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# SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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



INTERIM NOTES

October is going to be an eventful month at Holly PC

with two high points, one on Sunday, the 15th, and the other Sunday, the 29th. There are articles on each of these dates in other places in this newsletter, but I'd like to briefly reinforce their importance for the church.

On the 15th, the Rev. Dr. Philip Hughes will be with us. He will preach on Sunday morning and then present a lecture Sunday evening, 8:00 pm, on the subject of young people and spirituality in the U.S. and Australia. Dr. Hughes is well-known in Australian church circles for the depth of his understanding of how faith relates to culture and every day life. He is currently involved in a national study of youth spirituality there and is heading up a similar study in Thailand.

The session en-

courages our membership to make a special point of attending worship on the 15th and in getting the word out about the lecture that evening. The Outreach Committee has sent out a letter and flier to area churches and all of the churches in Lake Huron Presbytery. It has also advertised this event in the local press. But, we need the help of our members as well. We would like to make this lecture a community event, one that both serves the community and puts Holly PC on the map. Please share word of this lecture with friends and colleagues.

On the 29th, we will be holding Visitors' Sunday. **And, again, we need the help of every member of the church.** Our goal is to share the good things we have at Holly PC with our friends, neighbors, relatives, and colleagues. Plan to come to

church on the 29th and bring someone with you. Worship that morning will be followed by our second annual Thai dinner.

All of us are aware that Holly PC is now living in the "between times" as the congregation looks more and more to the day when it calls a new pastor. This does not mean, however, that the church's journey from the past into the future has been suspended. There is a great deal we can do right now to build the future of the church, and one of the things we must do this month and every month is to make Holly PC a more visible presence in its community. It is the effort each one of us give to building the church's future now that will determine what that future will look like a year and five years from now.

Herb ■

#### **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.

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#### **NEWS AND UPDATES**

### **Fall Evening Program Series**

This fall, Holly PC will offer three special evening programs for the benefit of the church and community. 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 all three events!

Sunday evening, October 15th, 8:00 pm, the Rev. Dr. Philip J. Hughes, Director of the Christian Re-

search Association, Melbourne, Australia, will deliver a presentation on the subject "The Spirit of Gen Y: Youth & Spirituality in America & Australia. Dr. Hughes, an internationally recognized figure in church research, is engaged in two major studies of youth and religion and currently writing a book on the subject. He will share with us his under-



standing of how international trends relate to youth spirituality in the United States.

Sunday evening, November 12th, 8:00 pm, Herb



(the Rev. Dr. Herbert R. Swanson, to be formal about it) will draw on his 25 years' experience in Southeast 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.

There's something here for everyone. Please, help us to let others know about the great things happening this fall at HPC.

# 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!

#### October 1st at 9:00 am

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



#### 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!

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#### CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

#### From the Congregational Care Committee...

#### Invite a Friend Sunday, October 29

We hope to see a good turnout on 'Bring a Friend' Sunday, October 29. There is a special Thai meal being planned immediately following worship. Save the date!

#### **Coffee Hour**

We are in need of coffee hour volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Mary Renico or Jan Bradshaw if you can help.

#### **Pictorial Directory**



We are in the process of evaluating photography companies and hope to make a determination by October/November ( for a time TBD in 2007). If you are interested in helping out in any way and have a talent for taking good photos (we'll need photos taken of group activities), please let Peggy Ranger or Jan Bradshaw know.

#### **Mary Kay Fundraisers**

Ellen Paulsen will be coordinating Mary Kay parties from 10:00 am - 12 noon on October 7th and 14th. Look for your invitation in the mail or contact the office for more information. Profits will be used for the building renovation fund!!

#### **Prayer Chain**

We are looking for more people for our prayer chain. If you are interested, of please call Peggy Ranger or Jan Bradshaw.

d, Prayer Chain

The next Congregational Care Committee meeting will be held on October 10 at 6:30 pm.

#### **Update from the PNC...**

The pastor nominating committee has begun its work. We will try to keep you informed on our progress through this newsletter. In the early phases of our work we can give you detailed information, but as we progress we must, of necessity, report only in general terms.

We have held several meetings since mid-summer. We are making good progress on the first step of our journey: the Church Information Form (CIF). It is through the CIF that we make our church known to potential pastors. We are using information from the survey that most of you participated in, the mission study recently conducted, the proposed budget for next year, and a pastor job description being worked on by the personnel committee. Once we have finished the CIF, it will then be handed over to session for their approval. We hope to have the CIF in session's hands by the end of October. It will then go on to the presbytery for their approval, after which it will be entered into the database that the PC(USA) uses for matching churches and ministers.

-Jim Lyles, PNC chair

#### IS THERE HOPE FOR HOLLY PC?

through the next two or three or four decades? The solid business principles. answer...the obvious answer is, "Yes!" There is, however, a "but" attached. Yes, HPC can grow and thrive and be God's people in the 21st century, BUT not if it keeps doing things "the way it always did." Please, read the following news item from the Presbyterian News Service. Our church's future is at stake.

#### UNDERSTANDING THE HISTORY OF MAINLINE DECLINE

Analysis by Tom Ehrich, Religion News Service

WASHINGTON — In Houston, where bigger is expected and mega churches abound, I took frustrated leaders of three small Episcopal parishes and one Methodist yesterday is coming back. Your congregations are church back to 1964.

That's the year membership in the Episcopal Church peaked and a four-decade decline began. Other mainline Protestant denominations sagged, too.

"What happened in 1964?" I asked in a church wellness seminar. Answers came flying. "Beatles on 'Ed Sullivan.'" "Vietnam." "Bra-burning." "Martin Luther King." "The Ford Mustang."

All actual events, but not the biggest event of 1964 affecting church membership. Neither was the early rumbling of liturgical change or emergence of women in church leadership.

"What happened in 1964," I told them, "was that post-war Baby Boomers began to graduate from high school. They left home and many parents lost their main reason for attending church" I added: "We didn't give them other reasons to stay." We went one decade not even acknowledging their absence and then two decades blaming their absence on whatever we didn't like.

Meanwhile, we clung to locations, facilities and operating methods that worked in the 1950s, but became increasingly outmoded, inefficient, and burdensome. Think corner drugstore, I said, corner hardware store, mom-and-pop market, neighborhood onescreen movie theater.

Now think CVS, Home Depot, Kroger, 16-screen theater and NetFlix. Think mega church, the religious equivalent of Wal-Mart.

Don't scoff at the mega church, I said. Their theology might be more conservative than ours, and their Sunday productions might seem glib to us. But we should study their methodology. For they aren't succeeding because of theology, Power Point slides, or

Is there hope that Holly PC will make it super-size, but because they operate according to

They study their market. They study people's needs. They evaluate constantly. They keep improving. If something stops working, they stop doing it. They use modern tools, like the Internet, and they go where the people are. They have a fresh and wellconsidered purpose for everything they do, from traffic flow to strategies for ministry. It helps that they aren't bur dened with denominational overhead.

But we shouldn't make too much of that. Any organization, even an historic one, can retool for a new

Don't pine for yesterday, I said, and don't pretend struggling, I said, because the world changed and you didn't. You hung on to the corner-store model too long. Don't feel guilty, don't blame clergy or past lay leaders, and don't blame the mega churches for being successful. Better to learn than to blame.

People change, needs change, neighborhoods change, and markets change. In the years after World War II, as Americans moved to cities and suburbs, people looked to church for socialization, a sense of belonging. They endured institutional overhead in order to belong.

Now their 2006 counterparts look to church for meaning and depth and for a Christian community that can nurture faithful living. They have zero tolerance for institutional overhead and stale arguments. We might think we are saving society with our power struggles. In fact, we are just driving people elsewhere.

Changes continue to happen. Every institution, even today's mega church, needs to be attentive and nimble. Consider the boom in online religion and house churches unaffiliated with any institution. We need to be as responsive to market preferences as any business.

The world out there is largely unchurched, I said. There's no shortage of people seeking God. They just don't want to buy what you're selling. So do it differently. You have something life-changing to offer. You just can't keep offering it the same old way.

Then from one participant came those magic words that any teacher longs to hear: "How can we do it better?" ■

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#### **OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS**

Ushers: Rob & Cathy Privette

Lay Leader: Rob Privette

Flowers - Sign up located in kitchen: 10/8 Jack and Amie Davis

Birthdays: 10/04 Aaron Vergith 10/15 Lyndsey Perry 10/19 Rebecca Cook

10/29 Joshua Haneline 10/30 Gertrude Skinner



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#### **OUR LIFE TOGETHER**



PLEASE PRAY...

- for the following individuals: 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."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### A Shared Sadness

All of us are saddened at the passing of Elder Jack Davis. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Joan and her family, esp. Kathy & Jack Henn and Jack & Amie Davis, also members of our family. God bless each of you.

#### Women's Bible Study

A women's bible study will be starting at 7:00 pm on October 10th and run every Tuesday night for four weeks. The name of the study is "Tiny Joys" and will be led by Laura Parker. If you wish to participate, or have any other questions, you may contact Laura.

#### Choir

The **choir** has resumed 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 chime choir** has begun its regular practices in the choir room downstairs after worship on Sundays. If you are interested, there's still time to join!

#### Church Theme Contest!!

Holly PC needs a theme line, something that captures the "essence" of the church in a simple phrase of no more than four or five words. As the church carries out more advertising and seeks to be more active in the community, it needs a handle that people will remember. Something like, "Good to the Last Drop" or "Invest with Confidence," slogans or themes that we see & hear every day.

Session would like to have the whole church take part so our theme will truly "come from the people." ENTER AS OFTEN AS YOU LIKE. FIRST PRIZE WILL BE A SUITABLY ENGRAVED PLAQUE (and one "start in the crown"). Please submit you entries in writing to the church office by October 13th.

#### Herb's Office Hours

Herb's office hours are 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

hpcinteri m@sbcglobal.net.

#### Altar Flowers

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

#### TEENS FOR CHRIST

#### **Teens Make Some Very Important Decisions**

Summer is gone and fall is in the air and the time for planning the calendar for the year has arrived. For about 8 teens some very important decisions were made in record speed Sunday September 17th. They are as follows:

We will operate a concession stand during the car show sponsored by the Outreach Committee on September 30. This will be a fundraiser for our mission work.

- Mission Trip- It was decided in record speed we would be staying in Michigan this summer for our mission trip. The teens
  decided to serve God somewhere in the Upper Peninsula. If
  any member knows of an organization we could work through it
  would be appreciated.
- We will, again, put together a multi-media worship service November 12th during our regularly scheduled youth worship service. Mark your calendars.
- Lastly, we are going camping October 27 and 28th at Metamora State Park. The "tent people" will be praying for warm weather!

Also, some words of thanks are extended to the Howe's for the use of their vehicle and trailer during the Carrie Nation Parade September 9. We were wet and soggy but we did some awesome smiling, waving, and greeting people of our community.

Blessings to all, Dessalee Cook





#### **JAMAS**

This is critical crunch time for Jamas.

Please pray!

We have the expense of fixing the new building, but can't have programs there yet that help bring in funds. While we get open, we are in a \$3500 shortfall on the budget.

Meanwhile, things are moving along as we are getting the steps toward occupancy taken one by one. We hope to be open in late October, or November.

Thank you to all of you who have contributed in time and effort and finances. Thanks to you, this outreach is happening!

+ Blessings,

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#### **WORSHIP IN OCTOBER**

For a couple of years now HPC has not used the Common Lectionary of Bible passages for worship and preaching, which is widely used in Presbyterian Churches. This fall we are returning to the lectionary. It will provide themes for our worship and topics for the sermons as well as resources for actually carrying out worship.

For October, we will be using the following passages to set the themes for our worship:

#### October 1st

World Communion Sunday. The passages for the morning are Psalm 124 and Mark 9:42-50. The theme is "remaining faithful."

#### October 8th

Second Sunday. The passages for the morning are Job 2:1-10 and Mark 10:13-16. The theme is "the nature of faith."

#### October 15th

Contemporary Worship Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Philip Hughes will be with us and preach on "the church of the future."



#### October 22nd

Fourth Sunday. The passages for the morning are Psalm 104:1-9 and Hebrews 5:1-10. The theme for the morning is "humility."

#### October 29th

Visitors' Sunday. The passages for the morning are Psalm 34:1-8 and Mark 10:46-52 and the theme is "God's Loving Care."



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Sincerely,

Dennis Inhulsen Principal

LEAD THE WAY

#### **HAPPENINGS**

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Reopened

The following is reprinted from the September newsletter of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Lake Charles, LA:

The first service in the sanctuary has been planned for September 10, Sunday. It has been a long, frustrating year for many. New Members have been welcomed into St. Andrew. The physical buildings have been repaired with further work to continue. The congregation has new faith and energy replacing the frustration.

The Richardson room is fresh with open, airy space, which blends older furnishings with new furnishings. The Fellowship Hall, once again, was utilized as a main area for worship, fellowship, luncheons, meetings and day care use. Landscaping has changed due to lost trees and new construction in the area. Other changes will be announced. The sanctuary is openings it's doors and calling us back. September 10 the worship service will start in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. During the worship service, the congregation will be walking together to return to the sanctuary.

This is good news for us here at HPC because we helped!

#### 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 through out the year. These events help support our local library. Check out the newly remodeled lower level "Book Cellar" where you can browse and purchase used books all week long during regular Library hours. This month's sale will be held on October 13th and 14th.

# Davisburg Rotary club seeks area professionals for goodwill exchange to Thailand

Rotary club members of Macomb, Oakland, Livingston and Washtenaw Counties in Michigan and Kent County in Ontario are seeking four outstanding professionals to visit Thailand from February 21,

2007 to March 20, 2007 as part of the Group Study Exchange program of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

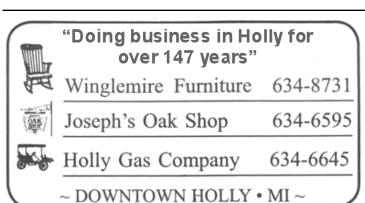
Through the program, teams of young professionals from two different countries exchange visits. For four weeks, team members experience the way of life, customs, and vocational practices of another country, while sharing information about their homeland.

The purpose of the Group Study Exchange program is to promote international understanding and goodwill through personal connection. While abroad, team members stay in Rotarians' homes and have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts. They also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country.

The Rotary Foundation pays for round-trip airfare, and Rotary club members in the host country provide meals, lodging, and group travel in their district. Team members pay for personal and incidental expenses.

Young adults between the ages of 25 and 40 who are interested in applying should be employed full-time in a business or profession. Applicants must live or be employed in Macomb, Oakland, Livingston or Washtenaw Counties in Michigan or Kent County in Ontario.

For additional information, frequently asked questions, an application, and information for employers, see the materials at www.rotary6380.org website. You can also contact Gerry Jackson at 248-459-0240 or gerryjackson@comcast.com or ph 248-459-0240. Applications are due by October 6, 2006.





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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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