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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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Believe. It's what we do.

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WORKING WITH OUR PASTOR

Part Four: “When There’s Trouble”

In Part 3 we were reminded that pastors are people who are not all that different from us. In theory, we know that's true and accept it. In truth, however, the fact that the minister can't be all things to all people can be very upsetting when she or he is not the kind of person we like.

It is extremely important for each member of our church to remember that the minister is more than “just another person.” When we come into conflict with our pastor, that conflict has an impact on the whole life of the church. It can have a negative, hurtful impact if we are not careful.

This does not mean that we have to always “let the minister win” or not sometimes feel unhappy with our pastor. Such things happen, and they are not necessarily bad. Having problems with the minister is not the problem. The problem is how we have problems with our pastor—with what we do when we have negative feelings about the pastor.

What do we do when we are angry or upset with the minister? That is the question.

The decision we have to face in these cases

is the same one we face whenever we come into conflict with anyone. Are we going to try to make the situation better or worse? If we sincerely want to make it better, then there are concrete steps we can take.

First, if there is a problem with the pastor, you would do well to spend some time in prayer and pray specifically for God's presence and healing guidance. Pray for the pastor and for her or his ministry with the church.

Second, be sure that you have a reason for being upset. People get mad at the minister for many different reasons, and some of them can be silly. If the pastor frowns at the “wrong time” or says the “wrong thing,” people get upset. They read things into what the pastor says. Often, if you stop and think about it, there is no real reason to be upset. Sometimes when we are “ticked off” at the minister, it says more about us than it does about our pastor.

Third, if we are convinced we have a reason to be unhappy with the pastor, we should speak privately with him or her and share our unhappiness and concerns. We should not let

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School Kickoff and Potluck

September 9 - Sunday School at 9:00 am
Potluck after worship

TFC Lock-In

Saturday, September 8

TFC Bottle Drive

Every Sunday in September



NEWS AND UPDATES

Pastor Nominating Committee

The pastor nominating committee (PNC) continues the search for our next pastor. So far we've:

- received information on 58 candidates (36 men, 22 women)
- reviewed the pastor information forms (PIFs) for 56 candidates
- listened to or watched 11 recorded sermons
- interviewed (by phone) with two candidates

We have two recently received PIFs to review. We have another phone interview to schedule. We have a few others we are trying to contact for sample sermons. Altogether we have about five serious candidates at his point, and we are hoping that one of them will prove to be "the one". As always, keep us in your prayers as we move forward.

Jim Lyles, PNC chair

(Reprint from July / August Newsletter)

Kick-Off Sunday Potluck

Please join us for a potluck on Sunday, September 9, right after worship. This will be a good opportunity to catch up with one another as we get back into our fall schedule.

Don't Forget

Lifetouch Directories

The pictorial directories are in!! If you had your picture taken (or submitted one) for our new pictorial directory, please see the narthex table for your complimentary copy of the new directory. Please sign the sheet next to the box when you pick up your copy so that we can be assured that you have received it. Thank you!

Reunion With a Cause Update

We are very pleased to announce that our church turned in \$1500 to the Genesys Health Foundation. The cancer walk at Holly High School on Friday, August 10 was attended by 25 from our church plus some family members and friends. A **big THANK YOU** to all who gave donations and got donations. Also **THANK YOU** to all who were at the "walk" on Friday night. Your team captains, Jim and Roberta Single.

Carrie Nation Cookie Donations

We will be hosting a refreshment stand in front of the church during the parade on September 8. If you can donate cookies or other baked goods, please drop them off in the kitchen during church office hours or the morning of. Thank you!

CCC Looking Ahead — Details to Come :

International Potluck on Sunday, October 7

Identity Theft Awareness Workshop, October 21

Snoop Party, November 10

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! ■

PRESBYTERIAN HAPPENINGS

Calling All Volunteers!

For a rewarding mission trip to New Orleans Fall 2007 or Spring 2008.

Project Homecoming, the rebuilding effort of the Presbytery of South Louisiana, sends this urgent call to all churches to organize a mission trip to continue our home rebuilding efforts. We need volunteers with all levels of building skills.

We need to continue with our current successes in rebuilding homes of Katrina-displaced families that are anxious to return and do not have the resources to rebuild.

All skills and skill levels are urgently needed from helpers to those who want to quickly learn to paint, hang drywall or do the many levels of carpentry, plumbing or electrical work.

Our construction managers and assistants will train, provide materials and tools for your work.

Housing is still available for all group sizes. All volunteers receive an official work T-Shirt and DVD on our efforts to bring back to their church.

To answer your questions, or to inquire about housing, email us at Susan@pslrecovery.org, or call us at 504-942-0444. If you are a returning group and have stayed at one of our facilities before, you may contact them directly for housing availability.

We guarantee a very positive, rewarding experience in helping our neighbors.

Susan Wade, Construction Coordinator Project Homecoming, New Orleans, Louisiana

Our Daily Bread: A Theology and Practice of Sustainable Living

Author Wendell Berry, environmentalist Wes Jackson, and theologian Norman Wirzba, October 8-10 at Duke Divinity School. Scripture tells us that Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Dutifully we pray these words, but do we do so as a sentimental attachment to Jesus or out of a deep belief that this prayer has something important to teach us about our daily lives? What is the connection between our daily bread and our daily living? Early bird deadline ends on September 3. Registration information at www.divinity.duke.edu/cps/dailybread.

The Greatest Book Ever Written

Ever wonder about the Bible? Does the idea of actually "reading" it as opposed merely plucking a single scripture or story make you squirm a little? Or, are you one of those special souls who have actually read the Bible . . . yet still feel there is more to understanding and enjoying what you've read? **Let's gather to study and discuss what this Book is to us, and how to understand it better.**

Text: Haley's Bible Handbook

Topics:

- Christ is the Center of the Bible
- The Bible is GOD'S WORD
- Bible books Classified: History, Poetry, Prophecy and Good News
- Bible books: Subjects and Leading Thoughts

When: One Hour a Week for Four Weeks

(Choice of Two Sessions)

Evenings: Tuesday from 7:00pm to 8:00pm
Beginning September 18th

Mornings: Friday from 10:00am to 9:00am
September 21st

Please contact Laura Parker if interested.

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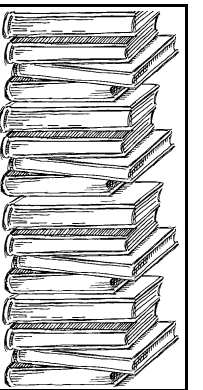
Holly Gas Company 634-6645

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Used Book Sale

The Holly Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a used books sale at the Holly Twp. Library on **September 7th and 8th** during regular library hours.

Come on out and support your local library!



WORKING WITH OUR PASTOR CONTINUED

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ourselves fuss and fume, storm, and steam. That's not good for us. It's not good for our relationship with our pastor. It's not good for the church.

In some cases, members decide to just "put up with it" when they are unhappy with the minister. And sometimes that may be the best thing to do, but at other times there is something wrong that needs to be corrected. If we "clam up" then there is less chance that problems will be dealt with.

How do we approach a pastor when we have complaints? It is essential that we consider how we would want to be approached ourselves.

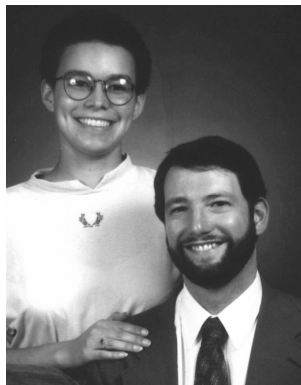
Fourth, every responsible member of Holly Presbyterian Church has to also consider the good of the church. In our church, we depend on our pastor for leadership, for instruction and guidance, and for pastoral care. The well-being of the pastor affects every aspect of the life of the church. While we don't have to treat our pastor with kid-gloves, we do need to treat the minister in a fair, kind, and supportive way—for our own sake, the pastor's sake, and the sake of the whole church. It is important for us to try to resolve our complaints about the pastor in a positive way that doesn't give her or him a "free pass," but also gives the pastor a fair shake.

Especially, do not approach the pastor angrily or abruptly; in most cases, speaking with the minister angrily will not improve the situation. If you are genuinely angry with the pastor, it would be wise to seek the counsel of another member of the church. When we are angry with anyone, including a minister, we need to find ways to manage our anger so that it will not become destructive of us or of others.

What we must not do is let our problems with the pastor become a problem for the church. We must not take negative actions such as gossiping about the pastor, because every time we gossip about the minister, the church suffers. Every time we decide we're not going to cooperate with our pastor, the church suffers. Every time we decide that we're going to "show him (or her)" and stir the waters, the church suffers. When we decide to reduce or stop our pledge, it isn't the pastor who suffers, because the pastor's salary comes "off the top." It is the church that suffers reduced programming, reduced funds for building maintenance, and reduced opportunities for ministry and service.

In the end, the biblical principle described in last month's drop out insert still applies: Treat your pastor the way you want your pastor to treat you. ■

MEET OUR MISSIONARIES



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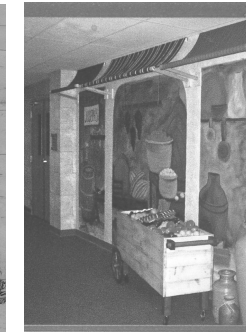
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Up to date information on our missionaries can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Operation Imagination! Action Plan



Exterior Entryway:

Decorative paint finish on door to create the look of on old wooden door covered with vines. See sketch

Sign above door **"The Gathering Place"** "... knock and the door will opened unto you" Matthew 7:7

Decorative paint finish on stairwell cinderblock to look like old stones and a mural border of baskets, casks, jugs etc. See sketch

Fresh coat of paint on steps and floor.

Brighter lighting.

Interior Entryway: Basement Hallway

1. Header to match exterior sign. (Place at the break from old basement

to newer section) **"The Gathering Place"** "... knock and the door will opened unto you" Matthew 7:7

2. Mural along walls to create a "MARKET PLACE" See Inspiration Photo

Props like a cart, fruit, etc.



Commons: Joseph & Sons Carpenter Shop

1. Remove Carpet and paint floor (or other surface covering)

2. Install shelves re-purposed from Library (that came from old Pastor's Office)

3. Tables and stools for Adult and Children's height.

4. Mural depicting the view from a carpenters shop

5. Better Lighting (maybe just add some task lighting)

Sign



Room #1: Bedouin Encampment

Tent created by draping muslin or similar fabric (we have some and might not need to buy any) Similar to the set created for the Lenten Fair story teller.

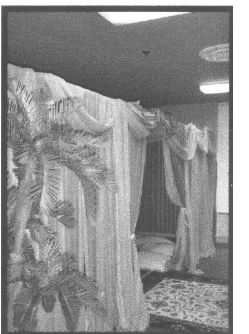
Mural depicting a view from inside the tent.

Rugs (Oriental or Solid) in a variety of sizes

Pillows (Natural or "period" style covering)

Props (Silk Palms, Baskets, fake food)

Sign



Room #3: Theatre

1. Cover wooden riser with a carpeting remnant.

2. Paint walls and ceiling

3. Track light above stage.

4. Install heavy gauge wires from eye hooks for back drops and curtains

5. Secure shelves and costume racks.

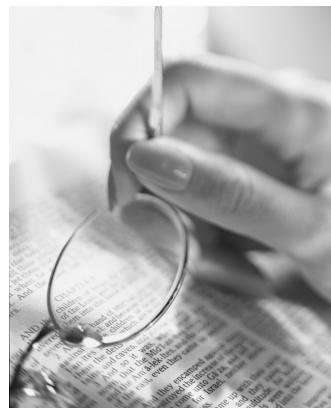
6. Seating of some kind.

7. Sign

See back of calendar for supply list.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

PLEASE PRAY ...



- for the following individuals: Christopher Kici, Peggy Ranger, Harriet Striggow, Bonnie Pelton, Dorothy Pretznaw, Elizabeth (Jean) Buchanan, Alice Horak, Margaret Ganshaw, Virginia McDonald, Don & Evelyn Campbell, June Green, 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 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 remember the men & women in our armed services in your prayers.

**Please call the office if you submitted any of these people so we can follow up on them.*

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

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updated Directories Now Available

If you had your picture taken (or submitted one) for our new pictorial directory, please see the narthex table for your complimentary copy of the new directory. Please sign the sheet next to the box when you pick up your copy so that we can be assured that you have received it. Thank you!

Regular Office Hours Resume

Regular office hours resume the week of September 3rd. To Monday - Friday, 9am—3pm.

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".

September Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions to the September newsletter is August 15th. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

The worship committee is looking for any one interested in being involved with investigating multimedia options for the church. If you are interested, please let Randy Cook know.

In 2009, our church will be celebrating 150 years. In order to commemorate this, we would like to start planning an anniversary celebration. Anyone interested in taking part can contact Teri in the office.

"Trunk or Treat" Fall Car Show

Here's an opportunity to have some fun and get in one more car show before the weather turns cold and you have to put your pride and joy away for the winter.

The Holly Presbyterian Church is sponsoring the "Trunk or Treat" car show. From 1 to 5 p.m. on October 27 here at the church. Further information including application forms and directions can be found on our website at www.hollypc.org.

TFC Bottle Drive

TFC will be having a month long bottle drive in September to raise money for mission work. We will have boxes set up outside the fellowship hall the Sundays in Sept. to collect cans and bottles.

TEENS FOR CHRIST

Summer is just about over and school is just around the corner but I am sure several teens will not forget the experience they shared with other teens in Grand Rapids during Group Work Camp's Week of Hope. Karen Haneline accompanied Bronwyn Cook, Marissa Cook, Josh and Sierra Haneline, and Katie Parker to Grand Rapids where our teens spent a week doing community service for residence and organizations in Grand Rapids. The theme was 'Renovate' and several teens reported it was a renovating experience for them in spirit and in soul. I want to especially thank Karen for chaperoning the group and the congregations generous donations for gas money.

Also, the teens were involved in the 'redecorating' of the Sunday School rooms-an undertaking spearheaded by Laura Parker. Plans are also be made for an overnight camping at Marissa Cook's home following the Carrie Nation parade we plan to march in and a Frisbee golf tournament/overnight camping at Holly Recreation area. More details will be shared when plans are finalized.

Remember Teens for Christ is open to any teens in grades 6th through 12th. One doesn't need to be a Holly Presbyterian member just have the desire to follow Christ.

Blessing,
Dessalee Cook

MEMBER THANKS

To my friends at Holly Presbyterian—
Suddenly I am a bit better & so
will write a few lines so you all
Know how much I have appreciated
your cards & visits while I was
down.
It is a lovely home here at
Guardian Angel in Davisburg.
Spacious grounds - good roommate.
A retired minister who sings
the old & newer hymns & plays
a guitar & gives a message
regularly.

My niece Pat Lindsay lives
close by & visits often.
I miss the church! - that is for
sure!
Love to you all
Alice Horak

