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INTERIM NOTES

For virtually all of us, anxiety and suffering are important experiences. No one can avoid them, and for many individuals they are a part of daily life. One of the most important sources of anxiety and suffering is our physical condition. It seems like a thousand things can go wrong with our bodies and the bodies of those we love. Physical ailments can cause a lot of pain, which soon gets in the way of healing; and they can cause even more anxiety. Our mental condition is also often the cause of anxiety and suffering to ourselves and to oth-

ers around us. We can wrap ourselves up in terrible knots sometimes. We see members of our family or friends or a neighbor do the same thing, and it hurts us too. Our family situation is another source of anxiety and suffering. Some of the worst hurts we experience come at the hands of those we love. Family violence and abuse are potent reminders of how hurtful family members can be to each other. And there are deep wounds that we carry around with us for our whole lives, which were inflicted on us as children. For many of

us, our situation at work, in an organization (such as the church), or in our neighborhoods (apartment buildings) can also afflict us with pain and suffering: a colleague who dumps on us, a person who takes an unkind jab at us, or a disagreement that leaves us feeling hurt and resentful. The world's condition also brings us anxiety and suffering. Events like Pearl Harbor, the assassination of President Kennedy, and 9/11 cause deep anxiety in us. Many of us feel pain at the destruction of the natural environment or

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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: hpcinterim@shcpcglobal.net and his phone is: (810) 714-3290
- 10:30 Worship
9:00 Sunday School

WORSHIP AT HOLLY PC IN MARCH

Lent begins on March 5th, and the sermons for March will focus on rediscovering the person of Christ for modern life by focusing on chapter 14 of the Gospel of Mark.

March 5th – Forego Sunday and the 1st Sunday in Lent. The service will provide members of the congregation with a chance to make faith commitments for Lent either to give up something or to do something special in the way of service. The sermon will have the theme of “Jesus Adored” and be based on Mark 14:3-9.

March 12th – 2nd Sunday in Lent. The sermon will be taken from Mark 14:12-21 and be titled, “Jesus Betrayed.”

March 19th – Contemporary Worship Sunday and the 3rd Sunday in Lent. The young people of our church under the leadership of Jordan Howe will continue to lead us in contemporary worship. The sermon will be on “Jesus Abandoned” and be a study of Mark 14:32-42

March 26th – 4th Sunday in Lent. While Herb is away at his second week of interim training, the Rev. Louise Brokaw will fill the pulpit. She is the Executive Presbyterian of Lake Huron Presbytery.



As Holly PC continues to look to the future, it is important that every member devotes personal time to prayer & Bible study and attends Sunday morning worship as regularly as possible. Our faithful attendance at worship is good for us and it is good for our church.

NEWS AND UPDATES

One great hour of sharing

It is that time of year again! Holly PC is joining with thousands of Presbyterian churches and congregations of other denominations to collect the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. The OGHS began in 1949, and the gifts we give it support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Before we contributed a dollar to the Katrina relief effort last fall, for example, OGHS funds were already at work. A generous contribution here will be of immense benefit to the world's poorest and neediest.

And as we look to our church's future, it is important to remember that one of the key marks of a growing, spiritually alive church is its generosity to others and willingness to serve as Christ served. When you give to OGHS, you both serve others and build a future for Holly PC.

(For examples of how OGHS funds are used go to the One Great Hour of Sharing website at www.onegreathourofsharing.org/mission.html). ■



Hot off the Press



The Presbyterian Handbook (Geneva Press, 2006) is a fascinating, funny, and helpful compendium of knowledge on how to be a church member and a Presbyterian. It contains chapters such as "What to Bring to a Church Potluck," and "How to Forgive Someone." It explains Presbyterian church government and even gives guidance on "How to Avoid Getting Burned at the Stake." There's something

here for young and old. You can order *The Presbyterian Handbook* on line at www.genevapress.com or by calling (800) 227-2872 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada). ■

A Resource for Presbyterians

One good place to stay current with news about our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA) is the website link for the Presbyterian News Service (PNS), which is www.pcusa.org/pcnews. PNS provides news items on hot topics and current events not only for PC (USA) but also for other denominations and Christian agencies worldwide. Recent items, for example, include news and comments on the cartoon controversy that has become so divisive. ■

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN



At the beginning of each Sunday worship service we receive contributions for the "Pennies from Heaven" building fund. The purpose of "Pennies from Heaven" is to begin gathering the necessary funds for capital improvements needed for our facilities. Our Session will, with our congregation's input, decide how these funds will be utilized. Our building needs are extensive – plumbing, electrical and structural integrity – as well as general expansion. Another option would be to build new facilities. We conduct this building fund as "Pennies from Heaven" so that all members, young and old, may participate. With much prayer for God's wisdom and blessings the "Pennies from Heaven" fund will play a significant role in the future of Holly Presbyterian Church.

All contributions are tax deductible. You may use envelopes provided at the rear of the sanctuary. Please include your name. Make all checks payable to Holly Presbyterian Church with annotation "Pennies from Heaven". ■

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Outreach Committee

The outreach committee is "reaching" out to the congregation for help with a couple of our projects. First involves welcoming visitors. Visitors' folders have been ordered, complete with registration cards, leaflets, and church informational brochures (being developed). We encourage all members to verbally welcome visitors immediately following each service. We are also in need of volunteers to follow up these visits with a post card the next day and/or a phone call. If you would be willing to help in this endeavor, please contact Judy Studer (248-634-8918) or Walt Brown (810-629-1618).

Secondly, we are seeking volunteers to make visits to Holly Convalescent Center to read to the residents, etc. If you are able to help in this area, please contact Laura Parker, (sub-committee chairperson) at 248-634-2773.

Thank you for "reaching" out to your fellow Christians in any way you feel comfortable.

A Sad Announcement from Louisiana

Last fall, our congregation sent over \$1,000 in hurricane relief assistance to St. Andrews PC in Lake Charles, LA. In recent months, we've been out of contact with the church, the reason being the severe illness and then death of the church's pastor, Rev. Louise Randall. She died on January 30th. Our sympathy goes out to her family and the congregation. We are now again in touch with the session at St. Andrews and may again be involved with them.

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".



2006 SESSION

Class of 2006

Walt Brown
Outreach

Christine Cook
Stewardship

Bruce Dryer
Property

Kathy Henn
Personnel

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Peggy Dryer
Christian Ed.

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Worship

Peggy Ranger
Congregational Care

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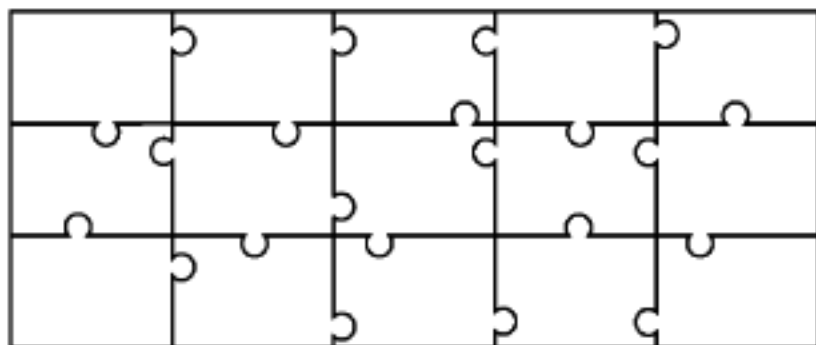


Just for **KIDS**

Pray Today!

The first Friday in March is World Day of Prayer. God wants us to pray to Him everyday. So start today and never stop!

Write the words from the scrambled jigsaw pieces onto the blank puzzle to discover when Psalm 55:17 (KJV) says we should pray.



Answer: Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice.

Make a Prayer Calendar

We should pray everyday. There are so many people and so many things to pray about in our lives. "Make a date" to pray every day and stick to it!

What you need:

- 12 pieces of blank paper for calendar pages
- a pencil, pen or marker
- a ruler



What you do:

1. Write the name of the month on the top of a sheet of paper.
2. With your ruler and pencil, draw vertical (up and down) lines to divide the page into 7 columns.
3. Draw horizontal (left to right) lines to make 5 rows.
4. You should have 35 boxes.
5. Number the boxes to match the dates of the month. (Tip: Use another calendar to look at, so you put the numbers in the correct boxes.)
6. Repeat the steps to make a calendar page for each month of the year.
7. On this month's calendar, fill in the spaces with people, events and things you need to pray for. They can repeat.
8. When each day comes, pray about what's on that day's space.
9. Before the end of the month take time to fill in next month's calendar. You may be able to see God's answering your prayers, so be sure to add "thankfulness" to your list.

"Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth."

—Psalm 54:2, NIV

MARCH 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7:00 pm Lenten Study	2	3 5:30—8:00 pm KTK	4
5 Forego Sunday 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Ridiculous Store 3:00 pm AA	6 6:30 pm— Congregational Care Committee 7:30 pm - AA /	7 5:30—7:30 pm Kids Theatre Kompany	8	9 7:00 pm AYSO	10 5:30—8:00 pm KTK Alma Youth Mix	11 Alma Youth Mix
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19 Contemporary Worship 3rd Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Sunday School— Bible Baseball Trivia 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am TFC Mtg Ridiculous Store Medicare Plan Discussion	20 7:00 pm Session 7:30 pm - AA / Alanon	21 5:30—7:30 pm Kids Theatre Kompany	22 6:00—8:00 pm AYSO	23 6:00 pm Optimist Club	24 5:30—8:00 pm KTK	25
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MARCH VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Barb and Walt Brown **Lay Leader:** Julie Murphree

Flowers - Sign up located in kitchen: 3/12 by the Lyles Family in honor of Brian Lyle's birthday

Birthdays: 2/7 Anna Hillman 2/12 Mary Renico 2/14 Brian Lyles 2/18 Karen Kluwe

OUR LIFE TOGETHER



PLEASE PRAY ...

- for the following individuals: Betty Giles, June Green, Alice Horak, 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

and our staff. Pray for God's leading as Holly PC seeks God's leading for the life and future of our church.

- for St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Lake Charles, La., which is still working to recover from last year's hurricanes and whose pastor, the Rev. Louise Randall, died recently.
- 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

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

Martin Luther King, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Care Committee Coffee Hour Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers for coffee hour set-up. The schedule, sign up sheets, and instructions are posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. Coffee hours are great opportunities to fellowship and strengthen our relationships with one another. Please consider being a part of implementing this invaluable tool. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Renico at 810-694-3281.

Medicare Prescription Coverage

Are you having trouble understanding the different plans for either yourself or a loved one? On Sunday, March 19th, Melissa Butler from Holly Woodlands will be here to discuss the Medicare Part D Drug Plan. There will be a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall available soon. This information will be extremely useful for anyone over or approaching 65, or has loved ones that are. If you have any questions, contact Roberta Single or Jan Bradshaw.

Kitchen Shower

Plans are under way to have a 'kitchen shower' April 29. More news will be forthcoming.

Church Information Forms: PLEASE HELP



Information forms were mailed to all families of the church with the December newsletter. These forms are also available in the narthex. The church office is trying to assemble up-to-date information for every member and family. We need some of the information for the congregational study now underway. Please help us out by filling out your form and returning it to the box provided in the narthex. Thank you!

Summer Church Camp

Lake Huron Presbytery has joined with Lake Michigan Presbytery to offer an exciting summer church camp program at **Camp Greenwood**, located north & east of Grand Rapids near Greenville, MI. There are programs of varying length for K-12. If you are interested, you can get further information from the church office. You can also see the camp's website at www.campgreenwood.org.

Offering Envelopes

TEENS FOR CHRIST

February TFC News

This month the teens participated in two activities. Super Bowl Sunday was spent at the Haneline's home. Several teens and their parents were present for the festivities. Thank you to the Hanelines for letting us use your home it was a great evening.

Our second event was our Valentine Luncheon on February 12th. The teens did a great job preparing the meal and serving it. Overall, we raised around \$300 for our mission work. We appreciate the support of our congregation and the teen's families. Special thanks go to Teri Webner for printing out our tickets, also Karen Haneline for coordinating the kitchen help and Kathleen Howe for her involvement.

March will be a month of spiritual growth for those attending the Alma Youth Mix and a time for giving when we participate in a 30 Hour Famine. The famine will be a chance to physically feel how it is to go without food like so many in parts of the world do. Ron Moore is coordinator and the date is March 31- April 1st at the Davisburg Methodist Church in Davisburg. Teens must be at least 12 years old. Forms can be picked up in the church office or through myself on Sundays throughout the month. Please pledge a teen for their participation all money goes to World Vision. Adult chaperones are also needed. Call Ron Moore at 810-691-6191 (e-mail: airborn@tir.com) or myself 248-634-5680 with any questions.

Blessings, Dessalee

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Candy for Sale



Proceeds to benefit Teens
For Christ Missions Trip



Mar. 5th and 19th
after service in the Fellowship Hall




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INTERIM NOTES CONT.

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over destructive ethnic, racial, gender, and other biases. War. Economic Collapse. Riots. Terrorism. All of these forces can touch us in very personal ways.

Always, we have to remember that there is much more to life than our hurts and anxieties, but we also can't deny how suffering is an important and unavoidable part of life. Sometimes

As Christians, however, we believe that all of human pain and suffering takes place in a "divine context." God is there. God shares the pain. What hurts us hurts

God. God works underneath the pain to give us comfort in the midst of our pain, hope in the midst of our fears, and patience when we want to be rid of our pain. We know this to be true because of Christ. We affirm that in Jesus, son of Joseph & Mary, God took on a body—a real human body that could ache, get splinters, suffer diarrhea, be wounded, and die. In Jesus, God was betrayed by people he loved. He was lied to and treated as an enemy by the big shots of his day.

Knowing that God has gone through human suffering gives us a slightly different perspective on pain and suffering.

We realize that pain and suffering are not necessarily evil. Just as the body experiences pain as a warning that something is wrong physically, so our anxieties serve to warn us that there is something wrong. Sometimes there is something wrong with us. We are the cause or contribute to the cause of our own suffering and that of others around us. Furthermore, Christ's suffering teaches us that we can experience God's grace through suffering. The fact that Christ suffered for us also gives us hope, which allows us to patiently wait through our anxieties and suffering or endure them. Suffering reminds us of what is im-

portant in life; many of the things we get so worked up over are petty compared to the suffering and sorrow of our world.

Suffering, finally, can teach us to be more sensitive to the pain of others. That, I believe, is the direction God is pulling us to go. As God is a source of strength, courage, and healing for us, so we share the experience of God's grace with others. The Christian experience is that we are healed as we heal, comforted when we give comfort, and we grow in wisdom & faith as we give ourselves in service. Amen.

- Herb

ATHLETES IN ACTION

Over the past few weeks I have seen God change the heart of Nick, one of the AIA interns I am leading and training (pictured below). The fall was a bit challenging because Nick was not used to applying himself fully. He is very intelligent and relationally gifted so he spent his college years coasting through life and school. As he was given leadership and responsibility at UD, he began to realize that the effort he was giving was not his best.



Nick's heart was being challenged to love and serve God with his best effort for God's glory. And as he opened his heart to God, God moved and began making transformations.

This semester, Nick has taken his devotion to Christ to a new level. He is asking some of the key questions to being a man of influence in God's Kingdom and is seeking God's will for his future. We have had meaningful discussions about how to move students from being believers in Christ to faithful servants of Christ who desire to be used of God. Nick has also taken the

initiative to connect with the golf coach, begin a Bible study (which currently has 9 men attending) and reach out to Freshmen with the love of Christ.

Please pray...

...praise God for providing abundantly more than we could have imagined in our end of the year financial ask for our medical needs.

...for Nick and his continued growth in the Lord.

...for Sarah (and Jackson) as they travel to the AIA staff women's conference for a time of encouraging and equipping. ■



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JAMAS

Check us out on the web: www.jamas.cjb.net



February 14, 2006, St. Valentine's Day, was Jamas 3 year old birthday!

We have moved out of the little house on North Saginaw Street, and are doing programs in a theater in a church in Fenton, and the Gospel Center gym in Davisburg behind Davisburg U. Methodist Church. Our first show in Davisburg drew 100 teens and band members on a very icy slippery night. Three girls drove from Grand Rapids to see one of the bands. The second show was a joint effort with Welchfest, and drew 400 teens, with up to 200 being turned away due to legal capacity of the gym. That was great, but the crowd was too big for us! We have gone back to smaller programs since, to have more control, and to be more relational, and friendly.

Jamas programs continue to be popular with fans and bands alike, and we are working at being more intentional with our Christian witness. We have earned a lot of trust and appreciation, and we want to be more than just a "rock club". We have some good Christian bands that play often, and we are getting back to inviting the teens to stay after the show for discussion and Bible study.



Here's our prayer request: That teens would be hungry to hear the good news of Jesus Christ, that we would find creative, effective ways to communicate on a spiritual level, and that fans and bands would become Christians and spread the good news too. Just providing safe, positive entertainment is good in itself, but we want to be more.



Our board, volunteers, and the churches we work with have been helpful in every way, and we are praying for more spiritual impact this year.

Thank you Holly Presbyterian, for your love, prayers, and financial support, both from the budget, and from generous individual gifts. This means so much to us! A special thanks to Jordan Howe for his countless hours of help at our programs, and to all our board members, and volunteers for their time and support, and to Vicki Lyles for her past years of help with our financial reports.

My wife and family send their love. Blessings! ron moore
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"AS I LIVE," SAYS THE LORD, "EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD." - ROMANS 14:11

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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