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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: hpointerm@sbocj.oba.net and his phone is: (810) 714-3290
- Summer worship hours:
10:00 Worship
No Sunday School

INTERIM NOTES



When this newsletter reaches your home, I will be well into my four week long trip back to our home in a small community called Ban Dok Daeng (Red Flower Village), which is located about 13 miles outside of the largest city in northern

Thailand, Chiang Mai. It's the rainy season there, and the July temperatures will range from the mid-80s to the high-90s. And there's a reason (a good one) why they call it the "rainy season."

When I arrive, Thailand will just be winding down its

celebration of the 60th year of the reign of the present king. It will still be wrestling with an ongoing constitutional crisis that has left the country with a provisional, caretaker government. And everyone will be getting up at strange hours of the night

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WORSHIP IN JULY AND AUGUST

During July three members of the congregation (Bob Killewald, Rob Privette, and Dessalee Cook) will bring the congregation the message using different approaches and methods. Yes, it is summer; and, yes, the sanctuary can be a bit "warmish," but the Sundays in July offer the congregation an opportunity to hear the voices of other members and to experience fresh approaches to God's Word.

JULY 30TH, HPC will worship in the park, namely Lakeside Park. The service will be brief and informal. For the details please see the separate article on page 3 of this newsletter.

In August the congregation will have an opportunity to experience a different approach to worship, one that may be familiar to some churches but not to HPC. There will be no bulletin, no set order of worship. Worship will take place in the social hall and include a variety of styles and media. There will be no sermons as such. Each service will include time for an interactive Bible study based on the passages listed below. Worship in August will provide the congregation with a time to sing, to clap, to share, and to listen for the movement of the Spirit in a very different way from what we usually do.

The goal of the four services in August is to experiment playfully and prayerfully with how Holly PC engages in worship. ARE THERE THINGS YOU WANT TO DO? Do you have a reading or a poem or a song or hymn or something else to share in worship in August? If you do, call the church office and let Teri know. Herb will get back to you after he returns at the end of July.

The Scripture passages for August:

**August 6th, Luke 12:4-7 || August 13th, Luke: 22:31
August 20th, Luke 13:1-5 || August 27th, Luke 14:15-24**

NEWS AND UPDATES

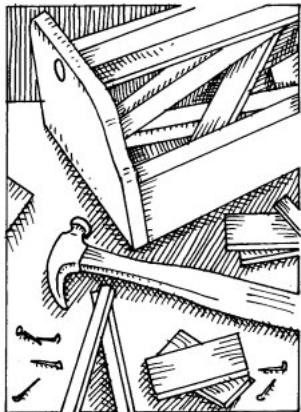
The Three Ages of Holly PC

One way to look at the history of HPC is by the color of the carpet in the sanctuary. According to the church's historical records, the original carpet laid in 1890 was brown in color. It lasted for 35 years. Then in 1925 the church installed a new carpet, gray in color. The gray carpet lasted for 49 years until it was replaced by the red one we have today in 1964. So, here you have the three ages of Holly PC:

- The Brown Age (1890 -1925)
- The Gray Age (1925-1964)
- The Red Age (1964 -present)

Renovation to Begin Soon

At its June meeting the session approved the bid of High Country Builders, a local firm, for carrying out the renovation of the narthex and other much need work on the church building. As we go to press, the actual work will begin as soon as the vil-



Renovation Project

lage issues the permits, (hopefully in July) and take roughly ninety days (or maybe a little less) to complete. The cost of the project will be right at \$120,000. **AT THIS TIME WE ARE STILL \$26,150.00 SHORT OF THAT AMOUNT. If you have not made a pledge the time is now!**

Holly Presbyterian Achievers

Congratulations to our Holly Presbyterian Family and Friends who have achieved success this school year.

Janet Lyles was named a National Merit Commended Scholar, received an award for placing in the Flint Metro League Math / Science competition, received the Bravendar Award for placing top in her class in math, and also the Victor R. Fox Award for placing top in her class in science. She placed in the top ten of her class overall and participated in the 18th annual Top Ten Luncheon sponsored by the State Bank.



Alex Perry scored a perfect 36 in the ACT, received the three-year Linden High School Academic Award, placed in the top fifteen of his class and participated in the 18th annual Top Ten Luncheon sponsored by the State Bank.



Jessie Hedlin placed in the top ten of her class overall and participated in the 18th annual Top Ten Luncheon sponsored by the State Bank.



Brian Lyles received an award for excellence in Algebra II.



Marissa Webner, daughter of HPC secretary Teri Webner, placed third in state at the Michigan Charter School Spelling Bee. She was the only girl and only 6th grader to place in the top three.

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 plans for the extensive renovation of the church's narthex (foyer), this collection will now be 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...****SAVE THE DATE!**

- Who:** Members and friends of Holly PC
- What:** To celebrate the church's 147th birthday
- Where:** Lakeside Park Pavillion
- When:** Sunday, July 30
10:00 am Worship w/ picnic immediately following until 1:00 pm
- Why:** 147 years is a long time!
- What else:** Plan on bringing ...



- A dish to pass w/ serving spoons, we will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, table service and drinks
- Basketballs, Frisbees, and anything else that might provide entertainment (play structure and skate park are right next door)
- Lawn chairs/blankets (however, there are plenty of picnic tables)

Congratulations to our Seniors!!

Holly PC extends its heartiest congratulations to each of our graduating seniors. They are: Greg Dryer, Christine Hadley, Jessie Hedin, Janet Lyles, Alex Perry, and Sarah Whalen. We wish each of them Godspeed on the next stage of their journey. The congregation is invited to stay for a reception for our graduates after worship.

VG's Receipts

Thanks for remembering to bring in your VG's receipts. The 'community share points' really add up and help offset coffee hour expenses.

Carrie Nation Refreshments

The Congregational Care Committee will again be hosting a refreshment stand during the Carrie Nation Parade on Saturday, September 9. Cookie donations will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the church the morning of the parade or during the week before. Come on out and watch the parade with us -- TFC and Outreach are forming plans to make a float!

Family Sunday

September 10 marks the beginning of the Sunday School year and we'll be back to our regular time schedule. There will also be a potluck immediately following church. Please join us and bring a dish to pass and table service.

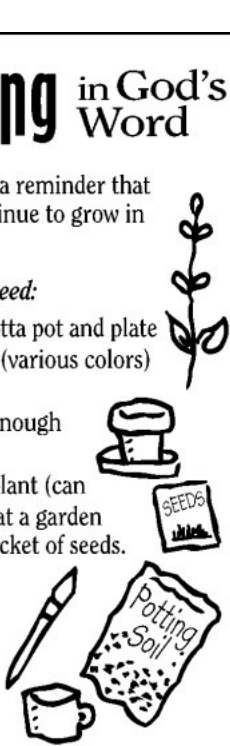
The next Congregational Care Committee meeting will be held on August 7 at 6:30 pm.

Growing in God's Word

Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

What you will need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant (can be purchased at a garden nursery) or packet of seeds.
- Newspaper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



What you do:

- 1) Spread some newspapers out on a table for your working area.
- 2) Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
- 3) Paint designs on the pot and plate. Make sure you clean your brush in the cup of water when changing colors.
- 4) When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the collar (top part of the pot) write: "Growing in God's Word"
- 5) Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With an adult's help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
- 6) Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant every day and keep the soil moist.
- 7) Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you, too, need care as you grow in God's Word.



Just for KIDS

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

God wants you to be "planted" in His Word and to grow up serving him all your life.

Unscramble each underlined word, and write it in the blanks below. Use the definitions as clues.

Psalm 1:3 NIV tells us what we should be like:

"He is like a (1) etree (2) dpeltan by (3) smatres of (4) rawte, which (5) ledsiy its fruit in (6) sonsea and whose (7) afle does not (8) rihew. Whatever he does (9) spropres."

1. _____ (a wood plant with one main stem or trunk which has many branches)
2. _____ (rooted into the ground)
3. _____ (small rivers)
4. _____ (a colorless and transparent liquid)
5. _____ (produces, gives)
6. _____ (a time of the year)
7. _____ (flat, thin part of a plant growing from the stem — usually green)
8. _____ (to dry up or wilt)
9. _____ (succeeds)

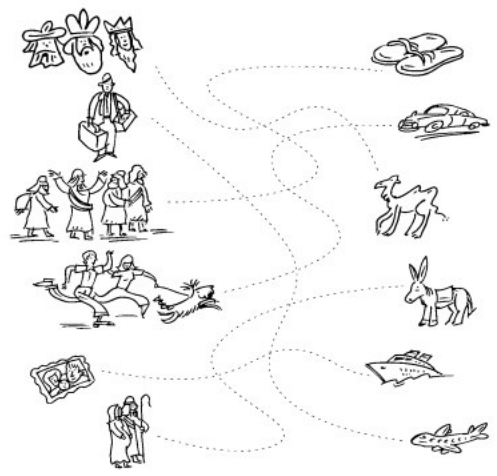
Answers: tree, planted, streams, water, yields, season, leaf, wither, prospers

Just for KIDS

TRAVEL

During the summer many families like to travel. Modern day travel is much easier than it was during Bible times.

Directions: Follow the maze lines. Match people of today with modern ways of travel and Bible characters to ways of travel long ago.



Will your family use any of these ways to travel this summer?

BIBLE Travel Games

Try one or all of these games when you travel with your family this summer.

Missing Books of the Bible Game

One person recites the books of the Bible in order starting with Genesis. The person leaves out a book on purpose. Be the first person to guess the missing book. See how long it takes before the others guess the missing book.

20 Questions

One player thinks of a person, place or thing from the Bible. The other players take turns asking yes or no questions. See if you can guess the mystery person, place or thing in 20 questions or less.

3 Things in Common

One person names 3 objects, 3 people or 3 places that have something in common. The other players take turns guessing what that something is. For example, Jesus, Saul and David (answer: all were kings) or Egypt, wilderness, Promised Land (answer: places where Israelites lived).

"I'm Going to ..."

Choose a place in the Bible, for example, Jerusalem. The first player says, "I'm going to Jerusalem and I'm taking a tent." The second player repeats what the first player said, but adds another thing to take. Each person takes a turn repeating the entire list and adding something to it, until someone misses.

Name That Tune

Hum a hymn or Sunday school song that everyone knows. See who can name the song first. After the name is guessed, sing the song together.

JULY 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Church office closed	1
2 10:00 am Worship 3:00 pm AA	3 7:30 pm - AA/ Alanon	4	5	6	7 Church office closed	8
9 10:00 am Worship 11:00 AM TFC Mtg 3:00 pm AA	10 6:30 pm— Congregational Care Committee 7:30 pm - AA/	11 10-11:30 Arts & Crafts Camp	12	13 1-2:30 Arts & Crafts Camp	14 Church office closed	15 Newsletter Dead- line
16 10:00 am Worship 3:00 pm AA	17 No Session 7:30 pm - AA/ Alanon	18 10-11:30 Arts & Crafts Camp	19	20 1-2:30 Arts & Crafts Camp 7:00 pm AYSO	21 Church office closed	22 TFC Canoe / Camping Trip
23 10:00 am Worship 3:00 pm AA	24 7:30 pm - AA/ Alanon	25 10-11:30 Arts & Crafts Camp Herb returns from Thailand	26	27 1-2:30 Arts & Crafts Camp 6:00 pm Optimist Club	28 Church office closed	29
30 Anniversary Sunday 10:00 am Outside Worship at Lakeside Park with BBQ	31 7:30 pm - AA/ Alanon					

JULY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Bruce and Beth Dryer **Lay Leader:** TBD **Flowers - Sign up located in kitchen:** 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".

Birthdays: 7/09 Mary Jones 7/12 Alex Perry 7/15 Kay Vander Kuy 7/17 Jennifer Chanter 7/17 Jaymi Whelan
7/22 Dorothy Pretznaw 7/23 Jim Lyles 7/25 Ryan Shiel 7/29 Peggy Ranger

AUGUST 2006

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AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Dennis Wagester **Lay Leader:** TBD

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Birthdays: 8/02 Patrick Whelan 8/11 Helen McNamara 8/18 Bonnie Pelton 8/24 Janet Shiel 8/24 Sara Whelan
 8/25 Melanie Studer 8/27 Alex Parker 8/28 Bruce Dryer 8/28 Katie Parker 8/29 Dale Huffman

TEENS FOR CHRIST

TFC June News

Hi everyone, hope your summer is going great. For those of you who did not come with us on our mission trip to West Virginia we had a great time and help a family moving to West Virginia by completing a porch for a house a church bought. The family is from the south displaced by Katrina. Also, we build a handicap ramp for a Presbyterian church so that people who need a handicap access can come to church. It was a great experience and we will be showing our video soon as Ron gets it done.

Our next meeting is Sunday July 9th after church. We have been asked by the Outreach Committee to brainstorm some ideas for a church float for the Carrie Nation Parade in September. What a great way to show our involvement not only in the community but to maybe recruit some young people to participate in Teens for Christ. So please come support us that Sunday. Is anyone willing to supply lunch?

Lastly, we are planning a backpack trip for the weekend of July 23. It would just be an overnight adventure. Details will be presented at the meeting.

Any questions let me know, Blessings Dessalee

DRAMA MINISTRY

It is time to add a new element to our worship and I am looking for people young and old who have the same vision I do. Drama can not only enhance our understanding of what God has to offer but it can also add life to our worship. So, if you have the same vision I do, why not give it a try. You don't have to be a trained professional, just have the drive to do something different. If this sounds like you, please let me know so we can get this ministry started.

Dessalee Cook

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In 2 Samuel is a story about one of King David's sons who rebelled against his father. There was a battle in the forest of Ephraim between men who were faithful to David and

those who followed the rebellious son.

David's soldiers won the fight, and David's son fled riding a mule. The mule ran under an oak tree and David's son caught his head in the thick branches. He was left hanging there, trapped but alive. His father's soldiers came upon him and ended his life.

King David was heart-stricken when he learned about his son's death. He cried out, "O my son _____, my son, my son _____! Would I had died instead of you, O _____, my son, my son!" (2 Samuel 18:33, NRSV).

What was the son's name?

- A. Amnon
- B. Absalom
- C. Solomon
- D. Daniel

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of Holly

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The Event Horizon, The Retistics, With A Kiss and more. Take US 23 to exit 84, Thompson Rd, go east toward Shell. Stay on this road (Thompson rd.) and go about a mile. Watch on the left for Faith City and yellow Jamas signs.

Upcoming Rock Nights: August 12 and 18

INTERIM NOTES CONT.

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to watch the final rounds of the World Cup.

My first Sunday at home will be July 2nd. I've sent word (through Rune) asking to be excused from preaching that day, but it is almost certain that our little church will have me in the pulpit on the 9th. The church building was completed less than 20 years ago, and the social hall (a separate building right next to the sanctuary building) was completed in 2000. There will be about 25-35 worshippers in church on the 2nd. We have a small electronic organ, but we use it only on special occasions. The church doesn't have a

pastor and is run by the session led by a lay moderator.

It is an aging congregation, and like many churches around the world it is having trouble keeping its young people involved and interested.

Ban Dok Daeng is a quiet community made up of farmers who still live off the land, working class folks who go into town to earn a living, and a smattering of middle class professionals as well. Many households now earn their living through a combination of farming and working in town for a wage. Our young people are increasingly well educated, but many of them leave the community after they

graduate from high school or college.

The community is two-thirds Buddhist and one-third Christian, and it has become a model for interfaith cooperation and harmony. In the "old days," there was an undercurrent of tension, even hostility between the two faiths. Since the 1990s, however, both Christians and Buddhists have worked to achieve communal peace based on a quiet reconciliation. When I get home, one of my early stops will be to pay a visit to the young abbot of the local temple.

Rune and I will be back at the end of July, primed and ready for our last church year in the Holly-

Fenton area. It will be a year of preparation for the eventual arrival of your new pastor. I would like to urge every member and friend of the church to keep the pastor nominating committee (PNC) in your prayers—and to begin to pray for that person who will be your next pastor. Pray, too, for the future of Holly PC that it might be a future bright with the promise of the Spirit. Amen.

Herb ■

ATHLETES IN ACTION

Hello again! How are things in your neck of the woods? We are all doing well here. Graduation ceremonies are over and most of the students here at the University of Dayton are gone for the summer. We've been able to focus on a few other things and get ourselves ready to head out for our summer assignment with AIA. It's been fun to have a little bit more time to spend with our kids—we are really in a fun stage of life with them. Mikayla is two and a half and is an absolute doll. She has the sweetest personality and loves life. "Why" is her favorite word and I feel like I answer that question at least one hundred

times a day! But, it has been fun to see her curiosity grow and watch her learn new things. She adores her brother, Jackson, who is now almost nine months old. I never anticipated how well they would play together wrestling and laughing. Jackson has finally reached the milestone of sitting up, but has yet to decide he wants to move! We put him on his belly to play and if he can't reach a toy, he just lays there like a slug! But, I'm confident he will move one day :) They are such a blessing in our lives.

Please pray...

...for Jamie Lee, Robyn, Margo, Faye and Mandy,

new believers on the volleyball team. Pray they would be free from spiritual attack and that this summer would be one of incredible spiritual growth for them.

...for our students from UD attending AIA summer opportunities—Allie, Dee, Chad, Ben and Carly. Pray for God to work mightily in their lives.

...us as we continue for our summer ministry assignment. Pray for Colby as he seeks God in putting together a number of talks he will give, and for Sarah as she teaches a Bible study on the books of Romans. ■



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OUR LIFE TOGETHER



PLEASE PRAY ...

- for the following individuals: Don Giles, June Green, Gladys Havenstein, Laura Parker, Peggy Ranger, and all of the members of the church who are facing health problems.

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

Martin Luther King, Jr.

- 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 remember the men & women in our armed services in your prayers.



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April 22, 2006

Dear Rev. Dr. Herb Swanson;

Kidz Theatre Kompany would like to thank you and your congregation members for the use of your facility for our drama practices. We realize that without the help, support and kindness of your hearts in allowing our group to come in and use your building for our practices, our play would not be taking place in May.

As a small token of our appreciation, KTK has enclosed a donation and 4 tickets to our Spring Production of “Wild, Wild, Wildest West”. We hope to see you there.

With Sincere Thanks,

Patti Buchanan

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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.

Holly Presbyterian Tidings

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