

# HPC Connections

Knowing, Growing, Caring, Serving

## June 2016 Newsletter



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### June reflections from your pastor ...

**"This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Ps. 118:24**



Time to celebrate our graduates! In May we celebrated our four young people who confirmed their baptismal vows on Pentecost Sunday. I was so proud of Ellie, Ben, Angel and Emily as they read their statements of faith that they had worked on for several weeks.

And now we celebrate our three amazing graduates! Rebecca Cook, Anderson Muenzer and Allison Muenzer are all graduating from High School. These young people have done such a great job in school and in our church. They were all very instrumental in the start up of our *In the Beginning Baby Pantry*. They have hearts that care for others. They have been faithful in their activity and work in our congregation. And they are excited about heading off to college and new adventures. We will celebrate them and their accomplishments on June 5<sup>th</sup>!

We also congratulate Marissa Cook who graduated with honors from Alma College. We celebrate with her as she moves to the next chapter in her life!

I'm looking forward to some vacation time off this summer, including traveling to attend my nephew's wedding in Missouri and to visit all my family in Kansas and Oklahoma. I'm especially looking

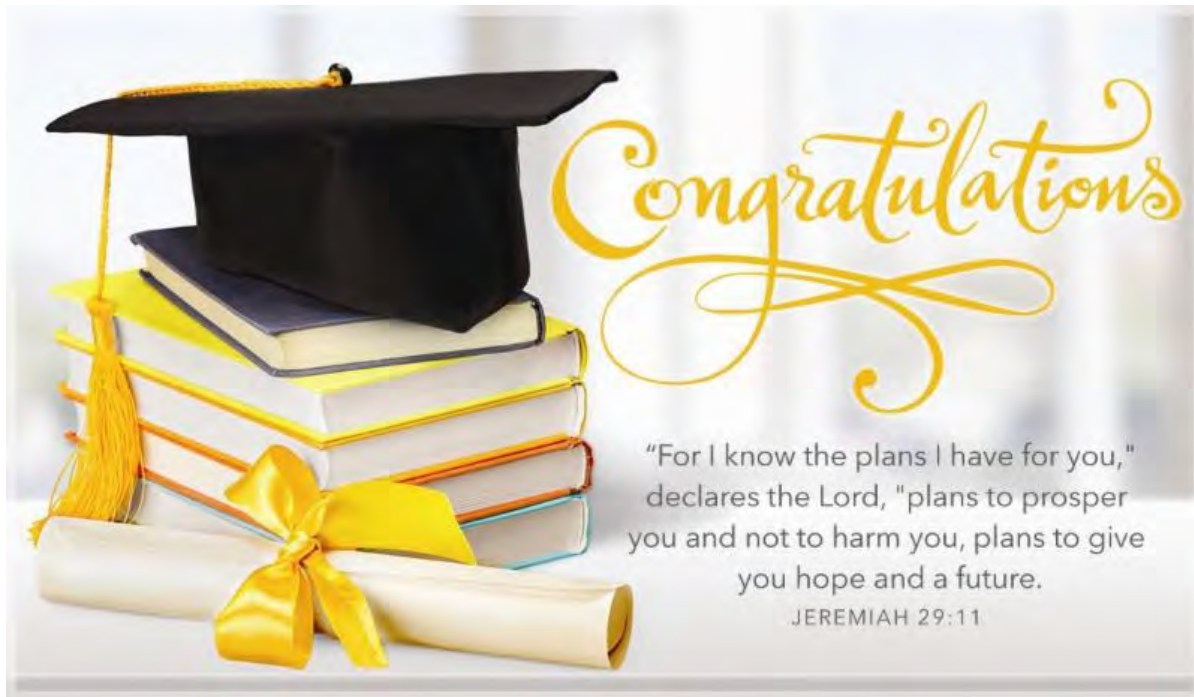
forward to seeing my sons and their families. Those grandchildren are growing up too fast!

When I'm not on vacation this summer, and all through the fall, I will be mostly preaching from the Gospel of Luke. I'm really looking forward to preaching the Good News according to Luke. His inclusive Gospel is focused how we are all accepted into the family of God.

I pray you all have a fun and safe summer, full of many blessings, and I look forward to our worship together on Sunday mornings. Don't forget, the time changes to 10 a.m. after Memorial Day Weekend.

Peace and Grace!

*Reverend Sharlyn*



**Our 2016 Graduates**

**Marissa Cook**

Daughter of Randy and Christine Cook  
Alma College  
Bachelor of Arts in English and Art and Design.  
Summa Cum Laude  
Presidential Honors  
Sigma Tau Delta-English Honorary  
Kappa Pi Zeta-Art and Design Honorary  
Will be working this summer at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.  
Planning to return to school to obtain a Masters of Fine Arts.



**Rebecca Cook**

Daughter of Randy and Christine Cook  
Lakeland High School  
National Technology Honor Society - Vice-President  
Academic Honors  
Will attend: Saginaw Valley State University studying psychology and business and communications.

**Allison Muenzer** will be graduating from Lake Fenton High School, fifth in her class, with honors. She will be attending Alma College in the fall to study dance and business administration. She will also be dancing in the Alma College Dance Company.



**Anderson Muenzer** will be graduating from Lake Fenton High School, with honors. He will be attending Kettering University in the fall to study mechanical engineering. He has accepted a co-op position at Oxford Forge.



***The Lord bless you and keep you as you start your new chapter of your life. He is always there for you.***

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Information from our bulletins and calendar as well as special projects and disaster relief can be found on our website at [www.hollypc.org](http://www.hollypc.org)



Some of the most recent Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is US Flooding '16, Earthquakes in Ecuador April '16, Burundi refugee crisis and Flint water crisis.

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## Missionaries of the Next Age

Josiah, Phoebe & Thomas Iobst are inviting us to become a Ministry Partner Team. They have an opportunity to go on an international summer outreach program to Port Shepstone, South Africa from this summer. The purpose is to talk to people about a personal relationship with Christ. More info available on bulletin board.



Make check payable to "CRU" and send to: Josiah, Phoebe & Thomas Iobst c/o Stanley Iobst, 5279 Hale Dr., Troy, MI 48085. Please include designation #0870599. On line you can give thru [give.cru.org/0870599](http://give.cru.org/0870599). **Money due to them by June 2nd.** They need \$11,000. Prayerfully consider.

Please click on the link below to read the letter they sent to learn more about it.

[Iobst Kids Summer South Africa Project 2nd page](#)

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## **A Message from our Associate Pastor**



Angel



Emily



Ellie



Ben

Over the last couple of months Dr. Rev Sharlyn and I have been given the opportunity to help Ellie Goldsmith, Emily Martin, Ben Muenzer, and Angel Vliet both explore and articulate their faith in Jesus Christ. Through praying, reading scripture, watching movies, eating together, and writing a statement of faith.

In addition, to spending time exploring their faith and understanding what it means to be a member of the church they have publically professed their faith by answering three basic questions of faith:

1. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
2. Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?
3. Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

So next time you see Ellie Goldsmith, Emily Martin, Ben Muenzer, and Angel Vliet Congratulate them on being the newest members of our church.

Peace of Christ be with you-  
Shaun



## Regular Weekly Events

**Sunday**

10:00 am Worship ***New time***

3:00 am AA

***Monday***

7:30 pm AA & Al Anon

***Tuesday thru Thursday***

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friends with Needs

***Wednesday***

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friends with Needs

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch

7:00 pm Presbyterian Men Bible Study on Luke

7:00 pm Presbyterian Women Bible Study on Luke

**Schedule of Additional Events**

Jun 2 7:00 pm AYSO

Jun 5 **NO** Fellowship Team Meeting this month

11:00 am Graduation Tea after worship

Jun 7 ***Team Meetings:***

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Information Technology

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Worship

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Personnel

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Christian Education

Jun 10 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry

Synod of the Covenant Presbyterian Women '16

Jun 11 Gathering in Findlay, OH

Jun 14 ***Team Meetings:***

Finance 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Care 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Outreach 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Property 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Jun 15 Newsletter Deadline

Jun 18 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Baby Pantry

Jun 19 Healthy Check up with Nurse Karen after worship

Jun 21 7:00 pm Session Meeting

Jun 24 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry

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## From the Lion's Den

I am concluding my series of remarks on mission in a changing context with a look forward. In my last column I stated that "more important than having a mission statement is having a mission." Our presbytery has a wonderful mission statement. It was adopted in 2000 and is a perfect statement about what a presbytery in the 21st century can and should be. You can link to it, along with "directional signals" for its implementation on our webpage (<http://www.presbylh.org/statement-of-mission-and-directional-signals/>).



But what lasting impact has the statement accomplished? Rather than embarking on a new way of being the church, over the past ten years or so, our presbytery has responded to our changing mission context like many others in our denomination: reducing staff and program, streamlining committees, and closing small churches which the Presbytery could no longer afford to support with mission dollars. We are now operating on a smaller scale, but the style, purpose, and function of the presbytery hasn't changed. If anything, we have become less effective.

Rather than become an "inside-out" presbytery, directing our energies and resources outward through congregations and networks, we have become increasingly passive, moribund, and resigned, both as congregations and as a presbytery together. We have despaired of being the church we once were, but haven't imagined what kind of church we are called to become. We have focused on what we lack, rather than on what God has given us. We have been waiting for God in our comfortable, familiar pews instead of going to find God out in the world where God is already at work and inviting us to join in that work.

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, author of *The Little Prince*, is credited with saying, "If you want to build a ship, don't drum up the men to gather wood, divide the work, and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea." We have confused the shipyard for the sea, and become more concerned with the design of the ship than venturing to where God is at work.

Beginning with our upcoming Presbytery meeting June 7, we are going to launch "holy conversations" about the future of our presbytery. We are NOT going to write a new mission statement. We are going to dream. We will look for places God is at work in our

communities, in our state, in our world and imagine how we might join God in those places. We are going to release the joy of being the church in service to God in the world. We are going to give voice to the yearning of the Spirit.

The model of our future is Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb. 12:2). What is the joy God has set before us? What are we willing to put aside, lay down, pick up, or carry in order to obtain that joy? What gifts has God already given us to use to get to where we are meant to be?

These conversations will form a part of our upcoming presbytery meetings, but we won't get far if they stop there. It is my hope, and, I pray, our hope as a presbytery, that these conversations will ignite similar conversations in each of our churches. Then we will be amazed by what God will do when we set our sights on that vast sea and the distant shore.

Faithfully,  
Dan Saperstein  
Executive Presbyter



Pictured from left to right is Pastor Shaun Hardimon, Dr. Rev. Sharlyn



Gates, Ben Muenzer, Angel Vliet, Elizabeth (Ellie) Goldsmith, Emily Martin and behind them Christine Cook, Christian Education.

May 15th was Confirmation Sunday. Here are pictures of our newest members Ellie Goldsmith, Emily Martin, Ben Muenzer and Angel Vliet at the service. Also pictured is Dr. Rev. Sharlyn Gates, Assoc. Pastor Shaun Hardimon, Christian Ed Director Christine Cook.



Ellie



Emily



Ben



Angel



## Finance Team Update



Income:	March \$12,303.64	YTD	
	\$33,663.49		
Expenses:	March \$10,594.96	YTD	\$40,808.06

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

Go to [www.hollypc.org](http://www.hollypc.org), scroll to the bottom of the page "electronic online giving", and click on "give now". You will be directed to the 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 (i.e. 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, Laura Parker and Christine Cook.

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## Christian Ed



**Wednesday Lunch Bunch**-Wednesday at Noon. We are currently studying Gospel of Luke. 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 Community Room downstairs. The current study is the Gospel of Luke. Learning and fellowship is had by all. The class is led by Randy Cook.

**Presbyterian Women's Bible Study** Wednesday 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall upstairs. The current study is the Gospel of Luke. The class is class led. Come on out for a great time of learning and fellowship.

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## Information Technology Team

The Information Technology Team members are Sara Pettit, Walt Brown, Jim Lyles, and Brian Parker.

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## Care Team Update



Praying for our church family & friends. .

- For those serving, or who have served, in military service.
- Strength, renewal, and healing for: Barbara & Owen Hallberg (Dr. Teryl LaFalce's mother and stepfather), William Woodard (grandson of Fred Gates), Barbara Wells, Terry & Julie Parish, Angel Vliet and Andy Schram, Fran Olson, Pete Olson, Celia Pettit, Bill Parks (brother in law of Ron & Kathleen Howe), Charles Jackson (brother of Peggy Ranger), Dale Huffman, Mandie Banks, Paul Burnett (friend of Cathie Killewald), Gene Stevens, Mark Freeman, Joey (Carlee Muenzer's nephew), Jesse Ramirez (Carlee Muenzer's boyfriend), Tom Schettling, Rob Paulson, Joan Davis, Kay Vander Kuy, Lois Caryl, Marge Smith and Tim Burns.
- Prayers for our members who are home bound or in care facilities.
- For Flint residents and the water crisis.

## Praise

- We welcome Paul & Ashley Dryer's new arrival, Beau Daniel, born May 10th at 6:08 pm weighing 6lbs 7oz and 19.25" long.

## Prayers of Concern at Presbytery of Lake Huron

- The sister of Elder Chery Hosler at Croswell First has recently been diagnosed with cancer. We lift up Kathy, Cheryl, their family and loved ones.
- The family of Elder Kate Smith and the congregation of Croswell-First on her passing to the larger life in May. Kate was the secretary at Croswell-First and was also in the presbytery's CRE (Commissioned Ruling Elder) program.
- Please pray for Croswell-First as they go through some changes too.
- The family of Marydeana Duckworth and the congregation of Mt. Pleasant First on her passing to the larger life in May. Marydeana

was very active in Presbyterian Women both at her church and at the presbytery level.

- The Rev. Cathy Chang and her mission work in the Philippines.
- Michael & Rachel Ludwig, and their mission work in Niger.

**Nurse Karen** will be in on Sunday, June 19th after worship. Nurse Karen will be available to check your

- blood pressure
- oxygen rate

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.

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## Property Team

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, Tim  
Burns, Tom Schettling and Ellen Paulson.

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## Worship Team

### 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.

Also, Worship is in need of volunteers for the next several months. Open positions include substitutes for worship leader, ushers, greeters, and Communion servers (must be an Elder of the church to serve Communion).

If this sounds like something that interests you see Linda Burns for details.

Worship Team  
Linda Burns  
Vicki Lyles  
Gordie Bradshaw



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## Fellowship Team

Fellowship Team will Not have a meeting on June 5th this month.

Please come June 5th after worship and help us celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates with a Graduation Tea. Refreshments will be served.



Thank you.

Margaret Perry  
Fellowship Team

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## Outreach Team



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.

### UPCOMING DATES:

Friday, June 10th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Saturday, June 18th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Friday, June 24th 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 4 as well as Kleenex, wipes and shampoo.

If you feel called to this ministry please see 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.

The Outreach Team

Laura Parker, Jennifer Chanter, Donna DeNise, Kenzie Nash.

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## Supporting Our Missionaries



Iobst Family picture 2015

[Link:Iobst April 2016 Newsletter](#)





Keefer Family picture 2014

Link: [May Newsletter](#)

The Outreach Team Laura Parker, Jennifer Chanter, Donna DeNise, Kenzie Nash, James Lyles.

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## Personnel Team News



Charlee Litten, Jennifer Chanter, Judy Studer, Dale Huffman

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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)

HPC Christmas - Adopt a Family

In the Beginning Baby Pantry

Forgotten Harvest Food Pantry  
Holly, Mi

Friend with Needs

School Supplies-Holly Area Youth Assistance  
School Supplies for Haiti

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## Our 2016 Session

### **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

### **Class of 2018**

Charlee Litten	Personnel Team	(810) 694-0095
Ellen Paulson	Clerk	(248) 320-0375
Sara Pettit	Technology Team	(810) 730-8357
Linda Burns	Worship Team	(586) 482-3091

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Sharlyn DeHaven Gates (248)369-8893(h),  
(620) 423-2671(c)

Associate Pastor: Shaun Hardimon (810)635.0586(h),  
(586)292.8772(c)

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