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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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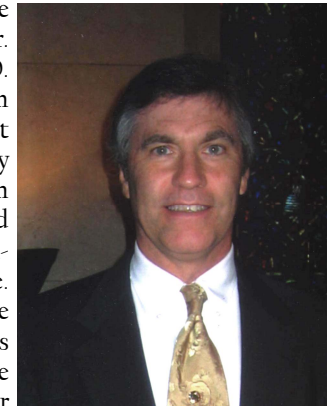
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WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTOR

We would like to announce and welcome our pastor, Randy Cullen!

We are so pleased to introduce our new pastor, Rev. Dr. Randolph F. Cullen, PH.D. (Randy). Our congregation had the opportunity to meet and greet Randy and his family on Sept 29th, hear him preach on Sunday the 30th and voted to extend a call at a congregational meeting after service. People have welcomed the Cullen family with open arms and we are so excited to see what God has in store next for our church family!



A former college soccer player and youth league coach, Randy is an avid runner, training for his sixth Detroit Free Press Marathon. He also enjoys reading, conversation, and rooting for Detroit sports teams, except when the Tigers play the Orioles. Passionate about parish ministry, Randy is excited about meeting and ministering with his new church family in Holly.

Randy's wife, Karen, a trial attorney for thirteen years, is now a high school history teacher at The International Academy West

in White Lake Township. Karen is a devoted Michigan football fan, loves old movies, art, and home decorating.

The Cullens have three daughters: Emily, a student at Wayne State University in the Masters of Library Information Science Program; Rose, a senior at The International Academy and a future music composition major; and Grace, a freshman at The International Academy, who hopes to one day teach

English in Japan. Six adopted cats make up the rest of the family.

A BIG Welcome

to Randy, Karen, Emily, Rose and Grace Cullen!

UPCOMING EVENTS

World Communion Sunday

October 7 - International Potluck after worship

ID Theft Awareness Workshop

Sunday, October 21, 12p—1p

Trunk or Treat Car Show

Saturday, October 27, 1pm—5pm



NEWS AND UPDATES

CCC Looking Ahead — Details to Come :

International Potluck on Sunday, October 7
 Identity Theft Awareness Workshop, October 21
 Snoop Party, November 10

International Potluck and World Communion Sunday

October 7 is World Communion Sunday and afterward we will be having an International Potluck. This is also another wonderful opportunity to welcome our new Pastor!! If you have a favorite dish you would like to share, or want to try one of the recipes in the basket on the table in the Narthex, please feel free to do so! Don't feel you HAVE to bring something 'International'. We Presbyterians love everything!

Also, if you have some artifacts from a different country, please bring! There will be a special table set up in the Fellowship Hall for display. See Fran Olson or Donna Miller with questions.

Kitchen Clean-Up

October 17, 9a - 12 p

We need help with kitchen clean-up! Some of the chores are: cleaning refrigerator, ovens, burners & cupboards. Bring rubber gloves and cleaning supplies. See Beth Dryer for questions.

Identity Theft Awareness Workshop

October 21, 12-1 pm

As a community service, we will sponsor a free identity theft seminar on Sunday, October 21, here at the church.

Carolyn Eaglin, field representative for Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox's 'Identity Theft Awareness Program,' will give the one-hour seminar beginning at noon. There will be time for discussion and a question and answer period.

The Holiday Season is upon us, so learn how to check your credit history -- including instructions on how to obtain a complimentary credit report -- to determine if someone is attempting to steal your ID.

You will also learn how to protect yourself against becoming an identity theft victim through credit cards, social security card numbers, catalog orders, medicine discards, and the Internet, plus other ways you might never suspect.

You can contact our church office at 248.634.9494 for more details, or check our church Website at www.hollypc.org.



IT'S MY IDENTITY

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

Calling All Volunteers!

For a rewarding mission trip to New Orleans Fall 2007 or Spring 2008.

Project Homecoming, the rebuilding effort of the Presbytery of South Louisiana, sends this urgent call to all churches to organize a mission trip to continue our home rebuilding efforts. We need volunteers with all levels of building skills.

We need to continue with our current successes in rebuilding homes of Katrina-displaced families that are anxious to return and do not have the resources to rebuild.

All skills and skill levels are urgently needed from helpers to those who want to quickly learn to paint, hang drywall or do the many levels of carpentry, plumbing or electrical work.

Our construction managers and assistants will train, provide materials and tools for your work.

Housing is still available for all group sizes. All volunteers receive an official work T-Shirt and DVD on our efforts to bring back to their church.

To answer your questions, or to inquire about housing, email us at Susan@pslrecovery.org, or call us at 504-942-0444. If you are a returning group and have stayed at one of our facilities before, you may contact them directly for housing availability.

We guarantee a very positive, rewarding experience in helping our neighbors.

Susan Wade, Construction Coordinator Project Homecoming, New Orleans, Louisiana

Our Daily Bread: A Theology and Practice of Sustainable Living

Author Wendell Berry, environmentalist Wes Jackson, and theologian Norman Wirzba, October 8-10 at Duke Divinity School. Scripture tells us that Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Dutifully we pray these words, but do we do so as a sentimental attachment to Jesus or out of a deep belief that this prayer has something important to teach us about our daily lives? What is the connection between our daily bread and our daily living? Early bird deadline ends on September 3. Registration information at www.divinity.duke.edu/cps/dailybread.

The Greatest Book Ever Written

Ever wonder about the Bible? Does the idea of actually "reading" it as opposed merely plucking a single scripture or story make you squirm a little? Or, are you one of those special souls who have actually read the Bible . . . yet still feel there is more to understanding and enjoying what you've read? **Let's gather to study and discuss what this Book is to us, and how to understand it better.**

Text: Haley's Bible Handbook

Topics:

- Christ is the Center of the Bible
- The Bible is GOD'S WORD
- Bible books Classified: History, Poetry, Prophecy and Good News
- Bible books: Subjects and Leading Thoughts

When: One Hour a Week for Four Weeks

(Choice of Two Sessions)

Evenings: Tuesday from 7:00pm to 8:00pm
 Beginning September 18th

Mornings: Friday from 10:00am to 9:00am
 September 21st

Please contact Laura Parker if interested.

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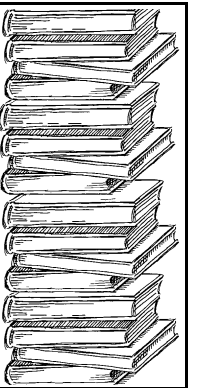
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Used Book Sale

The Holly Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a used books sale at the Holly Twp. Library on **October 12th and 13th** during regular library hours.

Come on out and support your local library!



WORKING WITH OUR PASTOR CONTINUED

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- Be patient. New pastors forget names, they confuse one person with another, and sometimes they say “the wrong thing” to “the wrong person.” Remember, you know the church and the people in it and the new minister doesn’t.
- Give the new pastor a little “welcome to our church” gift or a card.
- Make every effort to attend the installation service for the new minister. It is extremely important to a new pastor that the church makes a strong showing at this event. If the sanctuary is only half full for that service, it sends an unhappy signal to the pastor (and session!).
- Smile!
- Remember the simple biblical principle that we have emphasized in all of these inserts: do unto your pastor what you want your pastor to do to you.

As we prepare to receive our new pastor, it is important for each of us to remember that Holly Presbyterian Church has come to a critical moment in its history. Our church is alive. Good things are happening. There is real energy in the church. We sense the Spirit alive in our life together. Our church, however, is a small mainline church striving for new life and a strong future in an unfriendly world.

God has put a clear challenge before us: If we are to be the Body of Christ today, we can’t mess around. Every day, in every activity, we need to do the best we can as a church. This is true of our relationship with our pastor as well. It is important for us to pull together and for each of us to build a good relationship with our new minister.

If we make an honest, faithful effort to love our pastor as we want our pastor to love us, expect good things! God wants our church to live. When we open ourselves to the movement of the Spirit, good things will happen. Amen! ■

WORKING WITH OUR PASTOR

Part Five: “Starting Off”



How to
Greet
Our New
Pastor

This is the last of our series on working with our pastor. The purpose of putting these five inserts into the newsletter has been to help us as a church get off on the right foot with our new pastor. Having a healthy, trusting relationship with the pastor is important to being a healthy church. It is important for our own sake as well. Life is just better when we have a minister we can trust and go to in times of need.

We need to remember, again, that as members of Holly Presbyterian Church we each have a responsibility to establish and maintain a healthy relationship with our pastor. Too often, we leave it to the minister to have a good relationship with us rather than see that we have to take responsibility for that relationship too.

When the new minister comes, what can we each do to start on the right foot and build that good relationship? Here are some ideas:

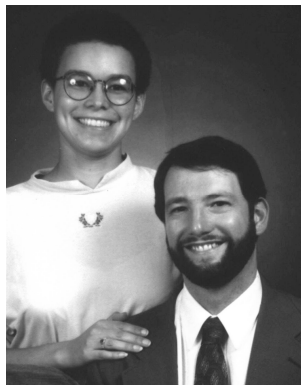
- Be sure to always wear your nametag on Sunday mornings for the first several months after the pastor arrives. When

you first meet our new pastor, tell her or him your name and who you are in the church, and then keep telling the pastor your name until he or she remembers it. Please, don’t play a name guessing game with the new pastor (“Bet you can’t remember MY name!”)—that can be embarrassing!

- Find time to have even just a few minutes of personal time with the minister. If you feel able, invite the pastor and her or his family over for a meal. Or, have an informal get together for the minister with several other individuals or families.
- After worship, make a positive comment about the service, the sermon, or some other good thing happening in church. Most ministers feel especially complimented if you ask a brief question about the sermon or even say, “I’m not sure I agree with you about (the sermon), but you gave me something to think about.”

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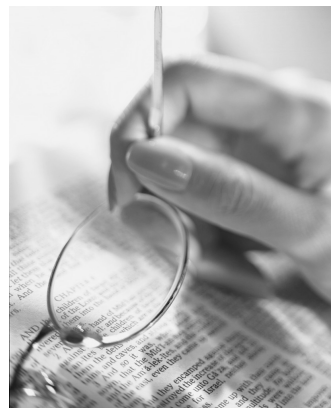
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Up to date information on our missionaries can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

PLEASE PRAY ...



- for the following individuals: Christopher Kici, Peggy Ranger, Harriet Striggow, Bonnie Pelton, Dorothy Pretznaw, Elizabeth (Jean) Buchanan, Alice Horak, Virginia McDonald, Don & Evelyn Campbell, June Green, and all of the members of the church who are facing health problems.
- For the family of Margaret Ganshaw who passed away October 1st.
- 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

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".

November Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions to the September newsletter is October 15th. Thank you!

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.

"Trunk or Treat" Fall Car Show

Here's an opportunity to have some fun and get in one more car show before the weather turns cold and you have to put your pride and joy away for the winter.

The Holly Presbyterian Church is sponsoring the "Trunk or Treat" car show. From 1 to 5 p.m. on October 27 here at the

church. Further information including application forms and directions can be found on our website at www.hollypc.org and on the flyer included in this newsletter.

Also, donations of bags of wrapped candy, cupcakes for decorating, baked goods and volunteers are needed. Please use the sign up sheet in the narthex and sign up by October 21. Thank you!

TFC Bottle Drive

TFC will be having a month long bottle drive in September to raise money for mission work. We will have boxes set up outside the fellowship hall the Sundays in Sept. to collect cans and bottles.

Adult Bible Study

Does the idea of "reading" the bible as opposed to merely plucking a single scripture or story make you squirm a little? Or, have you actually read the Bible yet still feel there is more to understanding and enjoying what you've read? Let's gather to study and discuss what this Book is to us, and how to understand it better. There are two classes remaining: Bible Books Classified: History, Poetry, Prophecy and Good News and Bible Books: Subjects and Leading Thoughts. Join us for either of the two remaining classes on the next two Tuesdays from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm or the next two Fridays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

TREASURES OF A TRANSFORMED LIFE

Are you satisfied with your life? Really satisfied?

It's often said that Christians have every reason in the world to be optimistic. We know that God is on our side, after all, and according to Romans 8:28, he's promised to work all things for our good because we love him.

And yet, if we were really honest about it, we'd admit that life can still be a challenge. Days can still seem ho-hum, rather than the awesome adventure we secretly long for.

Ever been there? Ever thirsted for more?

If so, here's the exciting news you've been waiting for: Our church family is about to embark on a forty-day study that can literally change the way you feel about prayer, church attendance, acts of service, and even financial giving. By the time it's all said and done, you'll be able to see your relationship with God in a whole new way, confidently understanding how to "live all the days of your life," per the well-known Irish blessing.

So where do you come in? First of all, know that the church wide study will involve more than just a series of Sunday-morning sermons. You'll also read a book called *Treasures of the Transformed Life*, with forty days of lessons and insights that can help you define just what it is you're really thirsty for—and how to go about satisfying that thirst. You'll be given the opportunity to openly discuss what you're learning during weekly Sunday school/small group meetings, and you'll hear inspired messages each week to tie it all together.

We'll end the study together on Commitment Sunday, when you'll have a chance to put your faith into action.

Please don't miss this church wide opportunity to grow in faith and stretch your spirit. Make plans now to attend this Sunday's worship service, so you can pick up your copy of *Treasures of the Transformed Life*.

And know that the transformed life that results could be your very own!

transformed  living