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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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Believe. It's what we do.

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OF INTEREST:**

- *If you or someone you know is in need of a large print newsletter, please call Teri at the office: 248-634-9494*
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WORKING WITH OUR PASTOR

Part Two: "The Job"

Like every job, being a pastor has its pressures and challenges. There are blessings as well. Other members of Holly Presbyterian Church beside the pastor have difficult, demanding jobs. They devote as much time to those jobs as our minister does to being a pastor. Still, being a pastor is not easy, and it is very different from other jobs and professions.

One key difference between being a pastor and holding down other jobs is in the range of tasks a pastor has to carry out. Our pastor has to have skills for: (1) public speaking; (2) administration; (3) counseling; (4) public relations; (5) teaching; (6) research & reflection; (7) the dramatic arts; (8) music; (9) financial management; (10) leading meetings and discussions; (11) supervising staff; (12) social work ... and, well, you get the idea.

Another challenge our pastor faces is time. Pastors, as a matter of course, work six-day weeks. The up side is that the pastor can usually manage her schedule so there is enough "down time," especially in a smaller church like ours. The down side is that he has to work when the rest of us are free,

which is evenings and weekends. Our pastor also has to be ready to drop everything when there is a death or other crisis. It is also difficult sometimes to take a real day off so that the pastor can end up working 28 days out of 30. Burn out is a real danger. It happens more often that many people realize.

Part of the problem is that most pastors are driven to succeed. They are deeply committed to Christ's cause and the church. They care about the members of the church. And there's also the pressure of keeping the church alive and healthy in our modern age. So, there's a lot of internal and external pressure to work hard and ignore the pastor's own needs (and sometimes, health).

Expectations are another important facet of the job. Church members and others *expect* pastors to be God's representatives. They *expect* ministers to behave in ways they don't even expect themselves to behave. So, we hear things like, "A minister shouldn't say such things!" "How could he do that!" Pastors also hold themselves to a higher standard, which can sometimes lead to a lot of guilt.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Garage Sale
Thursday thru Saturday, June 14 — 16th

**Don't forget to check our website and online
calendar regularly for updated news and events:**

www.hollypc.org



NEWS AND UPDATES

Pastor Nominating Committee

The pastor nominating committee (PNC) continues its work in trying to find that person whom God has selected as our next pastor. So far we have reviewed the pastor information forms (PIFs) for 47 candidates, and we have five more that we will be reviewing within the next few weeks. We have eight candidates that we are pursuing further, and that number may increase after we review the remaining five PIFs.

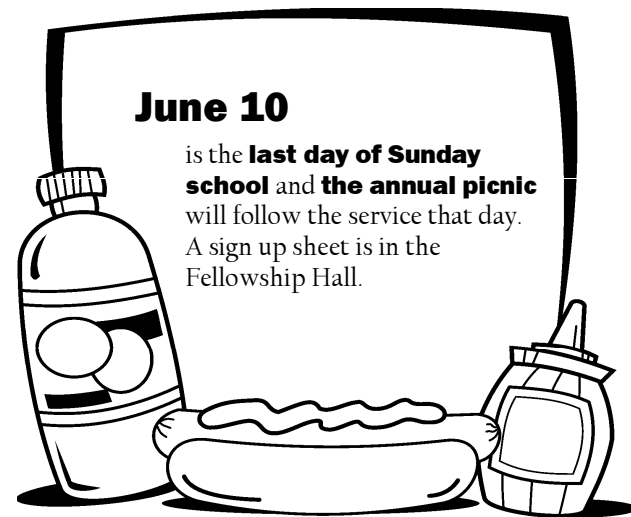
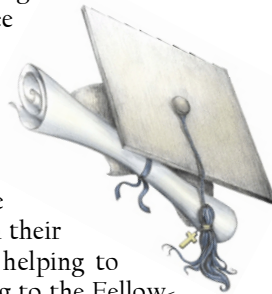
The next step is contacting those eight or more candidates and trying to get recorded sermon samples. Some have already responded and indeed we do have a few samples that we will listen to and review over the next few weeks. We will also be contacting these candidates to set up initial phone interviews.

This is where we could use some help. If anyone knows of a nearby business with conference calling facilities (i.e., a small conference room with a phone designed for conference calls), that we could use for these phone interviews, PLEASE let us know. And as always, keep us in your prayers--Jim Lyles, PNC chair, 248-634-4610, jim.lyles@comcast.net

(This article is a reprint from the May newsletter)

Congregational Care Committee

Several of our teens are graduating this month. They include Desiree Cook, Ian Vergith, Alex Parker, Tiffany Collins, and Tim Hadley. They will be dearly missed among our group and we wish them well as they continue on to college and experience what God has planned for them in their journey in life. Please join us in helping to honor them on June 3rd by coming to the Fellowship Hall for our **Graduation Tea** after worship.



PENNIES FROM HEAVEN



HPC has been taking up the "Pennies from Heaven" collection for nearly two years. Its 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 fee \$225, plus housing. Registration booklet at www.pcusa.org/racialjustice/spiritwholeness.htm.

"Putting a Face on the Middle East" June 9 at Midland Memorial

How are our sisters and brothers in Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon? Come and hear their stories as told by Rev. Nuhad Tomeh, Presbyterian liaison to the Middle East Council of Churches and mission presence in the Middle East. June 9, 9:00-11:30 am, Midland Memorial, 1310 Ashman Street. There will be an opportunity to purchase lunch for those who wish to stay longer.

Brought to you by the Presbytery's share of your Peace-making Offering.

Saginaw Second seeks Youth Ministry Director

This position will be responsible for developing and administering the church's youth programs and mission for middle and high school age students under the direction of the Christian Education Committee and the Session. Part time position based on an average of 15 hours per week. compensation \$12 - 13 per hour, based on qualifications. To apply, send letter of interest to: Administration Committee, Second Presbyterian Church, 2665 Midland Road, Saginaw, MI 48602 or contact the Administration Committee at secondpres@sbcglobal.net.

Camp Greenwood still needs staff members for the summer!!

Dale Swihart and Mary Anne Evans-Justin would like you to know that Camp Greenwood is still looking for counselors for the summer. If you know of college students who would make good counselors, let them know of this opportunity. Information and application can be secured by visiting www.campgreenwood.org

If you have questions contact Dale at (810) 629-7801/ dale@ffpc.org or Mary Anne Evans-Justin at ((989) 433-5492/ majustin@verizon.net.

The Presbyterian Women's Synod-Wide Gathering for June 22-24 has been CANCELLED.

"Doing business in Holly for over 149 years"



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Joseph's Oak Shop 634-6595



Holly Gas Company 634-6645

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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!

June 3rd 9:30-11:30 am

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

WORKING WITH OUR PASTOR CONTINUED

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People *expect* that the pastor will work well with every age group. The pastor has to have good political skills without ever appearing to be a politician. Parishioners *expect* their pastor to be bold and decisive and laid back and easy going all at the same time. They want the pastor to take charge without being in charge.

We should also be aware of the strange employment situation facing the pastor at Presbyterian churches. If you are a member of the church, your pastor is your employee. You help pay her salary. You elect the session, which exercises some oversight over the work of your pastor. In congregational meetings, you vote to approve the pastor's "terms of call." And yet, the pastor has a large fund of authority in the church. He or she runs things in a lot of ways. In the Presbyterian system, the pastor is not a member of the church but a member of presbytery. It is the presbytery, not the session, that has final authority over the pastor. Most employees work in situations where the lines of authority are clear; this is not the case with a minister. All of this is complicated and can be confusing to church members and to the pastor.

Yet another difficult aspect of being a pastor is that pastors are called upon to minister to people facing crises, especially when a loved one dies.

We have to emphasize, again, that being the pastor at Holly PC is not an unusually difficult job or nothing but sacrifice. Being a pastor is not easy, but it has its blessings and benefits too. Lots of other people have jobs that are just as difficult, sometimes without some of the benefits pastors have. Our pastor, as a Presbyterian, has a good pension and health benefits plan. As ministers' salaries go, Presbyterian salaries are good ones. There are informal support systems for the pastor in the church and in the presbytery that help a minister cope with the hard times.

Still, being the pastor of Holly Presbyterian Church isn't easy. So, how can you help our minister do her or his job well? How can you help create a Christ-like environment for your minister to work in? Here are some ideas:

- Honor the pastor's need for a day off. Don't ask the pastor to engage even in "social" activities on that day. Our pastor really, really needs to have one day off a week, which means a day away from ALL of us.
- Do not engage in gossip about our pastor and don't listen to those who do. Gossip doesn't just hurt the pastor. It hurts the church. If there is a problem, talk to the pastor or share your concern with a member of the session.
- Always keep the pastor informed about pastoral concerns. Our pastor wants to pray for you, visit you in times of need, and share in your sorrows and joys. When you or someone in your family or the church needs pastoral care, tell the pastor.
- As an employer, treat the pastor as you would want to be treated by an employer. Apply Christian values of patience, compassion, and kindness. Especially, remember that the pastor has financial needs, too. Encourage Holly Presbyterian Church to be as generous and responsible as possible in its terms of call.
- Be aware that the pastor is responsible for his duties and not the whole life of the church. The session is the elected body that has that responsibility.
- **LOVE** our pastor as we would have our pastor love us. ■

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

May Days Classic Car Show

What a fantastic car show we had! There were 41 cars, coming from as far out as Marquette and Lapeer. Amie would like to personally thank the car show committee and all the volunteers. This show would not have been a success with out your time, donations, and work. Although figures are still rolling in, we have brought in over \$2600 so far. This means at least \$260 will be donated to Reunion With a Cause, with the remainder being put toward our general fund.



Congratulations to Arnold and Marcie Smith, who won the People's Choice and Best Overall with their '68 Camaro SS.



Congratulations also to Roberta Single & Donna Miller, winners of the quilt raffle.

We will see everyone in October!



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Thursday & Friday

June 14 & 15

9 am—5 pm

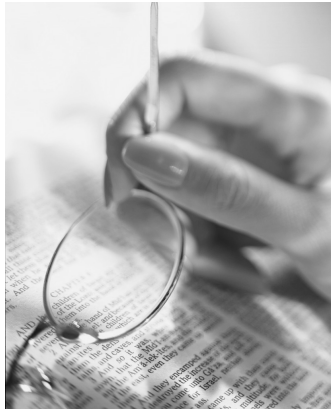
Saturday June 16

9 am—12 pm



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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

The Women's Group will be holding a garage sale June 14, 15, & 16. Proceeds will go to the general fund of HPC. So as you are doing all of your spring cleaning, please save all of your "treasures" to benefit the church. You may bring items to the church in advance to be stored until the garage sale. Items can be brought to the southeast room in the Sunday School wing adjacent to the new storage room. Look for the sign on the door. In addition, if anyone can help set up the sale, or work the sale, we are in need of volunteers. Please see Beth Dryer or Kay Vander Kuy if you can help. Your help is appreciated!!

Lay Reader Orientation

Lay Reader Orientation Sessions will periodically be offered throughout the next several months following worship. Watch the bulletins for more information.

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, 9a—3p and closed on Fridays Memorial Day thru Labor Day. The office will also be closed on Monday, June 18th for staff training.

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".

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. It's a place for joyful service.

July/August Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions to the July/August newsletter is July 15th. Thank you!

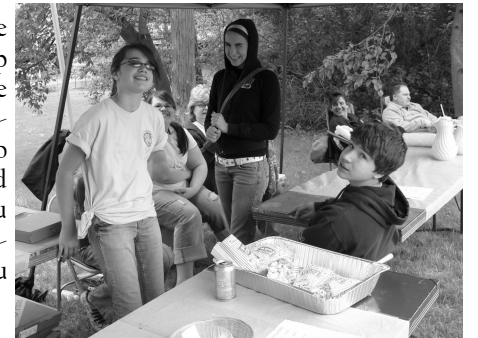
TEENS FOR CHRIST

Summer is almost here and I can hear that easy chair calling my name. We have been busy with the car show, Mothers's Day brunch, and life in general and all the responsibilities of being a member of God's kingdom. The teens did an awesome job with the fashion show and brunch for Mother's Day. We made over \$250 to add to our mission trip funds. The fashion show was a success due to some late entries direct from Paris. Brian Lyles and Ben Jackson pranced the runway with their fashion entries that brought a chuckle to us all. Thank you to all that helped.

Likewise, we had a booth at the car show that did not meet our expectations for fundraising but we had a good time anyways. Thanks to Karen, Josh, and Sierra Haneline, Katie Parker, Bronwyn Cook, Franklin and Sarah Privette, and Jordan Howe who helped to make the show a success with their efforts.



Looking to the future we have booked our space for Group Workcamps Week of Hope and there are still spots available if anyone would like to participate. We are still in need of a male chaperone if you would like to join us. See myself or Karen Haneline if you are interested.

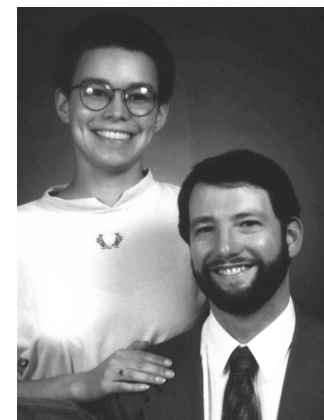


Have a blessed summer, Dessalee Cook

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