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For a current list of church events, don't forget to check our online calendar available at our website: hollypc.org

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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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *If you know of anyone needing a large print newsletter, please call Teri at the office: 248-634-9494*
- *The office e-mail is: hollypc@sbcglobal.net and the phone is: (248) 634-9494*
- *Worship hours: 10:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School*

WORKING WITH OUR PASTOR

Part One: "A Healthy Relationship"

Our personal relationship with our pastor is an important one. We appreciate a smile or a kind word from the pastor. We value the leadership the pastor gives to the church. In times of personal crisis, the minister is someone we can turn to for help and comfort. Even in this day and age, the minister is a role model, a person we can look up to and respect.

Over the next few months, the Newsletter will carry a series of articles entitled "Working with Our Pastor." Their purpose is to help members and friends of the church *imagine* how they want to relate to their minister and *learn* how to manage that relationship so it will be a healthy,

happy one. This month, we begin by considering what a healthy relationship between pastor and parishioner looks like. What is a good relationship between us as members of the church and our pastor?

A healthy pastor-parishioner relationship has the following characteristics:

- It is built on *trust*. We trust the pastor to be there when we need her or him, to think kindly of us, and to have our best interests at heart. At the same time, we are trustworthy. We are there when our pastor needs us, think kindly of him, and have her best interests at heart.

- It is built on a *shared concern* for the
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Mother's Day Brunch
Sunday, May 6th

Saturday, May 19
May Days Classic Car Show



Check out the enclosed flyers and included articles for more information on both of these events. Watch the Sunday bulletins for ways how you can help make these events successful!

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

Congregational Care Committee

We are looking for a volunteer to send 'pastoral' cards on behalf of the congregation. Please see Peggy Ranger if you can help.

Dates to remember:

Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions

May 1, 2007 - 2:30 pm - 9 pm

Directory Subgroup Meeting

May 8, 2007 - Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm

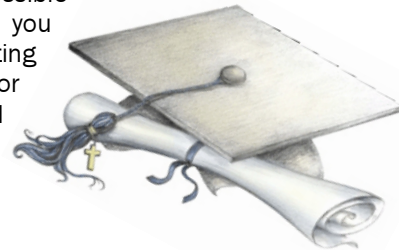
CCC Meeting

May 15, 2007 - Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm

Graduation Tea

May 15, 2007 - After Worship

Please let Jan Bradshaw know as soon as possible if you or someone you know is graduating from high school or college and would like to be recognized at our graduation tea. Thank you!



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

HAPPENINGS

A Gathering to Envision, Encourage and Energize Congregations May 10-12

Join the journey of generous-spirited Christians creating church for the 21st century. Gather at Washington National Cathedral for a time of celebration, worship, hearing from key leaders, and sharing best practices. Explore key areas including worship, hospitality, discernment, tradition, justice, formation and beauty, drawn from Diana Butler Bass' latest book *Christianity for the Rest of Us*. Speakers include Diana Butler Bass, Michael Battle, Marcus Borg, Fred Burnham, Tony Jones, Sam Lloyd, Phyllis Tickle, and Barbara Brown Taylor. Registration fee is \$250, which includes all sessions and dinner Thursday, and lunch and dinner on Friday. For more information check out www.cathedralcollege.org.

Holly Area Youth Assistance Mentors PLUS


Holly Area Youth Assistance Mentors PLUS Program is an adult mentoring program for youths six to sixteen years of age who reside in the Holly area. Volunteers agree to meet with their matched youngster from one to two hours each week for a minimum of one year so that a positive relationship develops. The program provides an adult who is a caring friend for a special boy or girl from the Holly area. A friend who can listen, understand and share in their life. This friend will meet with their match to help develop a more positive self-image. **This program is currently in need of male mentors.** Please call 248-328-3181 for more information.

Peacemakers invited to Synod Justice and Peacemaking Network Gathering

On **May 4 and 5**, the synod's Justice and Peacemaking Network will hold its second annual gathering at the synod office in Maumee. The purpose for the network and of the gathering is to strengthen "the justice and peacemaking ministries within the presbyteries and across the Synod of the Covenant by sharing stories and information, identifying resources and exploring options for enhancing our ministries." On Friday we will gather at 4 p.m. to hear reports from our presbyteries and share our hopes and visions for how the network might faithfully serve the presbyteries and congregations in the Synod of the Covenant. On Saturday (9 a.m.) we will devote ourselves to learning more about two pressing issues in need of reformation: immigration and health care. In each case we will challenge ourselves to create concrete and realistic responses to the presented issues based on our current resources. The gathering is open to any interested people—commitment is all that is requested! Meals will be provided, but participants are being asked to assume the cost of travel and lodging (if necessary). If you would like to attend, or would like more information, please contact: Andy Jacob at the Presbytery of the Western Reserve: 216-241-3966 or ajacob@preswesres.org.

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 throughout 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 May 11th and 12th.



"Doing business in Holly for over 148 years"

Winglemire Furniture	634-8731
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!

May 6th at 9:30 am

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Gospel and for the church. While we may hold opinions different from those of our pastor, we share a real concern for the Christian faith and a love of the church. We are working for the same ends.

- It is a *loving, caring* relationship. Just as the pastor gives each of us pastoral care, so we individually give “parishional care” to the pastor. As we value the pastor’s kind words, so we have kind words for our minister.
- It is an *honest* relationship. We can have differences and talk about them. We can tell the pastor how we honestly feel about things, expecting that he or she will understand our ideas, concerns, and feelings. The pastor can speak honestly to us personally and from the pulpit, expecting that we will understand her or his ideas, concerns, and feelings.
- It is a relationship that can be *repaired* when problems arise. Both pastor and parishioner are willing to work towards mutual understanding and reconciliation when misunderstandings arise or there is a break in the relationship.

A healthy relationship between our pastor and us, then, is based on trust and shared concerns. It is a loving, caring, honest, and forgiving relationship.

We rightly expect that the pastor will be a model of Christ for our families, the community, and us personally. We understand that pastors are no more perfect than we are, but we do expect that a minister will do his or her best to be a model. In the same way, we must also be models of Christ for our families, neighbors, colleagues, friends at church, *and* our pastor. Our relationship with the pastor, in short, is a relationship based on Christ’s teachings and example.

One thing we need to emphasize is that each member of the church has a responsibility for how we relate to the pastor. Our relationship with the minister is a **relationship**. It is between two people. It is 50-50. Too often, members tend to think that somehow the minister is more responsible for the relationship we have with her or him. That is not the case. Our relationship with the pastor is between two adults, not an adult and a child.

Although it will probably be a few months yet before our new pastor arrives, it would be a good thing for each of us to sit down for a few minutes and think about how we can welcome the new minister and start to build our own positive, friendly, caring relationship with the pastor. The question is, “What can I do to have a good relationship with my minister?”

By maintaining a healthy relationship with our pastor, we contribute to making Holly Presbyterian Church a healthy, alive church. We contribute to the work of the pastor and the ministries of the church. ■

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

May Days Classic Car Show - Silent Auction Theme Baskets

Please help us to make our spring car show profitable by donating a theme basket filled with goodies. You may fill a basket of your choosing with your family, join another family or two, or contribute items to one of the baskets listed near the end of this request. Baskets will be auctioned at the May car show. If you can be part of this fun adventure, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Direct questions to Judy Studer or Fran Olson.

Ideas for baskets:

Ice cream, Bath and body, Movie night, Picnic, Breakfast, Party time, Coffee break, Gardening, Car wash, Rainy day, Crafts, Date night, BBQ, Snack time, Book worm, Beach/fun in the sun, Decadent chocolate.

If you don’t want to make a full basket, the following is a list of theme baskets that anyone could contribute individual items for *Camping, Fishing, Family Games, Sports Baskets (4): Tigers, Red Wings, Pistons, and Golf.*

The deadline for bringing in these items or completed baskets is 3pm on Friday, May 4th. Baskets will be put together on Saturday, May 5th at 10: 00 am. Help from anyone who is available would be greatly appreciated.

Quilt Raffle Ticket Flyers

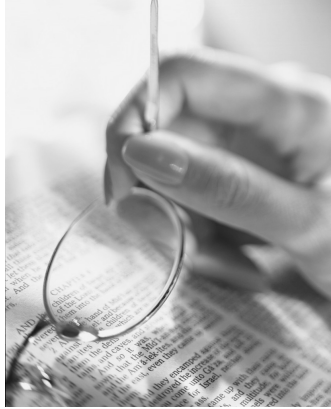
Flyers are available in the narthex table with quilt raffle pictures and information and also general Auto Show information. Please feel free to pass these out to family, friends and the community. Those selling tickets will also find these useful to show the quilts to prospective ticket buyers.

Update on Mike Loenshal, Stated Clerk of Lake Huron Presbytery

During the last couple of weeks, Mike has regained some of his long term memory. He is now able to recognize some people, and he remembers bits and pieces of the past. This is a very positive development, and as more healing occurs he will remember more. He still has no short term memory at all, and because of this he must have constant care. Mike will be transferred this week to a residential rehabilitation facility in Bay City. He will spend at least three months there and will continue a variety of therapies. While the cost of therapy is covered by insurance, the residential costs of \$5,000 per month are not. The presbytery has set up an account to receive contributions toward these expenses. Please be aware that gifts designated to an individual are not tax deductible. If you wish to make a gift, please make your check payable to Presbytery of Lake Huron and put “Loenshal Fund” on the memo line. Please mail your gifts to: Presbytery of Lake Huron, PO Box 6129, Saginaw, MI 48608-6129. Thank you.

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.

Work Day

Mark your calendar for another all church work day scheduled for May 12. This work day will focus on preparing for our Classic Car Show on May 19.

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.

June Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions to June's newsletter is May 15th. Thank you!

TEENS FOR CHRIST

TFC May Update

We had several teens visit Holly Woodlands the end of March and play games with residents. I want to thank the teens-Jordan, Brian, Ben, Sarah, and Franklin- for attending and spreading the love of God among residents. We will be visiting again in April and May to share our friendship and get to know people we might not otherwise spend time with.

Also, May 6th we will sponsor a Mother Day's Celebration in honor of those significant women in our lives. The teens will be providing the meal and entertainment, "Fashion through the Ages," an interactive fashion show. It is sure to bring back some memories and spread cheer amongst those who attend. A flyer is included in this newsletter with details. This is a fundraiser for a mission trip we are planning in July. We are going to Grand Rapids through Group Work Camps. The camps theme is A Week of Hope. We will be assigned where needed. Tasks include working at a Vacation Bible School, serving those who are home bound, light repair, and working at a sports camp. Each day there will be a different activity that will allow the teens to have the opportunity to work in the community and meet new people. The intent is to come back to our own community and be able to do the same things here in Holly.

Finally, several of our teens will be graduating in June. They include Desiree Cook, Ian Vergith, Alex Parker, 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.

Blessings,

Dessalee Cook

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 37 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals But I do know this.. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

