Dubuque Theological Seminary and was at the seminary when I attended there.

I have great respect for Mark Achtemeier and am very interested in his "change of heart." He truly has been known to be an evangelical in his theological views. It will be necessary for you to read the book before the event because that will be our focus in the discussion. I pray this will be a time for us to discuss this issue with love and with an open mind and heart. You may, or may not, come away with a changed view. The purpose is to discuss with love where we are for the sake of our brothers and sisters who are gay. Since I have served as pastor we have welcomed several same-sex couples in worship. With the new law on marriage, the time will surely come when I will be asked to perform a wedding. It is time to talk! If you haven't ordered a book, please let Sherry know to order it or you can do it as well.

My prayer for us in this new season is that we might be more and more bound together in unity and love as we learn and grow in the Spirit. May we come into this great time with an open heart and a

willingness to hear what God is saying to us both individually and as a church family.

Peace and Grace!
Rev. Sharlyn

Links to help give to those in need and disaster relief:

Educate a Child/Transform the world initiative:
<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2015/8/14/educate-child-transform-world/>

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help Syrian Refugees:

<http://pda.pcusa.org/page/refugee/>

Click on How to Help in the tools at top and click on GIVE



A Word from Pastor Shaun. . .

World Communion

The first Sunday of October our church will be one of the many

churches and thousands of people worldwide who will share in something called "World Communion."

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several [Christian denominations](#) such as Presbyterians, Methodists, Catholics, Lutherans, Pentecostals and Baptists, which promotes Christian unity and [ecumenical](#) cooperation. The tradition originated in the [Shadyside Presbyterian Church](#) in 1933, and was adopted throughout the [US Presbyterian Church](#) in 1936 and subsequently spread to other denominations in the 1940's.

What is amazing is that we come together on this day as one set of voices and in a share set of actions celebrating together as one universal body worldwide. For a second, seriously think about it - regardless of where we live in the world, the language we speak or the type of bread we are celebrating with - we are still one universal body. That is truly amazing.

Lastly although this is a joyful celebration of the Universal Church, it is also a time for us to remember and reflect on the sacrifice Jesus made for our sins. Here is a passage from the Mark 14 to remind us of this sacrifice.

"While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins".

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Shaun



Calendar of Events for October 2015

Regular Weekly Events

- Sunday 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship and Coffee
11:00 am Worship
11:15 am Gathering Place for Kids
3:00 pm AA
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm TFC
- Monday 7:30 pm AA & Alanon
- Tuesday thru Thursday
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Friends with Needs Outreach
- Wednesday
12:00 pm Lunch Bunch
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Friends with Needs Outreach
7:00 pm Presbyterian Women's Bible Study-Downstairs
7:00 pm Presbyterian Men's Bible Study- Upstairs

Schedule of Additional Events

- Oct 1 7:00 pm AYSO
- Oct 3 10:00 am -3:00 pm Presbytery Women's Fall Gathering
- Oct 4 12:15 pm Fellowship Team Meeting
World Communion Sunday
- Oct 9 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry
- Oct 11 Set up for Ardath Regan Estate Sale after worship
- Oct 12 Set up for Ardath Regan Estate Sale Time TBA
- Oct 13 Set up for Ardath Regan Estate Sale Time TBA
6:30 pm Team Meeting
- Oct 14 Set up for Ardath Regan Estate Sale Time TBA
- Oct 15 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Ardath Regan Estate Sale
- Oct 16 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Ardath Regan Estate Sale
- Oct 17 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Ardath Regan Estate Sale -then clean
up til done

- 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Baby Pantry
- Oct 18 First Day Accepting Donations. Please bring in during regular business hours. Sunday worship, Tues-Fri 9:00 am-3:00 pm, closed for lunch. Accepting Fall and Winter items. Please save Spring and Summer items for Spring sale. Items taken thru 28th. If you bring in items during the sale they must be priced.
- Oct 20 7:00 pm Session Meeting
- Oct 23 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry
- Oct 24 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Fall Clean up - bring a sack lunch
- Oct 25 Set up for Rummage Sale after worship
- Oct 26 Set up for Rummage Sale Time TBA
- Oct 27 Set up for Rummage Sale Time TBA
- Oct 28 Set up for Rummage Sale Time TBA
- Oct 29 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Rummage Sale
- Oct 30 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Rummage Sale
- Oct 31 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Rummage Sale
12:00pm - ? Clean up from Rummage Sale
5:00 pm -5:30 pm Set up for Trick or Treating
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Trick or Treating
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Finance Team Update



Income and Expenses

Actual Income	August \$9,327.07	YTD \$86,454.70
Actual Expense	August \$9,750.69	YTD \$94,250.59

Electronic Giving-It's so easy. Give it a try.

Go to www.hollypc.org-- scroll to bottom of the page "electronic online giving", click on "give now" You will be directed to Presbyterian Mission Exchange Website-It will show Holly Presbyterian Church. Choose either one time or recurring. Put in the amount, day of week, start date and end date. The rest is your information (ie Name, address credit or debit card information).

Then press Give Now. You did it!!

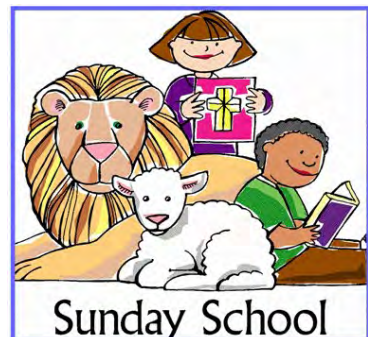
Note: Presbyterian Mission Exchange sends you by email a notification of each contribution you make. Keep these for your records for tax purposes.

Thanks,

Finance Team

Bob Killewald, Vicki Lyles, Brian Parker, Laura Parker and Christine Cook.

Christian Ed Team Update



Adult Sunday School- Barbara Brown is leading this group in a study of the New Testament. This class meets Sunday at 9:30 am.

Gathering Place for Kids- Sunday School for Infant, Pre-K and Kindergarten aged children. This class meets after the Children's Message.

TFC (Teens for Christ) -will be meeting Sunday evenings 6:00pm -8:00pm. Through the end of the year, we are doing a new study, *Echo the Story*, that will allow teens to discover meaning and a personal identity in the Bible narrative through conversations, meditation, and creativity. If you have questions, please see Sara Pettit.

Wednesday Lunch Bunch Wednesday at Noon. We have starting with a review on David, then we will dive into the Psalms. All are welcome to to join us. Bring a little something for lunch! A good time of fellowship and learning. If you have any questions, please see Charlee Litten.

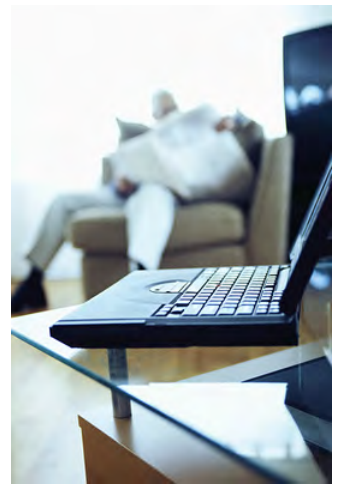
Presbyterian Men's Bible Study Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall upstairs. The current study is based on select scripture reading followed by discussion. The class is led by Randy Cook.

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Community Room downstairs. The class is led by Rev Sharlyn. The class is on "Simplify: 10 Practices to Unclutter Your Soul by Bill Hybel. If you have ever thought to yourself " I'm exhausted, I'm overwhelmed. I'm overscheduled," this class is for you. This class will show us how to unclutter our mind, heart and soul to live a different way, to simplify.

All Church Discussion-Wednesday 7:00 pm begins Oct 14th-ends Oct 21st. This is a book discussion on *The Bible's Yes to Same Sex Marriage* by Mark Achtemeier. Book is \$13.00 and is now available. See Christine Cook, Pastor Sharlyn, or Sherry in the office to get yours today.

Technology Team

The Technology Team is made up of Walt Brown, Jim Lyles, Nick Pettit and Brian Parker.



Care Team Update

Prayer /Joy process

In order to keep up on prayers and joys, a new process was developed with the assistance of Roberta Single. A basket will be placed on the table in the back of the sanctuary with a slip of paper for the information you provide. Take one fill it out and place it in the offertory plate. These will be collected by the counters and turned in to the office manager, who will enter into the bulletin for the next week. These prayers/joys will stay in the system for one month and then drop off. If you notice it has dropped off and you wish continued prayers please fill out another request form as previously done. These will be scrolled at the beginning of the service as it is now. More information is provided so there is clarification of the prayer/joy with a month rotation.



Questions: see Karen Haneline Sample:

PRAYER/JOY
WHO _____
CONCERN _____

RELATION _____

Prayers of Concern

- For those serving, or who have served, in military service.
- Strength, Renewal, and Healing for: Ed Wells, cancer, Patty Smith blood

clots on lungs (Claudia Morton), Patricia Talley - stage 4 pancreatic cancer (Claudia Morton, Talley's sister), Barbara Hallberg- acute stroke (Dr. Terry LaFalce's mother), Jim DeHaven (Sharlyn's father), Margaret House (Kenzie Nash), Gladys Havenstein -recovery from hip surgery, Lee Black's husband-stroke from head injuries motorcycle accident & Lee (Dessalee's friend), Karen Haneline-that the Lord will keep her one step ahead of her students in her new job, and Lois Caryl (Beth Dryer).

- For all our children, youth and young adults to have a safe school year.

Prayers of Concern at Presbytery of Lake Huron

- The congregation and leadership of Bay City-Westminister as they celebrate 150 years of ministry.
- The Rev. George Gillette and wife Jeanette as they celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on September 9th.
- The Rev. Cathy Chang and family as she begins her new call as a Mission Co-Worker this fall.
- The Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers (Pastor of Midland-Chapel Lane) and the Rev. Dave Myers (Pastor of Caro First) on the passing of Rhonda's mother week of Sept 6th.
- The Rev. Cathy Chang and family as they soon begin work as Mission Co-Workers in the Philippines.
- Ben Offrink, son of the Rev. Jim Offrink and Elder Sally Offrink who had some very encouraging news recently in his battle with cancer.
- Michael and Rachel Ludwig,our Mission Co-Workers who are serving in Niger

Healthy Church Check In!

Nurse Karen will be in on Sunday, October 18th 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.

Care Team

Karen Haneline, Loretta Weiss, Beth Dryer, Linda Burns, Jennifer Chanter, Jan Bradshaw.

Fellowship Team Update



- Fellowship Team Meeting October 4th immediately following worship in the back of the Fellowship Hall.
- Help is needed for the anticipated **Ardath Regan Estate Sale**. It will be Oct. 15th & 16th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Oct 17th 9:00am - 12:00 pm and then clean up until done. Set up will start Sunday Oct 11th after worship if you can stay to set up tables. We will continue set up Oct 12th thru Oct 14th. Please see sign up sheet or Margaret Perry. We anticipate a big crowd for this sale.

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- Our **Fall Rummage Sale** will be on Oct 29th, 30th & 31st. The 29th & 30th the sale will be from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. The 31st 9:00 am - 12:00 pm then clean up. Set up will be 25th after worship and 26th thru 28th. Times will be announced. Items for donations can come to the church starting Sunday, Oct 18th during worship and office hours Tues thru Fri 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, closed 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm until Oct 28th. Fall and Winter items accepted for this sale, save the Spring and Summer items

for the next sale.

Fellowship Team

Margaret Perry, Donna Miller, Cathie Killewald, Beth Dryer, Roberta Single, Mary Renico, Fran Olsen, Elizabeth Kici, Coleen Spring, Judy Studer and Jan Bradshaw.

Property Team Update



Fall Clean up day will be October 24th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please bring a sack lunch. See Lori Goldsmith to sign up.



Effective September 1st we are a smoke-free property. No smoking on the

Grounds or in the Building at HPC.

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.

Thank you,

Property Team

Lori Goldsmith, Randy Cook, Broady Cook, Gerry Jackson and Tim Burns.

Worship Team Update



Weekly Attendance

Don't forget to fill out the blue fellowship book for our record keeping of your weekly attendance. Not only is the entry used for important data the church needs to collect for accounting purposes but it is used to learn visitors names, address corrections, etc. Thank you the Worship Team.

And...

Worship Team is in need of volunteers for the next several months. Open positions include substitutes for Worship Leader, ushers, greeters, and communion servers (must be as an Elder of the church). Also, we are in need of a person to fill the vacant Worship Team Leader position that become vacant in January and team members are need to make the team a viable and active group. If this sounds like something that interests you see Dessalee Cook for details.

Worship Team
Dessalee Cook
Vicki Lyles
Gordie Bradshaw

Outreach Team Update



In The Beginning News!

We are looking for **new** volunteers for the Baby Pantry Team. 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, Oct 9th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Saturday, Oct 17th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Friday, Oct 23rd, 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)

We are in need of Diapers size 1 and 4 as well as wipes. 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.

Give & Take Library: We invite the entire HPC family to support this element by donating children's books (used or new).

Supporting our Missionaries



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

[Keifer September Newsletter](#) Link

Operation Transit!

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

[Iobst September Newsletter](#) Link



- OLSHA Action Agency needs help in these areas: Handymen, Housekeepers, Survey Takers, Office Volunteers, Yard Clean ups, Snow Removal and Lawn Mowing, Minor Home Repairs, Home Safety Devices, Heavy Housekeeping and Yard Services. If you can help, please contact Marie Verheyen at 248-209-2671 or MARIEV@olhsa.org with questions and to sign up. Details can be viewed on the office bulletin board.

Trick Or Treat Outreach

"You are the light of the world - like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father".

Matthew 5:14-16

The Outreach and Christian Education Teams at HPC will be opening the church to families in the community on Saturday October 31st, during the scheduled community Trick or Treating. Last year was a great success! We will pass out treats and popcorn to the kids, and have hot drinks for visitors in our narthex. Let's show Holly families what being a part of God's family is all about by shining our light brightly!

Ways that you can participate: Help decorate, help with setting up & making hot drinks, provide wrapped candy, popping corn, and most importantly come and talk with families and have fun watching the little ones have a good time! Helpers should arrive between 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm. Trick or Treating will begin at 6:00 pm.



The Outreach Team

Laura Parker, Jennifer Chanter, Donna DeNise, Kenzie Nash

Personnel Team News

Our church has many teams that not only accomplish awesome tasks, but have great fellowship and laughter. Please consider joining one of our teams.



Charlee Litten, Jennifer Chanter, Judy Studer, Dale Huffman, Margaret Perry

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

School Supplies-Holly Area Youth Assistance
School Supplies for Haiti

Our 2015 Session

Class of 2015

Charlee Litten	Personnel Team	(810) 694-0095
Dessalee Cook	Worship Team	(248) 634-5680
Jim Lyles	Clerk	(248) 634-4610
Walt Brown	Technology Team	(810) 629-1618

Class of 2016

Christine Cook	Christian Ed.Team	(248) 887-2012
Lori Goldsmith	Property Team	(810) 397-9722
Bob Killewald	Finance Team	(248) 310-2410

Class of 2017

Laura Parker	Outreach Team	(248) 245-5348
Margaret Perry	Fellowship Team	(810) 735-7692
Karen Haneline	Care Team	(248) 894-3489

Minister:

The Rev. Dr. Sharlyn DeHaven Gates

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Associate Pastor: Shaun Hardimon

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