



HPC Connections

Knowing, Growing, Sharing, and Serving

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A message from Reverend Sharlyn

Where Wilderness and the Cross Meet ...

As we leave the month of February and begin the month of March we also begin the season of Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday on March 1st. As always, we will have supper together in the Fellowship Hall before going into the sanctuary for the introduction to Lent and the imposition of the ashes. As we hear the words "remember you are dust and to dust you shall return" we are reminded of our mortality. As humans, we are frail, we are imperfect, we are so easily tempted. In Lent, we remember how much we need God to rescue us from the sin that so easily snares us. Through the journey of Lent we reflect on how God has rescued his people.

This Lenten Season there will be two focuses, in a way, but both will coincide and finally come to meet together on Maundy Thursday. Each week there will be lessons from the Old Testament as Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, rescuing them from the bonds of slavery, leading them on the long journey through the wilderness ... a journey that would be full of trials and life lessons about trusting God.

The parallel focus will be on Jesus' journey to the cross and the lessons he teaches about God's kingdom living, finally coming to the cross as God rescues once again, His people from the bonds of slavery - the slavery we get bound up in with the sin that ultimately leads to death. Both lessons remind us of God's plan for the salvation of His people.

On Maundy Thursday I am planning a very special service where, at

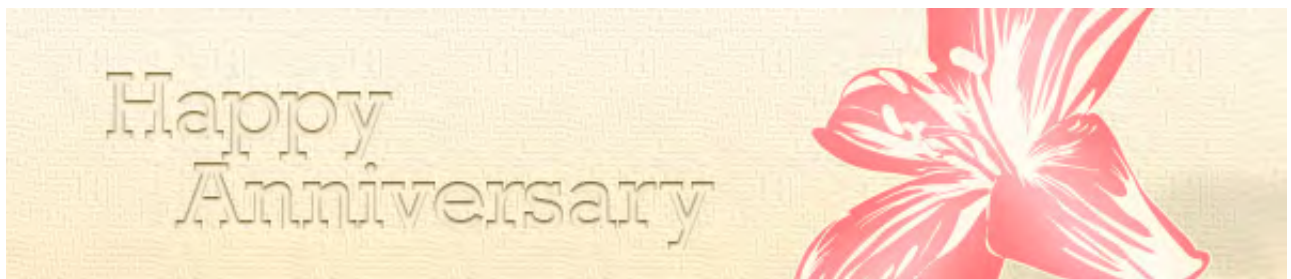


last, the wilderness and the cross meet. We will celebrate a modified Passover Meal with a Christian emphasis.

I want to encourage you all to come to the Wednesday night bible studies. These studies will be strongly focused on the Lenten theme and the upcoming Scriptures and lessons that will be preached that upcoming Sunday.

Are you ready for the journey? Pack your bags, but pack light because the journey will be long and sometimes difficult, but that's what wilderness lessons are about. Do not be afraid because it is God who will lead us and always provide what we need. Just bring yourself, your bible, perhaps a journal or notebook to write in. You don't want to forget the lessons. Let's take this trip together, shall we? When we finally meet to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, we will perhaps view it with even more joy than ever before.

*Peace & Grace,
Rev. Sharlyn*



Congratulations goes out to the Rev's Fred & Sharlyn Gates who will be celebrating 33 years of marriage on March 3rd.

Ash Wednesday Supper and Imposition of Ashes

Don't miss out on the introduction to the Lenten focus as we begin on March 1st with the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and Service Of The Imposition Of Ashes. The supper begins at 6:15 p.m.



in the Fellowship Hall with a service in the Sanctuary at 7:15 p.m. Come and join in as we begin this important season of reflection and growth, making our way once again to the cross and to Easter.



Maundy Thursday - 6:30 p.m.

Come join us on April 13th for a very special Maundy Thursday supper and service. We will eat together and observe a modified Passover meal with a Christian focus. This service will give an overall sense of the Jewish Passover but also will observe the Last Supper that Jesus gave us. We will start at 6:30 p.m. The entire service will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan on attending this special, meaningful service. It would be most helpful if you would sign up so we know how many to plan for. Hopefully, we will have a large group! You can sign the sign-up sheet that will be started on Ash Wednesday or you sign up on Facebook. Hope to see you there!

Information from our bulletins and calendar as well as special projects and disaster relief can be found on our website at www.hollypc.org



- Mar 5 Communion Sunday
10:00 am Fellowship **Team Meeting**
- Mar 7 **Team Meetings**
Information Technology 6:30pm-7:30pm
Worship 6:30pm-7:30pm
Personnel 7:00pm-7:30pm
Christian Education 7:30pm-8:30pm
- Mar 8 1:00 pm Grief Support Group
- Mar 10 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry
- Mar 12 Daylight savings time begins -
turn your clocks ahead one hour
- Mar 14 **Team Meetings**
Finance 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Care 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Outreach 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Mar 15 Newsletter Articles Due
- Mar 18 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry
- Mar 19 12:00 pm Healthy Check up
- Mar 21 7:00 pm Session Meeting
- Mar 22 1:00 pm Grief Support Group
- Mar 24 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry

A Word from Pastor Shaun

How was your Valentine's Day? Did you get sweet smelling flowers? Did you get chocolates or some fancy strawberries or truffles? Maybe you received a card with beautiful pictures and a harmony of heartwarming words?

Or someone may have given you a sparkly and shiny new piece of jewelry? Whoever gave you these gifts and symbols of love put a lot of time and effort into selecting the correct items.

As important as this one day a year is to show our love we must remember to share this love every day of our lives with the ones we love. Too often the flowers will wilt, the chocolates will be eaten, the cards will be lost, and the luster or shine will fade away from the jewelry.

But, when you make a concerted effort everyday to remind the one you love how important they are with a kiss, a simple touch and putting them before yourself then your love will shine through to the person's heart.



Shaun

From your Finance Team

Per Capita Payment Due

Our per capita apportionment of \$2,564.66 is due to the presbytery by February 15. This payment, which is more than the average amount we collect for a Sunday offering, comes right after we have just paid our annual building and worker's compensation insurance bills. This creates a major cash flow issue for your treasurer. If you would contribute your portion of the per capita payment (\$26.17 per member), it would help out a lot. We know that not everyone is able to do this, but are hoping that if we each give what we can, we will be able to cover a decent portion of the bill.

Gratefully,
Vicki Lyles

Easter Lilies -

Sign Up Sheet is available in the Narthex until April 2nd. Please sign up if you would like to have a memorial plant on Easter.

Finance Team Financial Update

Income	January	\$ 9,755.69	YTD \$ 9,755.69
Expenses	January	\$ 15,099.46,	YTD \$15,099.46

Thanks,
Finance Team
Bob Killewald, Vicki Lyles, Laura Parker and Carrie Duncanson

From the Lions' Den

In the last issue, I began to write about the "Great Ends of the Church" found in our Book of Order which summarize the mission of the church:



F-10304 The great ends of the Church are:
 the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
 the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
 the maintenance of divine worship;
 the preservation of the truth;
 the promotion of social righteousness; and
 the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Last issue, I wrote about "the proclamation of the gospel...." This issue I am going to skip ahead to "the maintenance of divine worship." The worship of God, while third in the list of Great Ends, is the single most important task of the church. It is what distinguishes it from secular organizations and even faith-based enterprises. It is the primary means by which we fulfill the first question of the Westminster Shorter Catechism: "Q. What is the chief end of man? A. The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever."

Presbyterians have been engaged in "worship wars" over the past two generations. As the church has lost its place of privilege in society, lost members, and tried to kick-start renewal, it has experimented with various forms of worship from folk services to healing services to contemplative services to rock concerts. As Presbyterians, we have a particular theology that informs our worship but we do not have a mandated style of worship. The rubrics of worship are found in "The Directory for Worship" in our Book of Order. The central themes of our worship are: The encounter with God mediated through the Word of God in scripture; the acknowledgment of our need for God's grace through confession of sin, and the recognition of that grace through the declaration of God's promises and the administration of sacraments; and our response of gratitude through offering of our lives to God's service in mission to the world.

These themes of Proclamation and Response, of Grace and Gratitude form both the essential shape of our worship as well as of our lives.

At the Presbytery meeting March 6, we will be voting on a major revision to our Directory for Worship. The revision is designed to consolidate what is currently a somewhat rambling and over-regulated Directory. It also lifts up as the organizing principal of our worship that foundational rhythm of grace and gratitude. During our equipping time, we will have the privilege of interacting with the Rev. Dr. David Gambrell

of our General Assembly office of Theology, Worship, and Education, focusing on how the Directory for Worship can benefit the mission of congregations.

God acts in grace toward us, we respond in gratitude to God. It is a simple yet profound summary of the Christian life. The proposed Directory puts it this way:

God acts with grace; we respond with gratitude. God claims us as beloved children; we proclaim God's saving love. God redeems us from sin and death; we rejoice in the gift of new life. This rhythm of divine action and human response-found throughout Scripture, human history, and everyday events-shapes all of Christian faith, life, and worship. (W-1.0102)

May our diverse and creative responses of gratitude for God's grace shape our worship and our lives as the Presbytery of Lake Huron.

Faithfully,

Dan Saperstein, Executive Presbyter dsaperstein@presbylh.org

Christian Education

Adult Sunday School The Adult Sunday School class meets on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Community Room. We are starting a new study of the Jewish background of Jesus. All adults and high school students are welcome to be part of this class and join the discussions. (Small treats provided; bring your own coffee or water.)

Wednesday Lunch Bunch Bible Study- Each Wednesday at noon. We will be studying Luke. You are welcome to join us. Please bring a little something for your lunch! A good time of learning and fellowship. If you have any questions see Charlee Litten.

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study Wednesday's at 7:00 pm starting March 8th. This is a class led class. Please join us. Each week we discuss the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday which will focus on our Lenten theme. It is a good learning time and fellowship as well.

Presbyterian Men's Bible Study Wednesday's at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Gathering Place. This is a class led class. Please join us. Each week we discuss the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday which will focus on our Lenten theme. It is a good learning time and fellowship as well.

Grief Support Group

The grief support group will meet every other week on Wednesday. For



March, we will meet on the 8th and 22nd at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Even if you have not lost a loved one, but have a life changes you are struggling with, or if you just feel the need to be with others for support, please join us! This group will be led by Elder Linda Burns, our Stephen Minister.

Information Technology Team

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

Care Team

Quote: And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of of these is **love**. With Christ birth and life we have all three and are truly blessed.



Praying for our church family & friends. . Concerns

- For those serving, or who have served, in military service.
- Strength, renewal, and healing for: Barb Brown, Fran & Pete Olson, Donna Miller, Caroline Lucindo (Brian Parker's sister, Hadleigh Banks, John Miller (Donna Miller's son), Dolores Mikulak & family (Karen Haneline's mom), Carlton Pernel (Gerry Jackson's friend), Celia (CC) Pettit, Laura Parker, Terry Parish, Peggy Ranger, Paul Burnett (friend of Cathie Killewald).
- For peace and comfort for the family of Jennifer (Jim Lyles cousin).
- Prayers for our members who are home bound or in care facilities.
- For our country and and its leaders. For peace.
- Pray for your church and both our pastors.
- Our new President, Donald Trump, that God's will be done.

IN OUR PRESBYTERY AND MISSIONARIES PLEASE PRAY

- The Rev. Cathy Chang and family serving in the Philippines, Michael and Rachel Ludwig serving in Niger, Colby and Sarah Keefer & family in Ypsilanti (Athletes in Action), and Allen and Deedee Iobst & family in Spain.

- Kathy Grimes, Comm. Ruling Elder of Elkton Chandler and Kinde First continues treatment for breast cancer.
- For peace and comfort for Rev Alex Peterson, Pastor of Lapeer First & family in the passing of his father, Randall S. Peterson on February 10th unexpectedly.

Healthy Check up will be Sunday March 19th Nurses Karen and Char will be available to check your

- blood pressure
- oxygen rate
- glucose check

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, Judy Studer, Ellen Paulson, Lisa Martin, Charlene Clement and Emily Martin.

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 Judy Studer or Cathie Killewald if you are interested in supporting this ministry.



UPCOMING DATES:

Friday, March 10th 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Saturday, March 18th 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Friday, March 24th 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

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

- Boys pants (2T, 3T, 4T, 5T)
- Boys shirts (2T, 3T, 4T, 5T)
- Boys PJ's (2T, 3T, 4T, 5T)

We are in need of wipes.

Any donations can be placed in the crib in the narthex, or financial donations can be placed in the offering plate with a notation or envelope marked "Baby Pantry". Thank you for your generous support.

If you feel called to this ministry or just want to see what it is about please see Judy Studer or Cathie Killewald.

"And he took the children in his arms, put His hands on them and blessed them." Mark 10:16

Prayer requests from our families

- New families to the community that are struggling to make it. They appreciate the help we give them. They are in need of a better jobs or a job to keep there family going.
- 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.

Thank you,
Judy Studer, Cathie Killewald, Jennifer Chanter, Donna DeNise, Kenzie Nash and Reisa Hamilton.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering goes to help people in the U.S. and abroad. This special offering will be received on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Property Team

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.

Please remember we are a smoke-free property. No smoking on the Grounds or in the Building at HPC.

Thank you.

Property Team - Randy Cook, Lori Goldsmith, Broady Cook, Gerry Jackson, Tim Burns, Tom Schettling and Ellen Paulson.

Worship Team

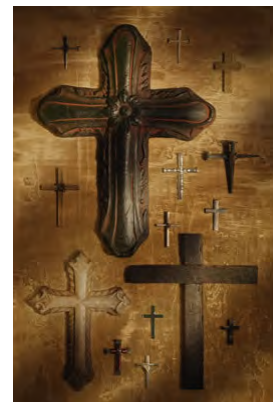
Weekly Attendance

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. Open positions include substitutes and monthly positions for worship leader, ushers, greeters, and communion servers (must be an Elder of the church of serve Communion).

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

Worship Team



Linda Burns
Vicki Lyles
Gordie Bradshaw

Support our Missionaries

[Iobst Family picture 2015](#)
[Josiah Phoebe, Thomas,](#)
[Deedee and Allen from Left to Right](#)

[Newsletter link: January](#)



- [Kefer Family picture December 2016](#)

[Colby and Sarah Kefer](#)
[and family](#)

[Newsletter link: February](#)



[The Outreach Team-- Reisa Hamilton,](#)
[Laura Parker, Jennifer Chanter, Donna DeNise, Kenzie Nash, James Lyles.](#)

Fellowship Team

- Fellowship Team meeting will be on Sunday March 5th at 10:00am in the back of the Fellowship Hall.
- March 1st Ash Wednesday Soup & Bread Supper 6:15pm Come hungry that day! Followed by 7:15 pm Service
- Sign up for April 13th Maundy Service & Supper 6:30pm We will eat

together and observe a modified Passover meal with a Christian focus. This service will give an overall sense of the Jewish Passover but also will observe the Last Supper that Jesus gave us. We will start at 6:30 p.m. The entire service will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan on attending this special, meaningful service. It would be most helpful if you would sign up so we know how many to plan for. Hopefully, we will have a large group! You can sign the sign-up sheet that will be started on Ash Wednesday or you sign up on Facebook. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please see one of us below.
Thank you.

Fellowship Team

Margaret Perry, Beth Dryer, Donna Miller, Colleen Spring, Roberta Single, Cathie Killewald, Elizabeth Kici, Judy Studer, Fran Olson and Mary Renico.

Personnel Team

Charlee Litten, Lisa Martin, Jennifer Chanter, Judy Studer, Dale Huffman

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

Our 2017 Session

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