



## Holly Presbyterian Church Newsletter September 2024

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### Thoughts From Paul



*We give our very busy Stated Clerk a small break from writing an article for the Bi-Weekly Brief by having a member of Presbytery Council share their thoughts each month. For this edition we are grateful to the Rev. Paul Pfeuffer for his contribution. Paul is the Pastor of Flushing.*

When I went to gas up my in-laws' car the other day (my Kia is in the shop in my hometown of Pittsburgh and *that* is a rather lengthy tale that's best told another time) I saw something in the convenience store that gave me pause. Peanut butter pumpkins are on sale – *already!* I know much has been made about the encroachment of the Christmas shopping season creeping up and up and up and overtaking other occasions such as Halloween and Thanksgiving, but apparently, it's Halloween's turn! You know it's getting close to that time of year when you start seeing ads for back-to-school shopping. Yes, this is the period of time during which the shadows lengthen and we all reflect on questions such as: "did I make the most of the summer while it was here?"

Even if you don't currently have kids going back to school, this time still stands as a signifier for bigger changes in our day-to-day lives; we aren't given over to as much freedom and fun in the fall as, say, the wild and nostalgia-filled days of the summer months. There is an oncoming crispness in the air and the co-mingling bittersweetness of putting the frenetic chaos of the past behind us, and a sense of picking up where we left off. For many churches, the change in the

seasons signifies “getting back to business” – Sunday schools resume, most of the Christian ed events and programs kick back into gear, and we begin the march to advent (preachers, how many of you have started thinking about worship during the month of December?!?).

My advice to you, church? Don't get bogged down in the busyness. Don't glorify being overly busy, either. Remember that it serves a purpose, and don't lose sight of the forest for the trees. Remember that ultimately we put these events and programs in place in order to worship the Lord God with every breath we draw, every lesson we prepare, every bulletin whose typeface is so lovingly placed. Let all of your efforts be not to your own liking, but ultimately to the Lord's. And remember, please, to take a break every now and then...and maybe eat a peanut butter pumpkin (or substitute your favorite candy) here and there?

Blessings,

The Rev. Paul Pfeuffer

Pastor of Flushing and member of Presbytery Council

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### **Fellowship & Coffee Returns**



We will start back with Fellowship and Coffee on Sept 8th. Please join us for coffee or tea and a snack at 10:30am every Sunday. Also, with that said we need people to sign up to make the coffee and tea and bring

a snack. The signup sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary.

# Celebration of Dale Huffman's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday



He had a great day!!

## Church Rummage Sale



Start cleaning out your home and garage. We are having our Rummage Sale on Thurs Sept 26<sup>th</sup> thru Sat Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. The times will be Thurs and Fri 10am-5pm and Sat 9am-12:00pm. You can start bringing in your items Sunday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> after Worship. Then Mon thru Wed we will take items from 10am-2pm.

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### Finance Team

Income July	\$7,441.25	YTD	\$55,798.60
Expenses July	\$7,941.70	YTD	\$45,249.05
Building Fund July	\$170.00	YTD	\$1,765.00



Thank you for your continued support of our church!

*Bob Killewald & Vicki Lyles*

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### Happy Birthday!

**May God bless you all year long!**

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Carlee Ramirez

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Bob Killewald

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Loretta Weiss 80<sup>th</sup>



## Back to Church Sunday and Potluck-



Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> we will have our celebration of Back to Church Sunday. Please invite two people with this flyer included in this mailing. We will have a potluck after worship. Please bring a dish to pass and your tableware.



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### ***Happy Anniversary***

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Jim & Vicki Lyles 45 years

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Tim & Sherry McLaughlin 39 years

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**May the Good Lord continue to bless you both for 2024! We love you!** I will be out of the office from September 10<sup>th</sup> until September 24<sup>th</sup>. You can contact Jim Lyles, Jan Bradshaw or Pastor Chris for assistance.

Blessings,

Sherry 😊

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### **Baby Pantry dates are:**

Sept 6th Fran Pelton & Cathie Killewald  
Sept 20th \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_



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**Thank you in advance to our volunteers.**

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## Recycle



We are looking for your used ink cartridges.  
Bring in your ink cartridges and any batteries you have.  
Thank you.

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## Calendar of Events

Sun	Sept 1st	11:15am Worship
Tues	Sept 3rd	6:00pm Outreach Team 7:00pm Information Technology Team
Fri	Sept 6th	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sun	Sept 8th	10:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Coffee & Fellowship 11:15am Worship Back to Church Sunday & Potluck
Tues	Sept 10th	7:30pm Property Team
Wed	Sept 11th	1:00pm Worship Team
Sun	Sept 15th	10:30am Coffee & Fellowship 11:15am Worship
Thurs	Sept 19th	7:00pm Session Meeting
Fri	Sept 20th	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sun	Sept 22nd	10:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Coffee & Fellowship 11:15am Worship
Mon	Sept 23rd	10:00am-2:00pm Drop off Rummage Sale items
Tues	Sept 24th	10:00am-2:00pm Drop off Rummage Sale items

Wed	Sept 25th	10:00am-2:00pm Drop off Rummage Sale items
Thurs	Sept 26th	10:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale
Fri	Sept 27th	10:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale
Sat	Sept 28th	9:00am-12:00pm Rummage Sale Clean up afterwards
Sun	Sept 29th	10:30am Coffee & Fellowship
		11:15am Worship

***From the Congregational Care Team***



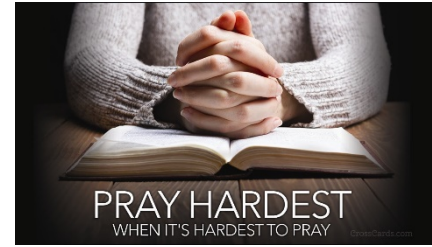
***September Quote***

If you have prayer requests, please submit them to Karen Haneline (email address- [haneline526@gmail.com](mailto:haneline526@gmail.com) , phone 248-894-3489) of the Congregational Care Team.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving- Sierra & Dalton Sink** have moved back into their house.

## Prayer Concerns

**For healing: Bob Killewald; Mike Schettling** (Tom Schettling's cousin) cancer, same age as Tom; **Won Chea** (Tom Schettling's brother-in-law) treatment stomach cancer; **Gordie Bradshaw** treatment; **Cathie Killewald** recovering; **Loretta Weiss** recovering; **Tom Schettling; Penny Schettling; Jerry Watkins** (Laura Parker's dad); **Jessica Duis** (Jim & Vicki Lyles' niece) complications have arisen regarding her thyroid cancer treatment



**Ongoing prayers: Mike Pelton, Don Neuville, Mark Bolen, Steve in FL, and Jim Killewald.**

**Prayers for those suffering:** for all those affected by war, severe weather, hunger, gun violence, abuse, and/or addiction.

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## **We lift up those in prayer from the Presbytery:**

Peace and comfort to the families of: **Rev. Sue Hand**, Pastor of Tawas on the passing of her stepmother, Ruth Ann Moore.; **Rev. Peter Russell** and **Rev. Mike Loenshal; Elsie Krane**, adopted mother of Elder Kathleen Rowe, who was severely injured in an auto accident in November. She has made a lot of progress but still has a long way to go.

**Our churches** currently in pastoral transition.

### **Our Mission Co-Workers:**

**Cathy Chang** and family serving in the Philippines.





***Iobst Family***



***Keefer Family***

## **Work Day—October 5th**

We are holding a church workday on Saturday, Oct. 5, starting at 10 a.m. (In the event of bad weather, our backup date is Oct. 12.) For planning purposes it would be best to know in advance how many are coming. So please **send Jim Lyles an e-mail** at [jamesmartinlyles@gmail.com](mailto:jamesmartinlyles@gmail.com); **text or call him** at **248-396-4695**; or send him a private message **on Facebook** to let him know you are coming.

Bottled water and pre-packaged snacks will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. If you have specific tasks you want to work on, let Jim know that too. (If you don't e-mail/call ahead, you are still welcome to show up that day.)

If you need to bring tools or supplies for a given task they are listed; otherwise the church will provide the items needed. We do recommend bringing work gloves for many of the tasks. Disposable, water-proof gloves will be provided for indoor cleaning tasks.

### **Exterior:**

1. Remove screen windows from Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary and install storm windows--  
CHECK WITH: Jim Lyles.
2. Tuck point cracks between exterior bricks, Fellowship Hall, west wall, near NW entrance door—CHECK WITH: Broady Cook or Randy Cook.
3. Kitchen porch: make changes so it is not slippery when wet—CHECK WITH: Broady Cook or Randy Cook.
4. Fill in cracks in concrete at back entrance area—CHECK WITH: Broady Cook
5. Landscaping: weeding, remove maple trees and other junk trees growing along the east side of the church--CHECK WITH: Charlee Litten or Vicki Lyles.
6. Clean up leaves and other debris in the area around the back entrance—NEEDED: lawn blower.
7. Repair flat roof gutter guard that was damaged (bent) when teens climbed onto the roof—  
CHECK WITH: Jim Lyles.



8. Burn off/remove parking lot weeds—CHECK WITH: Jim Lyles

**Upstairs:**

1. Clean cobwebs at church entrances and where needed throughout the building (also check downstairs).
2. Remove fans in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall and put them into storage (in the west boiler room).
3. Put 3 air purifiers in the Sanctuary and 1 in the NE corner of the Fellowship Hall.
4. Turn on heat at thermostats.
5. Adjust the parking lot lights timer—CHECK WITH: Jim Lyles.
6. General cleaning, wherever needed.
7. Work on the hinges and fasteners on the cabinet doors in the bathroom next to the kitchen, so that they close better—CHECK WITH: Jim Lyles.

**Downstairs:**

1. Remove A/C window unit from Office and move it to the west storage room—CHECK WITH: Jim Lyles.
2. Add plastic to the office and Community Room windows—CHECK WITH: Jim Lyles.
3. Tuck point cracks in the Community Room, west wall, near NW corner—CHECK WITH: Broady Cook or Randy Cook
4. Water heater (east boiler room): drain a few gallons of water.
5. Water softener (east boiler room): check salt level—CHECK WITH: Jim Lyles.
6. Turn on heat at thermostats.
7. Test both sump pumps.

**2024 Session Members**

Clerk.....	Jan Bradshaw.....	2024
Christian Education.....	Dessalee Cook ...	2025
Congregational Care.....	Margaret Perry ...	2026
Finance.....	Bob Killewald.....	2025
Information Technology..	Brian Parker.....	2024
Outreach.....	Jennifer Chanter.	2025
Property.....	Jim Lyles.....	2026
Worship.....	Tom Schettling...	2024
Moderator Pastor Chris Thomas		



**Please remember to check your mailbox for any mail, etc.**