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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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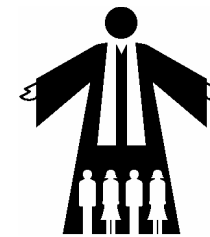
*Believe. It's what we do.*

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### WORKING WITH OUR PASTOR

#### Part Three: "Getting Along With Our Pastor"



Pastors are people. They are also sinners. The truth is, ministers are not any different from the rest of us. They have likes and dislikes, hobbies, families, leaky faucets, and all of that.

They get crabby and have bad days. We all know ministers are human, but we tend to forget it too. You hear stories from other churches about a member who left a church because "the minister frowned at me."

Your relationship with our pastor, then, should begin with the recognition that the pastor is another person who is not all that different from anyone else, including you.

It should begin with another fact. Our relationship with our pastor is an important one, and it is different from other relationships. It is based on the pastor's role, which is to provide spiritual guidance and pastoral care to us. The pastor's role is also to help Holly Presbyterian Church to be the best, strongest, and most faithful church it can be. This means that we have different relationships with our pastor at different moments,

often in the same week. Our pastor is sometimes a colleague, sometimes a teacher, sometimes a counselor, and sometimes just a friend.

At all times, we are the pastor's parishioners, which means that our pastor feels a special responsibility for us. She or he and we ourselves never know when we may suddenly need pastoral care, comfort, and guidance.

It is important for each of us as members of Holly Presbyterian Church to consciously develop a healthy relationship with our pastor. The pastor has that responsibility, too, but too often we pay more attention to how the pastor treats us than how we treat the pastor. In a healthy relationship, both sides work at the relationship and contribute to it. Where a church and its members care for and love their minister, the church will find that the pastor is more able to care for and love the members.

The golden rule applies: treat your pastor as you want your pastor to treat you!

It won't be too long until Holly Presbyterian Church has a new pastor. There are some things that each of us can do to develop a

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Outdoor Service & Church Birthday Celebration

Sunday, July 29 beginning at 10:00 am

#### Holly Historical Society Home Tour

Saturday August 4, 10 am—5 pm

#### Reunion with a Cause

Friday August 10, 6:30—9:30 pm



## 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

**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.

**Church Birthday Celebration  
Worship & Picnic at Lakeside Park  
July 29, 10:00 am**

Our church birthday picnic will be held at Lakeside Park again this year. We will provide hotdogs, drinks and table service. Please bring a dish to pass, lawn chairs, basketballs, frisbees, and anything else you think would be fun!

**Lifetouch Directories**

If everything goes as scheduled, we will be receiving our directories by late July. We will be sure to notify everyone once they have arrived!

**Reunion with a Cause**

This year, we will again be participating in The Reunion with a Cause sponsored by the Genesys Health Foundation. This event is a fun-filled, competitive evening walk held to celebrate and commemorate those lives touched by cancer and to raise money to support various programs. All money that we collect will go to the Genesys Regional Medical Center Cancer Program. This event will be held on **Friday, August 10 from 6-11 pm at Holly High School**. Since there will be several ways that you can join us to participate and donate, a table will be available on July 22, 29 and August 5 to provide you with more information and to receive donations. If you have any questions, you may contact Jim and Roberta Single at 248-634-4360 or Peggy Ranger at 248-634-6209.

## 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

**"Spirit of Wholeness in Christ": A Racial Ethnic Multicultural Event**

July 12-15, Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel. An ecumenical event sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Reformed Church in America, and PCUSA. Keynote speakers: Rev. Jacqueline Lewis, Rev. Jose David Rodriguez, Rev. Fahed Abu Akel, Rev. Steven Yamaguchi, plus workshops on spiritual growth and discipleship, community outreach and church growth, multicultural ministries, and social justice.

Registration booklet available at  
[www.pcusa.org/racialjustice/spiritwholeness.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/racialjustice/spiritwholeness.htm)

**"The Peace Bubble Is Coming!"**

Singer-Songwriter Jerry Leggett, a UCC minister, will be in concert at Countryside Trinity Church in Saginaw on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. On January 12, 2007, Leggett began a yearlong nationwide peace mission that will take him to communities across the nation, including well over 100 UCC churches in observance of the denomination's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. In addition to stops at UCC churches, the tour will include regular noon-time sing-outs where people in communities across the country will be asked to envision a more-peaceful world and share that vision in videotaped interviews. "The tour is a nonsectarian, nonpartisan effort to celebrate the ideals that make for peace in the heart and peace in the world," says Leggett, who will perform classic peace standards by the Beatles, Bob Dylan, and Tracy Chapman, plus a mix of his own soul-stirring Leggett originals. The concert is for all age groups and is free of charge. There will be a free will offering to help offset traveling costs for the Peace Bubble.

**Crisis in Corrections: The Faith Community's Response**

An Ecumenical Forum on Public Policy and the Life of Faith, Wednesday, August 22, 2007, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. at Our Risen Lord Lutheran Church, 4040 Lapeer Rd., Burton, MI 48509. This daylong program is designed to educate and prepare ecumenical participants for advocacy and public discourse on the crisis in corrections in the State of Michigan. Sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Synod, ELCA. Cost \$10. Registration deadline August 13. Information can be obtained by contacting the HPC office at 248-634-9494.

**National Elders Conference: "Elder as Spiritual Leader...Reclaiming the Call"**

Please consider sending your elders to the first ever "National Elders Conference." The conference will be held August 29-31, 2007 at the Renaissance Hotel, Nashville, TN. It is sponsored by the General Assembly Council and the Office of the General Assembly. The theme is "Elder as Spiritual Leader\*Reclaiming the Call." Elders are chosen by the people. They exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of your church. Elders are called to this office to strengthen and nurture the faith, hope and life of your congregation. At this conference elders will hear nationally known Presbyterians lead our worship and serve as plenary speakers. The plenary presentations will be led by elders and have been designed to encompass all that an elder may want to know to be the best elder he/she can be. They will experience prayer, study and education. Your elders will not want to miss this exciting conference of a network of elders. A registration brochure can be obtained from the HPC office.



**"Doing business in Holly for over 149 years"**

Winglemire Furniture 634-8731



Joseph's Oak Shop 634-6595



Holly Gas Company 634-6645

~ DOWNTOWN HOLLY • MI ~

**Help Wanted**

There is a older gentleman with a Leader Dog who lives in the Holly area. He is looking for volunteers or he will pay someone to give him a ride to town and walk with him once or twice a week. Anyone with an interest please contact Rod Haneline at 248-210-7335.

## WORKING WITH OUR PASTOR CONTINUED

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strong, healthy relationship with our new pastor.

Recognize that Holly Presbyterian Church needs to change and change a lot if it is going to “make it” in the 21st century. Encourage our pastor to experiment and give honest feedback on what you feel works and doesn’t work. Help create a “climate for change” that encourages the pastor to take some risks for the sake of our church’s future.

Let our new pastor be the person she or he is. Our past ministers each had their ways of doing things, and each of them was a unique individual. Refrain from comparisons. We need to be especially careful not to make comparisons with the last couple of years when we had an interim minister. The work of an interim minister is quite different from that of our regular pastor.

From time to time give the pastor an encouraging word or two; drop him or her a card of appreciation.

Give the pastor feedback on sermons and worship services. It helps the pastor to know when a sermon touches you or informs you. If there is something that disturbs you, the pastor also needs to know that. Be sure to give your criticism in a constructive way.

Find time to share your concerns about and hopes for Holly Presbyterian Church with our pastor.

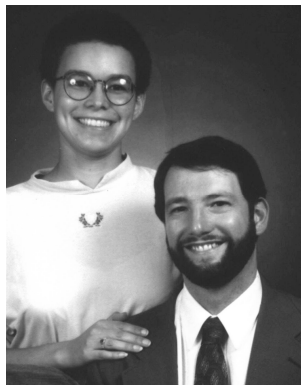
It sometimes happens that we don’t hit it off right away with a new pastor. It is the rare person who can be “all things to all people.” It is also a normal part of human relationships to feel different things about a person at different times. Indeed, we sometimes feel different things about the same person at the same time. We see that person’s strengths and limitations, and we realize that often a person’s limitations are the “flip side” of their strengths. For example, pastors who are very good at pastoral care and dealing with people’s feelings may not be that great at administration.

The point is that we not only should be patient with our pastor’s weaknesses and humanity, but we also should be patient with ourselves as well. Don’t expect that you’re going to love everything about the new pastor and don’t get discouraged when the relationship isn’t quite what you’d like it to be.

What’s our goal? What’s a healthy relationship? As in all of our meaningful relationships, what we’re looking for is one that is based on trust, patience, and respect. Such relationships don’t happen overnight. And they are not one-way streets.

So remember, do unto the pastor, as you would have the pastor do unto you. ■

## MEET OUR MISSIONARIES



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

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

# Tired of hearing, “I’m Bored?”

Then join us at Holly Presbyterian Church for

# Kids Summer Craft Camp

for 4-8 year olds

## July 16th – 19th

## July 23rd – 26th

Monday -Thursday

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Only \$35.00 per one week session

Children will enjoy a different craft project each day, along with a snack and other fun activities.

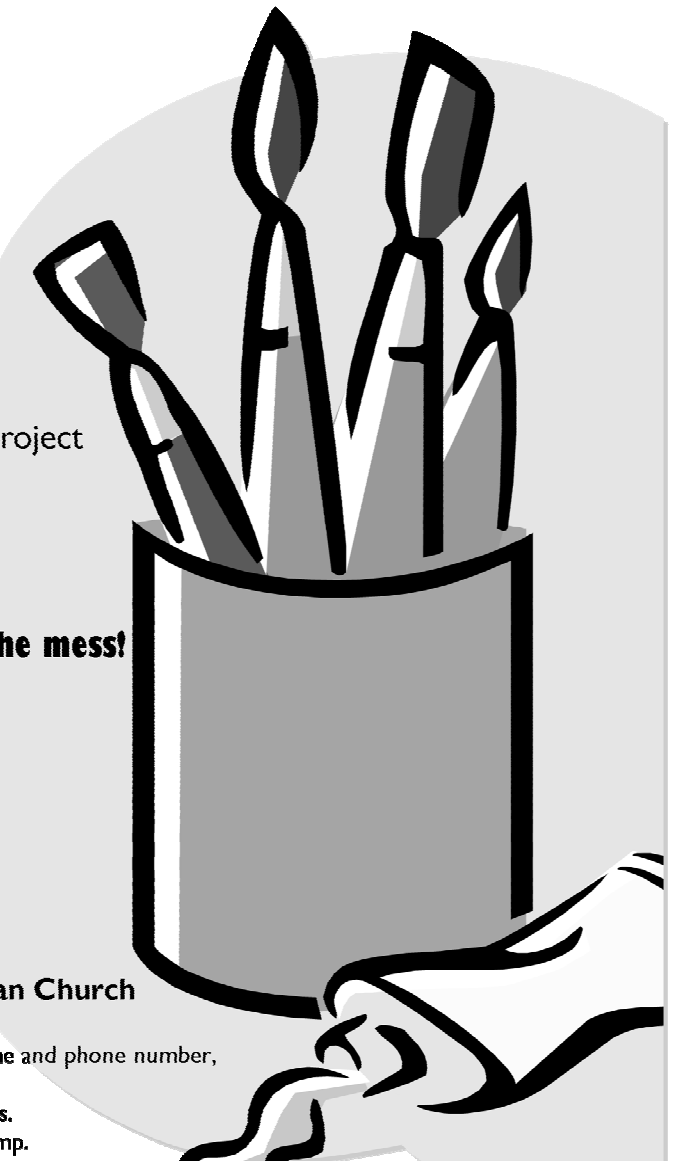
**Kids get to create, we provide all of the supplies, and we clean up the mess!**

**To register, call the Holly Presbyterian Church office at 248-634-9494.**

If the answering machine answers, please leave name and phone number, and you will be contacted to confirm.

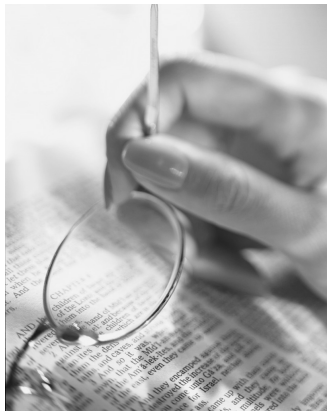
\*Pre-registration is required to plan for the supplies.

We must have 8 participants per session to run camp.





**PLEASE PRAY ...**



- for the following individuals: Harriet Striggow, Bonnie Pelton, Dorothy Pretznaw, Pat Frank, Elizabeth (Jean) Buchanan, Alice Horak, Margaret Ganshaw, Virginia McDonald, Don & Evelyn Campbell, Joan Davis, Don Giles, 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

## Garage Sale

Proceeds from last month's garage sale averaged about \$800 to benefit the general fund. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped out in any way.

## Updated Directories Now Available

An updated, current version of our Membership and Friends & Family Directory has been printed and is now available on the narthex table.

## Summer Office Hours

Summer office hours will be Monday - Thursday, 9am—3pm and closed on Fridays Memorial Day thru Labor Day. The office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th.

## 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!

# Computer Life Keys

Sometimes we need to use computer keys in our lives.

*Like when we go wrong or get upset at someone, we need to use the **Delete** key to rid ourselves of that.*

We need to **Shift** ourselves, **Insert** some love, think of an **Alternative** route, **Backspace** and **Enter** into God's presence so that we can go **Home** in the **End**.




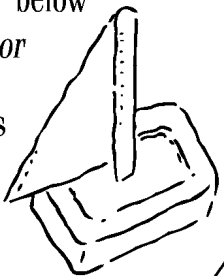
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## JUST 4 KIDS

# Build *a* Boat

*You will need:*

- ▲ 1 bar of Ivory soap (it floats)
  - ▲ 1 popsicle stick *or* pencil
  - ▲ some tape *or* glue
  - ▲ the “sail” below
  - ▲ crayons *or* markers
  - ▲ scissors
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Attach  
the sail  
to the stick.

Put the stick  
into the bar  
of soap.

# Float in water!

Put the stick  
into the bar  
of soap.

Float in  
water!

*Cut out and decorate with crayon or marker.*

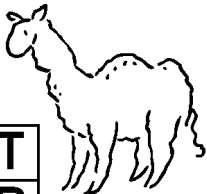
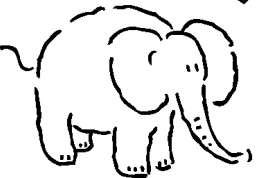
**Write a Bible verse on it!**


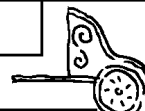
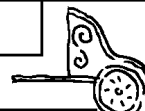


# Just for

## ***Hop on the Bus?***

In Bible times it was not easy for people to travel or to transport items. There were no buses or airplanes or bicycles or cars or moving vans. So how did the people travel? How did they move things from place to place?

Find some answers in the Scriptures. Find others from hints given below. Fit the words into the puzzle.



Genesis 24:61 . . . . .								A			
Genesis 22:3 . . . . .								N			
Hybrids, Psalm 32:9 . . . . .								S			
Acts 27:2 . . . . .								P			
James 3:3 . . . . .								O			
1 Samuel 6:7 . . . . .								R			
Need washing often, Genesis 18:4 . . . . .								T			
Used in war and also for their ivory . . . . .								A			
 . . . . .								T			
Acts 8:28 . . . . .								I			
Matthew 4:21 . . . . .								O			
Had wheels of wood . . . . .								N			

Camel, Donkey, Mules, Ship, Horse, Cart, Feet, Elephant, Chariot, Boat, Wagon