



## **Holly Presbyterian Church Newsletter January 2025**

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### **Thought from Ted - Presbytery of Lake Huron**

Small churches. We are a denomination of small churches. And often that seems to generate a lot of concern about the future of these churches, individually, or the church, as the whole thing. But this is something I have learned over the years – maybe because my Dad pastored the same relatively small church for 32 years or my first experience was being the student pastor a small 30 member church when I was in seminary or even my first call being to a somewhat small church in Birch Run – small churches are almost always strong churches.

Small churches know how to do more with less. They have learned not only to survive but often have learned to thrive. They share in doing wonderful ministry and outreach to those in their community. They figure out how to get things done whether by volunteers or helping one another or through other creative and loving ways. And while small churches may need or hope for help at times, we can also learn so much from the small churches. All we have to do is ask!

I know a message about small churches may not seem very “Christmas-y.” But we often refer to this time of

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year as the “season of giving” and in that sense, each church has a Christmas gift to share. I treasure that. I love knowing that every congregation, no matter how big or how small, has gifts to share. After all, don’t the best gifts often come in small packages? For the small packages of our churches share the very best gifts with us.

Merry Christmas,

The Rev. Ted McCulloch  
Stated Clerk

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### **Taking Down the Christmas Decorations**

Removal of Christmas Decorations will be Friday, January 10th at 10am. Please join us any time that you are able. Thank you.

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### **Fellowship & Coffee**

Start your Sunday off by coming for Coffee and Fellowship at 10:30am.

Also, remember to sign up to make the coffee and bring a snack if you are able. The signup sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary.



## **Finance Team**

We have received our per capita notice from Presbytery. In 2025, the amount owed is \$30.69 per member. If you can help cover this cost, it is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Thank you for your continued support of our church!

*Bob Killewald & Vicki Lyles*

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

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Fran Pelton & Dessalee Cook

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you in advance to all 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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The office will reopen on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. What will be different is I won't be there. Don't worry, I am an email or phone call away as I will be working remotely. You can email me at [office@hollypc.org](mailto:office@hollypc.org) as normal or my cell phone is 248.249.3879. I will have the help of Jim Lyles doing things I can't do remotely. My husband and I will be traveling south for a couple months due to medical issues of Tim's. We will be back March 5<sup>th</sup>.

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## January Birthdays-God bless you!



Donna Miller January 15<sup>th</sup>-92!

Fran Pelton January 16<sup>th</sup>

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## January Anniversary-God Bless you!

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Bill & Loretta Weiss 62 years





# JANUARY

Fri	Jan 3rd	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sun	Jan 5th	10:30am Coffee & Fellowship
		11:15am Worship
		Outreach Team meets after Worship
Mon	Jan 6th	10:00am Taking Down the Greens
Tues	Jan 7th	7:00pm Information Technology Team
Wed	Jan 8th	1:00pm Worship Team
Fri	Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Taking Down the Greens
Sun	Jan 12th	10:00am Bible Study
		10:30am Coffee & Fellowship
		11:15am Worship
Tues	Jan 14th	7:30pm Property Team
Thurs	Jan 16th	7:00pm Session
Fri	Jan 17th	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sun	Jan 19th	10:30am Coffee & Fellowship
		11:15am Worship
Sun	Jan 26th	10:00am Bible Study
		10:30am Coffee & Fellowship
		11:15am Worship

**From the Congregational Care Team**

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.

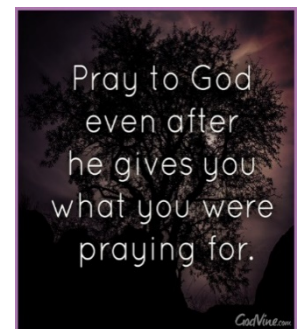


### *January Quote*

## **Prayer Concerns**

**Pray for** Pastor Chris, his family, and our church daily.

**For healing: Jennifer Cotaling** (Randy Cook's sister-in-law) went to hospital for stomach pain and had a heart attack.; **Elizabeth Kici** has Covid and suffered a heart attack.; **Brian Parker** broken rib; **Rosealie Robinson** (step mother of Julie Schram) struggling with dementia and COPD now has pneumonia in both lungs and is at St Ignace Hospital.; **Bob Killewald** recovering from cellulitis in his leg; **Keagen** (Margaret Perry) a 20 yr. old has



cancer and it has metastasized-trying chemo; **Wilma Perry** (Mother-in-law of Margaret Perry) is in rehab and not going well; **Hurricane Helene & Milton victims; Alex Searfoss** (great grandson of Donna Miller) Third degree burns over 40% of his body. He is home with his mother and doing physical therapy; **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; **Penny Schettling; Jerry Watkins** (Laura Parker's dad).

**Ongoing prayers: Jessica Duis** (Jim & Vicki Lyles' niece), **Mike Pelton, Don Neuville, 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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<b>We lift up those in prayer from the Presbytery:</b>
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**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.





***Jobst Family***



***Keefer Family***

**2025 Session Members**

Clerk.....	Jim Lyles...	2026
Christian Education.....	OPEN .....	2027
Congregational Care.....	Margaret Perry ...	2027
Finance.....	Bob Killewald.....	2025
Information Technology..	Walt Brown .....	2027
Outreach.....	Fran Pelton.....	2027
Property.....	Randy Cook.....	2025
Worship.....	Dessalee Cook.....	2025
Moderator Pastor Chris Thomas		



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