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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- If you know of anyone needing a large print newsletter, please call Teri at the office: 248-634-9494
- Herb's e-mail is: hpoint@imcsboj.com and his phone is: (810) 714-3290
- Worship hours:
10:30 Worship
9:00 Sunday School

INTERIM NOTES



Tuesday, November 7th is, as most of us know, election day. We also realize that it is our civic duty to vote for those candidates that we believe will best serve our community, state, and nation. It is, I believe, our duty as children of Christ to vote—and to vote wisely.

There are many churches, mostly on the right but some on the left, that advocate aggressive Christian participation in politics. They are very clear: faith in Christ means that you will vote for the candidates and policies of one

party or the other. Or, at least, Christians will vote only for those who agree with the "Christian position" on one or more hot items, such as gun control or gay rights. Such Christian advocacy churches and groups have allowed themselves to become identified with one party, and there is some evidence that politicians have sometimes cynically used their support without honoring (let alone sharing) their faith.

What attitudes, then, do we take to the polls as Christians? How do we follow Christ's way as we

vote? *First* and most obviously, we need to go beyond the mud-slinging and stay focused on the central issues facing our communities, state, and nation. With our votes and, where we can, with our voices we need to encourage our politicians to move beyond dirt and rhetoric.

Second, we hear a great deal about security these days. Both of the major parties claim that we will be more secure under their leadership. Less often but still frequently, they talk

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Looking Ahead in Worship

November 5th ➔ Communion Sunday. The sermon will focus on God's love for us and our love for others.

November 12th ➔ Youth Sunday. The TFC will conduct the whole worship service. Members are urged to turn out for this service as another way to show support for our young people. We would like to see a full sanctuary every Sunday morning, but it is esp. important that we attend worship opportunities such as this.

November 19th ➔ Contemporary Worship Sunday.

November 27th ➔ Fourth Sunday. This is Thanksgiving Sunday, and the worship service will focus on thankfulness.



NEWS AND UPDATES

Fall Evening Program Series Continues

This fall, Holly PC is offering three special evening programs for the benefit of the church and community. On Oct 15th, Dr. Philip Hughes opened things up with his lecture on youth & spirituality in America and Australia. Herb continues the series this month. We'd like to ask all members and friends of the church to get the word out. We'd like to fill the church for both of our remaining events!

Sunday evening, November 12th, 7:00 pm
[note the time change from 8:00 to 7:00]



Herb will draw on his 25 years' experience in South-east Asia to deliver a presentation on "Asian Spirituality and American Faiths." He will discuss what we can learn from Asian views of the spiritual life.

Sunday evening, December 3rd, 7:00 pm

Holly PC will host the Fenton High School Ambassadors for an evening of Christmas music and carols. The Ambassadors are a nationally known choral group, and who will present a program of Christmas music and then join with

the audience in singing your favorite Christmas carols. This will be a fun evening and an exciting way to kick off the Advent season.

Update from the PNC...

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) met three times in the last month, culminating in a first draft of the Church Information Form (CIF). This contains the information about our church which will be entered into PQ(USA)'s database. Prospective pastors have their own form to fill out (a Pastor Information Form [PIF]—who'd have guessed it?), which is also entered into the database. Then a match is made between pastors and churches, sort of like a computer dating service.

Anyway, Session received the draft CIF and reviewed it. Then Session met with the PNC met and gave us their feedback. We are now planning to meet a few more times to incorporate Session's suggestions into the CIF. After this it will be signed off by session, and then (hopefully) by the presbytery. Shortly afterwards we'll be "in the system" and receiving PIFs to look over. Keep us in your prayers.

—Jim Lyles, PNC Chair

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN



HPC has been taking up the "Pennies from Heaven" collection for nearly two years. It's original intention was to provide the seed money for carrying out needed capital improvements for our facilities. With the extensive renovation of the church's narthex (foyer), this collection is now being used to augment the pledge drive being carried out by the Stewardship Committee. We urge all of our members and friends to continue to put in their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars into the Pennies from Heaven bucket. These "modest" contributions have amounted to over \$6,000, which is a substantial help now and will continue to be of real help in the future.

We do want to emphasize that the Pennies from heaven offering is not intended to be an alternative to pledging support for the renovations. It is intended to *supplement* those pledges. THANK YOU! for your contributions to Pennies from Heaven and keep up the good work! ■

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

From the Congregational Care Committee...

Greeting Card Donations

We need donations of used and new greeting cards for our Advent booth on December 9. If you can contribute, please drop off in the box located in the Narthex beginning November 12. Thank you!

Snoop Party — November 11 from 7p to 9p

The church will hold a "Snoop Party" on Saturday evening, November 11th, at 7:00 pm. This is a fun evening playing a gift exchange game that requires a \$5 unwrapped "gift" in a brown grocery bag. Also, bring an appetizer or something to snack on. Beverages will be provided. If you've never played, come along and bring a friend as well. Card tables will also be needed if you have one. Any questions, contact Roberta Single (248-634-4360).

Baked Goods Needed

The FHS Ambassadors will be performing at the church on December 3, 7:00 pm. We will need baked good donations for this special event. More information regarding this event may be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

Special thank you to Runee Swanson (and Bangkok Peppers!) for spearheading another wonderful Thai meal!

The next Congregational Care Committee meeting will be held on November 8 at 6:30 pm.

Advent Calendar

You are invited to a fun-filled, eventful Advent season at Holly PC. Please, mark these dates on your calendar and plan to bring family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues along, too.

Things start out with **Decoration Week**, which is the week of **Monday, November 27th through Saturday, December 2nd**. The whole church building will be decorated in stages during the week so that it shines and sparkles on **Sunday, December 3rd**, the first Sunday of Advent. A sign-up sheet will be made available for signing up for the various tasks.

On **December 3rd**, in the morning we will begin the Advent season with worship, including the reception of new members. **In the evening, the Fenton High School Ambassadors will be with us for an informal evening of carols and hymns.** The Ambassadors are an award-winning, widely known singing group, and this will be an exciting evening for Holly PC.

On **Saturday, December 9th**, the church will hold an **Advent Fair**, which will include booths, games, activities, and opportunities for quiet time and prayer. It will end with a birthday party for Jesus. **The fair will run from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. It is open to the public so bring others along with you.**

Then **Sunday Evening, December 17th**, there will be an opportunity for members and friends to join together in **an evening of caroling**. We hope to form at least two teams of a dozen or more carolers to sing in the neighborhoods of Holly. Meet at the church before 7:00 pm. **When we're done, there'll be hot chocolate and refreshments at the church.**

Finally, on **Christmas Sunday, December 24th**, HPC will hold two worship services. The **10:30 service** will feature the singing of our adult choir and will be the most important service of Advent. At **7:00 pm, Sunday evening**, HPC will hold an informal candle light service. The hand chime choir will provide some of the

KIDS PAGE



A Christmas Legend

There are many legends-stories-that have come from Jesus' humble birth in the stable. They can help us understand the love of God sent to us in this special baby.

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On that first Christmas night, long ago, a plain, brown bird sat on a beam in a stable. It watched people come to worship the newborn baby. No one really noticed this bird. After the visitors had gone and the family went to sleep, the bird saw that the fire had died out. So the bird flew down and fanned the coals with its wings. It fanned until the fire grew bright and warm again. The feathers on its breast became bright red. The bird stayed by the fire all night, fanning it to keep the baby warm. Since that night, the robin has had a red breast, a symbol of its love.



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Head & Back - brown

Wings - brown

Breast - red

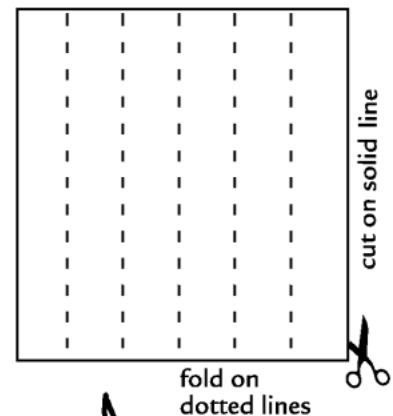
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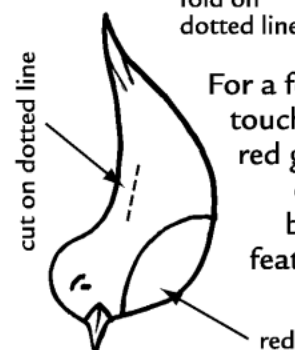
Punch hole. Hang with yarn.

WINGS



cut on dotted line


fold on dotted lines



For a festive touch, use red glitter on its breast feathers!

red

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			1 3:30 Soccer Banquet Prep	2 7:00 pm PNC	3 5:30—8:30 pm KTK	4
5 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3:00 pm AA	6 7:30 pm - AA/ Alanon	7	8 6:30 Cong. Care	9 7:00 pm—AYSO	10	11 7:00 pm SNOOP Party
12 Youth Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am TFC Mtg 3:00 pm AA 8:00 pm H. Swanson Lecture	13 7:30 pm - AA/ Alanon	14	15 9:30 Website Review Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18
19 Narthex Dedication 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Fall Congregational Mtg. 3:00 pm AA	20 7:00 pm Session 7:30 pm - AA/ Alanon	21 2:00 Holly Wood- lands Bible Study	22	23 Thanksgiving 12:00—4:00 pm Hecht Family	24	25
26 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 3:00 pm AA	27 7:30 pm - AA/ Alanon	28	29	30		
Advent Decorating Oct. 27—Nov. 2: Contact Laura Parker for times and details.						

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Jim & Roberta Single **Lay Leader:** Christine Cook **Flowers:** Assign up chart is located in the Fellowship Hall

Birthdays: 11/9 Sue Hillman 11/18 Brian and Sarah Murphree 11/19 Beth Dryer and Jim Single
 11/20 Zach Williams 11/22 Jordan Howe and Nicci Jackson 11/23 Brianne Studer
 11/25 Roberta Single 11/27 Barb Brown

OUR LIFE TOGETHER



PLEASE PRAY ...

- for the following individuals: Don Campbell, Joe Ponton, Joan Davis, Bob & Wandee Bridges, Don Giles, June Green, Gladys Havenstein, Laura Parker, Peggy Ranger, and all of the members of the church who are facing health problems.
- for the families of the congregation and for those who are living alone as well. Pray that we can treat each other with care and compassion. Pray for members of the church who face difficult times or decisions.
- for our church during this interim period
- and for Herb, the session, and our staff. Pray for God's leading as Holly PC seeks God's leading for the life and future of our church.
- for the Pastoral Nominating Committee and each of its members as it carries out its search for our new pastor; and for the person God is providentially preparing as HPC's pastor.
- for the leaders and peoples of Afghanistan, Iraq, and Palestine. Pray for peace in those nations and in our world. And please re-

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim Congregational Study

The Interim Congregational Study conducted by members of our church last spring is complete and is available in electronic form for no cost or in a hard copy for \$5 each. Contact Teri in the office for more information.

Choir

The **choir** practices in the sanctuary after worship on Sundays. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining the choir! It's fun. It's fulfilling. It's a place for joyful service.

The **hand chimes choir** and **Offenseable** have begun regular practices in the choir room downstairs after worship on Sundays. If you are interested, there's still time to join!

Fall Congregational Meeting

The Fall Congregational Meeting will be held directly after worship on November 19.

New Members' Class

Several of those who regularly attend worship at Holly PC have indicated that they would like to join the church. If you are interested in becoming a member or know of someone who is,

please let Herb know. New member classes will be held Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the sanctuary for the four Sundays of November.

Fall Lecture Series

On Sunday evening, Nov. 12th, Herb will give the second of our two fall lectures. The time has been changed to 7:00 pm. Herb will speak on the contribution Asian spirituality can make to our Christian faith. The purpose of the lecture is to provide a public spiritual service to the Holly community. **We need your help in getting the Holly community here!** Flyers will be available in the office and next Sunday for members to give out. Help us make this a successful evening.

Herb's Office Hours

Herb's office hours are usually 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Monday thru Thursday. His home phone is **810-714-3290**. You can also reach Herb through e-mail at

hpcinterim@sbcglobal.net

Altar Flowers

You may sign up for flowers for the sanctuary on Sundays using the chart in the narthex. The cost of flowers is \$15. Please make checks payable to HPC and designate it for "Flowers".

TEENS FOR CHRIST

The teens regularly schedule monthly meeting was rescheduled for October 22. Therefore, at the time of writing this update I can only say the teens served hotdogs at the Car Show and were rained out. However, they were part of the re-scheduled date and contributed to the Building Fund. Other things we are working on include the worship service on November 12th and a holiday booth during the festivities happening during Advent.

On another note, I wanted put out a plea for anyone wishing to help with the youth. Ideas might be devotionals during our meetings, ideas on mission outreach, games, or field trips. My new job has taken a lot of my once free time and I find myself spent and therefore not able to devote the required time to make our youth group run like it once did. Therefore, leave Teri a message that she can give me or see me at church if you would like to give some of your time to a good cause.

Blessings, Dessalee Cook



JAMAS

Dear Holly Presbyterian Family,

Thank you for your prayers and support.

We are gradually getting through our "valley" of not having our own building. The schoolhouse in Burton seems to not be working out unless some miracle shows up for it. We had all the work ready to go to bring it up to code, but the City is insisting on a paved parking lot and sidewalks according to a new ordinance. That would be way beyond what we were prepared to cover.

Meanwhile, we have been blessed with more people interested in helping. The Fenton Presbyterian Church Mission Board sent us a one time check, and an individual from St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Burton did too. Also a kind check from Dorothy Leaming in memory of our own dear Jack Davis. We have connected with the Optimist Club in Grand Blanc and have some expertise now coming from there.

Right now is the season we like to do a bit more with our Bible Study discussion groups and Christian witness. It seems obstacles fly at us whenever we do more of that. Hmmmm. Someone doesn't want these kids in the Kingdom. But like good gung ho marines, we know our King is more than up to the fight, and we are confident of the victory as we do our part.

Our acoustic nights are on hold as our venue in Borders in Flint is renovating. But we have 3 rock nights coming up and are finding temporary venues to rent.

Please remember us in your family prayers when you think of it.

Yours in Christ,
ron moore

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INTERIM NOTED CONT.

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about peace, which seems to be equated usually with security. If we're secure, then we're at peace. From a Christian perspective security and peace are not the same thing at all. Peace is a deeper inner quality of quiet, patient assurance. Christians experience peace in situations that others find threatening and insecure. Peace, furthermore, is not so much something we have as something we give. Finally, from a biblical perspective it is impossible to separate peace from justice. As Christians, we are convinced that our communities,

state, and nation can be secure and peaceful only to the extent that our citizens feel that they get a fair shake from society.

Third, as Christians our political concerns are global. The United States is widely considered to be the world's only super power. That places on each of us as American citizens a serious responsibility to consider how our nation contributes to or fails to contribute to international security, peace, and justice. We seek a just and equitable society for the entire world—not as a matter of national security for America, but because God

in Christ calls us to love and minister to the whole world.

Fourth, our Christian concern does not extend just to other peoples. It includes all of God's good creation. We encourage our elected leaders to pursue policies that will clean up the environment and protect it from abuse.

Finally, as both citizens and Christians, we need to reject one-issue voting and thinking. It is important that we do not judge our leaders and candidates on the basis of just one issue, be it gun control, abortion, or whatever. A given politician can be "right" on one hot

button issue and still be very, very wrong for our nation.

As Christians, in sum, we affirm the relevance of our faith to our politics. We simply do not agree with those who claim that religion has nothing to do with the political process. Our goal is Christ's goal: a world that is at peace, a world regulated by justice, and a world driven by compassion. I would like to urge every member and friend of Holly PC to exercise their civic and Christian duty on November 7th.

Herb ■

ATHLETES IN ACTION

Our vision for ministry here at UD is to see God raise up student leaders so that they will be the ones reaching out to their peers. Over the past few years we have been cultivating students to be leaders and it seems like that cultivation is coming to fruition this year.

Praise God that we now have one men's and one women's group of student leaders who really have a desire to seek the Lord and be used of Him. Each of them has committed to weekly discipleship with our staff, as well as intentional ministry with their peers.

Please pray...

...for the freshmen that

we've met who are already Christians. Pray they will stay strong in their faith amidst tremendous peer pressure and that they would desire to reach out to others during their four years at UD.

...for India, a new believer on the track team. Pray for protection in her new faith.

...for God to use our weekly meeting to draw new people.

...for our student-leaders Praise God for raising them up and pray they would hear from the Lord as they seek Him for their lives and for how He would use them in the lives of others.

...for protection from sickness for our family as we have all been sick this past month. Pray especially that God would heal little Jackson's skin rash that he has had since August, as well as his respiratory virus.

...for good communication and unity as a couple.

It is always humbling for us to think about how God uses you to provide for our needs. The reality is that without you, we could not bring the gospel to these precious students on a day to day basis. Thank you for all that you do.

May God bless you richly. ■



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HAPPENINGS

Kidz Theatre Kompany

KTK will be presenting *Metaphasia*, A radically updated retelling of *The Twelve Dancing Princesses*: "Something's interrupted the scheme of things, someone has disrupted the dream of things," sings Synchra, Guardian of Fantasy, in this unique and contemporary version of the Brothers Grimm Twelve Dancing Princesses. When young Angie Anderson keeps finding worn out shoes scattered about her room every morning, she decides to look into the mystery... causing her to be magically sucked into her closet! Angie's intrusion into the fantasy world of *Metaphasia* has caused the Fantasy Walls to start crumbling, so Howie, her little brother, follows her with hopes of saving her. In *Metaphasia*, the plotting, sinister ringleader of the twelve dancing princesses, Devilla, plans to make Angie the thirteenth princess. This would allow Devilla to leave *Metaphasia* forever and trap Angie as a lifeless princess, forever stuck in Fantasy! Will Howie find a way with nothing but a blanket of invisibility and his own wits to help him to rescue Angie and escape? This unique show invites a large chorus to participate, including Synchra and her entourage, the Synchrettes, and the electric rock group Tyrone Schu and the Sole Thrashers, while your twelve princesses will literally leap at the dance opportunities. With a gentle message about accepting changes in our lives embedded in this coming-of-age story, the exciting adventure and upbeat, original tunes will captivate imaginations of all ages."

Metaphasia

Show Dates at Karl Richter Campus
920 E Baird St, Holly MI
(old Holly High School)

Nov. 10th - 7 PM
Nov. 11th - 2 & 7 PM
Nov. 17th - 7 PM
Nov. 18th - 2 & 7 PM

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

Holly Township Friends of the Library will be holding their popular Used Book sales at the library monthly throughout the year. These events help support our local library. Check out the newly remodeled lower level "Book Celler" where you can browse and purchase used books all week long during regular Library hours. This month's sale will be held on November 17th and 18th.



Used Book Sale

Don't Miss It!

Arts and Crafts Sunday School

It's fun! It may be messy!

You might learn something new.

For Kids of EVERY age!

November 5th at 9:00 am

Christian Education is happy to announce that Arts and Crafts Sunday will be the first Sunday of each Month.



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ESCAPES US - AS, INDEED, WITHOUT THIS MERCY THERE WOULD BE NO FREEDOM TO PRAY." - JOHN CALVIN**

MISSION STATEMENT

Holly Presbyterian Church is a community of faith in God that values peaceful, loving, and just relationships in our church, families, and the world.

Our Mission is to:

- ◆ Worship God in a faithful and joyful manner;
- ◆ Teach the good news of the Christian faith, share that faith with each other and reach out to those beyond the church;
- ◆ Be a loving family dedicated to the biblical values of peace, love, faith and justice;
- ◆ Develop a dynamic presence in our community under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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