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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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## HPC TIDINGS

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*Believe. It's what we do.*

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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@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hpcinterim@sbcglobal.net) and his phone is: (810) 714-3290*
- *Worship hours: 10:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School*

### INTERIM NOTES

On Saturday morning, March 17th, members of the session from the past three years, 2005-2007, and I sat down together to talk about the last two years of the interim period. We discussed together how the church has changed in the time that Runee and I have been with you, and we talked about the road ahead.

Various members of those three sessions, expressed their feeling that by 2007 both the session and the church have achieved an improved sense of direction and a feeling of having a common goal. They felt that there is improved communication between the session and the rest of the church and better communication within session itself. There seemed to be general agreement that from this point on the session and other lay leaders in the church need to be "proactive," that is taking leadership rather than waiting to be led by others.

Several elders said that the interim period has helped the church understand its situation, and it has given the session more confidence in itself and the church that together you can meet the challenges it now

faces. The renovation of the narthex, while costly, has been one of the most important accomplishments of the last two years. It is a reasonable risk that has paid the church major "dividends" in ways none of us could have foreseen.

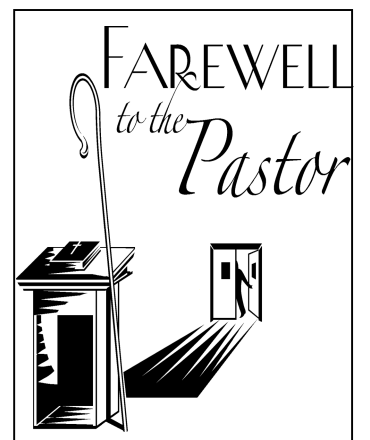
Looking to the future, it was felt that the one big item on the church's plate today is addressing the ongoing need for change. There are still some members who worry about taking risks and feel reluctant to seek further change. Still, the congregation has momentum and direction; and it is imperative to maintain that momentum into the future. Those present Saturday morning understood clearly that the session and church now have to work to keep moving; it is no longer a matter of waiting for the next minister to come and "save" the church.

So, we come to the time we knew from the beginning would come and come soon, the time for good-byes. Runee and I are headed to a church in the Lansing area, Delta Presbyterian Church. We look forward to the challenges we will face there, but we will miss HPC and the many

good friends we have in it. Our prayer for HPC is that it will discover that person God intends for it, a pastor who has the skills HPC needs and a vision for working with a church that faces a challenging but potentially exciting future. If you find such a pastor and if you build a strong, trusting relationship with her or him—if you "go with the flow" of the Spirit—what a meaningful future it will be!

And if you should happen to be over in Lansing, Sunday afternoon, June 17th, you are cordially invited to attend my Service of Installation at Delta Presbyterian Church (6100 W. Michigan Ave.). We hope to see you there.

God bless, Herb & Runee



## NEWS AND UPDATES

## News from the PNC

Your pastor nominating committee (PNC) has received 36 pastor information forms (PIFs) so far. 32 of these have come from the PC(USA) database, and the other four came directly from ministers wishing to be considered for our next pastor. The breakdown so far is 22 men and 14 women. We have reviewed 33 of these PIFs so far, with nine of them on our "A" list. We will be requesting and reviewing more PIFs. Our next step will be to prioritize those on the "A" list and begin contacting them for phone interviews and reference checks. Please keep your PNC in your prayers—Jim Lyles, PNC chair

## Pictorial Directory

Do you ever see people in church and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you new to our church and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Well, help is on the way! We are producing a pictorial directory for our church. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photograph taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your im-

ages electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. On Sunday, April 1, we will begin the sign-up process for photography and portrait viewing sessions (April 30 & May 1). Other sign-up dates: April 8 and April 15. Bring your calendar and stop by the tables in the Narthex to sign up. Early sign-ups will get the first choice of times! We look forward to "seeing you in pictures!"



## Becoming a Blessed Church

The session is looking for one or more members who will invest a Friday evening and Saturday to participating in a seminar on "Becoming a Blessed Church." The seminar takes place on April 19-20 at First Presbyterian Church, Flint. It will be conducted by the Rev. N. Graham Standish, pastor of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Zelienople, PA. This unusual and exciting congregation has experimented with a variety of ways for seeking the blessings of the Spirit, which Dr. Standish will share with the participants. A workshop is included. If you are interested and can attend, please let Herb or Jim Lyles know as soon as possible. Blessings!

## 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

## Teens for Christ News

The weekend of March 16, three teens from our group experienced an awesome time at Alma Youth Mix. The theme was "All you can eat" and it centered around filling yourself with the things that really matter in your life, not those things that do not. Desiree Cook, Brian Lyles, and Ben Jackson came back filled with the awe and wonder of God's amazing powers so please take the time to ask them about their experience; remember the members of our church have the duty to help nurture and guide our youth in leading a good Christian life and what better way then to get involved in their lives. Speaking of duties we need your help in being a part of our youth group. In the near future I might be asking you to lead our group in devotionals or play a game with us during our youth group meetings. We need you because you matter.

Other things we are working on include a summer mission trip. I have been slow to commit to anything because our lives seem to be so busy. We want to do something locally so that we can have time perhaps to help fix up the Sunday School classrooms downstairs. Likewise, we are planning a Mother Daughter Banquet for Mother's Days. Detail will be advertised as soon as our Lenten Fair is over.

Blessings, Dessalee Cook

## Women's Association Easter Baskets

The Women's Group is again this year spearheading the drive to give Easter baskets to children and seniors who would otherwise not receive them. Your help is necessary for us to achieve our goals of meet-

ing or exceeding last years total of 39 baskets. We are in need of baskets and grass as well as all of the following items.

Please consider the following items for children's baskets:

*Bagged wrapped candy, bags of jelly beans, crayons, hair clips, hot wheels/match box cars, toothbrush/paste, fruit snacks, children's books, teen magazines, jump ropes, coloring books, nail polish, stickers, hair accessories, gel pens/pencils, hacky sacks, parachute men, balsa wood gliders, super balls, silly putty, other small fun games.*

Or for senior citizens:

*Stationary, pens, postage stamps, word search books, seed packets, small clay pots, herb window gardens, small coffee, tea, small canned ham, toothpaste/brush, hand lotion, gift cards to Farmer Jack, Kroger, Meier's or gas stations*

Please help our women continue the tradition of helping those in need. We need your support! Give generously. Drop off all donations in the fellowship hall and watch each week as our giving increases. Special thanks to all Sunday school classes who will again help to assemble these baskets. Thanks to everyone for your support.

## 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!

**April 4th at 9:00 am**

*Christian Education is happy to offer Arts and Crafts Sunday on the first Sunday of each Month.*



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OUR LIFE TOGETHER



PLEASE PRAY ...

- for Rev. Mike Loenshal (Stated Clerk of Lake Huron Presbytery and Pastor of 1st Presbyterian Church, Ithaca) who has suffered a closed head injury while in the Honduras working on a mission project.
- for Thomas McChesney, Holly, his wife, and their baby son, that they'll be able to get back together soon.
- for the following individuals: Elizabeth (Jean) Buchanan, Alice Horak, Margaret Ganshaw, Virginia McDonald, Don Campbell, Joan Davis, 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

Maundy Thursday

Our Maundy Thursday soup supper on April 5 will begin at 6:00 pm, with worship service following at 7:00 pm. We hope you can join us!

Food Donations

Finger food donations are needed for the community Good Friday service, held at HPC, on April 6. Donations can be dropped at the church by 10:30 am on Good Friday. A sign -up sheet is located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Farewell Potluck

Please plan to attend –and bring a dish to pass–a farewell potluck for Herb & Runee on Sunday, April 15, immediately following the service.

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 is in the narthex. The cost of flowers is \$15. Please make checks payable to HPC and designate it for "Flowers".

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, place for joyful service.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Palm Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 3:00 PM AA	2 7:30 PM AA / Alanon	3	4	5 Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Worship	6 Good Friday 12:00 PM Community Good Friday Service	7
8 Easter Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM TFC Mtg 3:00 PM AA	9 7:30 PM AA / Alanon	10 2:00 PM Holly Woodlands Bible Study	11	12 7:00 PM AYSO	13	14
15 Newsletter Deadline Youth Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Farewell Reception for the Swansons 3:00 PM AA	16 6:30 PM Session 7:30 PM AA / Alanon	17	18	19	20	21 9:00 AM Kidz Theatre Company
22 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 3:00 PM AA	23 7:30 PM AA / Alanon	24	25	26 6:00 PM Optimists Club	27	28 9:00 AM TFC at Northside Soup Kitchen
29 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 3:00 PM AA	30 3:00 PM Life Touch Pictorial Directory 7:30 PM AA / Alanon	1 3:00 PM Life Touch Pictorial Directory	2	3 National Day of Prayer	4	5

APRIL VOLUNTEERS: Ushers: The Lyles Family Lay Leader: Brian and Laura Parker

Flowers: 4/15 The Killewald's in honor of Cathie's birthday - A sign up chart is located in the Fellowship Hall.

Birthdays: 4/1 Elizabeth Smith 4/7 Katie Campbell 4/8 Holly Pelton 4/13 Margaret Perry