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**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- *If someone you know is in need of a large print newsletter, please contact Teri at the office.*
- *The office e-mail is: [hollypc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hollypc@sbcglobal.net) and the phone is (248) 634-9494*
- *Worship hours: 10:30 Worship 9:15 Sunday School*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear friends,

A Sunday school Superintendent once wrote of an experience with a new little visitor at his church. He said that one Sunday a new family walked in to the church with their three young girls. The youngest one's name was Sarah. He told her that he was glad she had come to Sunday School, at which point she proceeded to kick him in the shin rather hard. But Mr. Dailey resolved to be kind to her. The very next week he welcomed Sarah with determined friendliness, and again she kicked him – this time in both shins. This behavior continued for several more weeks along with chants of, "I hate you, Mr. Dailey." Nevertheless, he continued to be nice to the disturbed child. Well, time passed on, and one Sunday Mr. Dailey went into the kindergarten room and noticed that the boys and girls were seated in a circle listening to bible stories. He tiptoed in, got a tiny chair for himself and sat down at the edge of the circle. Fairly soon one of the boys got up and went over to sit on Mr. Dailey's leg. Then, to his astonishment, Sarah stood up and went over and sat on his other leg. She didn't say anything but reached out and took his hand. Mr. Dailey thought, "Maybe things will work out after all." And they apparently did.

In a graphic way this little story illustrates the two basic conditions of people in God's kingdom on earth. There are some who act like Sarah, who need the light of love more than anything. No matter how many times they kick people's shins, they still desire to be held and loved. They seek out the ones who offer light but kick them in the shins anyway. Even some of us look for the ones who offer light with their lives, but allow them to get kicked a few times before they go away.

Then there is the second kind of person who is like the Superintendent, the one who knows the light of Christ's love and that it is stronger than anything the shin kickers can offer. The light giver knows that the reason little Sarahs kick shins is because they are so in need of Christ's love, but will seldom admit their need. That is the one reason Jesus said that the eyes are the light of the soul.

The difference between the shin kickers and the Light givers is well expressed in a familiar secular parable:

One there was a frog. But he wasn't really a frog. He was a prince who looked and felt like a frog. A wicked witch had cast a spell on him and only the kiss of a beautiful maiden could save him. But no one wanted to kiss this frog. So there he sat – an unloved prince in frog form. One day, along came a beautiful maiden who gave this frog a great big kiss. Crash – Boom – Zap. There he was – a handsome, dashing prince. And you know the rest of the story.

So what is the task of the church? To kiss frogs, of course! It is to the Sarahs who have received the light of our Lord that the light giver addresses this comment: "No one lights a lamp and puts it under his bowl; instead he puts it on his lamp stand, where it gives light for everyone in the house." Let us all remember the depressed, those who are in pain, or who are irritable. All of us can share the Light. "In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

As we take this journey of Lent together, may we remember the Light on the other side of the Cross.

Your pastor and friend, Randolph F. Cullen

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

### Easter Baskets

The Women's Group is again this year spearheading the drive to give Easter baskets to children who would otherwise not receive them. This year we will be assisting a new non-profit group, The Ennis Center for Children, which serves needy children in Genesee and Oakland Counties.

Please consider the following items for children's baskets:

<i>Bagged, wrapped candy</i>	<i>Stuffed animals</i>
<i>Crayons</i>	<i>Hair clips</i>
<i>Hot wheels/match box cars</i>	<i>Toothbrush/paste</i>
<i>Fruit snacks</i>	<i>Children's books</i>
<i>Teen magazines</i>	<i>Jump ropes</i>
<i>Coloring books</i>	<i>Nail polish</i>
<i>Stickers</i>	<i>Hair accessories</i>
<i>Gel pens/pencils</i>	<i>Hacky sacks</i>
<i>Parachute men</i>	<i>Balsa wood gliders</i>
<i>Super balls</i>	<i>Silly putty</i>
<i>Other small, fun games</i>	

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. Thanks to everyone for your continued support of this program.

It is not certain at this time whether or not we will be assembling the baskets or whether we in fact need baskets, Easter grass or cellophane wrap. We are still working with the Ennis Center regarding these details. Please watch the bulletin and I will keep you all posted. We will not be collecting items for adults this Easter season.

God Bless, Kay

### Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, February 6, the CCC will be hosting a potluck supper at 6:30 in recognition of Ash Wednesday. Immediately following the supper, there will be a devotional service given by Rev. Cullen.

### Prayer Chain

The CCC committee is revitalizing the Prayer Chain. Being on the Prayer Chain means that you will be notified by phone or by email that there is someone who needs our prayers. If you choose to be on the phone prayer chain, you will be asked to notify the next person on the list, and if they are not available, you will keep phoning those on the list until you reach someone. If you choose to be on the email list, you will simply receive an email, and offer prayers for those in need. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex, or you can call Beth Dryer 248-634-7827 or Kay Vander Kuy 248-634-6901 to be added to the list.

## 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!

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### Study on Prayer

Randy would like to offer a study on prayer at some time toward the end of February and is curious as to how many people would be interested in this. Anyone interested, please let Randy know or leave a message in the church office.

### "Troublesome Bible Passages"

Join us every Tuesday night for the bible study, "Troublesome Bible Passages", at 7:00 pm. We will study a different passage each week, so participation can begin at any time. Below is a list for each week's study. Books are available at no charge on Sunday mornings, or at the study. Contact Laura Parker with any questions. Childcare is provided from 6:45pm to 8:15pm.

Week One	1/15	Lesson #1	Genesis 3:1-24 - Is all this sinning really necessary?
Week Two	1/22	Lesson #4	Job 1:13-22 - Why do the innocents suffer?
Week Three	1/29	Lesson #8	Micah 6:6-8 - Walking with God.
Week Four	2/5	Lesson #3	Exodus 20:1-17 The Ten Commandments.
Week Five	2/12	Lesson #9	Matthew 5:17-48 The Beatitudes.
Week Six	2/19	Lesson #12	Matthew 18:21-35 Forgiveness.
Week Seven	2/26	Lesson #19	Acts 2:1-12 Receiving the Holy Spirit
Week Eight	3/4	Lesson #21	1 Corinthians 12:4-11;14:1-9 Speaking in Tongues.

*\*\*Possibility of continuing on was discussed. If so these Lessons would follow:*

Week Nine	3/11	Lesson #15	Mark 14:3-9 - A woman's Extravagance.
Week Ten	3/18	Lesson #11	Matthew 10:34-39 - The Radical Demands of Jesus

### New Member's Class

A new member's class is going to be held sometime in February. If you are interested in joining our membership, this is your opportunity. Please contact the church office and let us know if you are interested. More information will be given as it becomes available.

### Donations Needed for the Children of Afghanistan

There is an urgent need to help the children of Afghanistan. Humanity Aid will be distributing children's shoes, coats and blankets through the VFW. If you would like to contribute any of these items (old or new) please bring them to the church. There is a collection box located in the Fellowship Hall that will be collected by Bev Ponton.

### Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendar for the February Congregational Meeting. 2007 Annual Reports will be available for the meeting.

### Teens and Tweens

There will be a lock-in for all teens and tweens here at the church from Friday, February 15th at 7pm to Saturday, February 16th at 9am.

**OUR LIFE TOGETHER****PLEASE PRAY ...**

- for the following individuals: Tim Koerber, Harriet Striggow, Bonnie Pelton, Dorothy Pretznaw, Alice Horak, Don & Evelyn Campbell, 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 pastor Randy Cullen and our Session as they continuously seek God's leading for the life and future of our church.
- For the Howe family at the loss of Kathleen's mother, Elizabeth Jean Buchanan
- The members, churches and staff of the Presbytery of Lake Huron, especially **Rev. David Jackson** (Flint Community), at the loss of his wife, Sandy; **Rev. Eugene Pattison** (honorably retired) who has been undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma; and **Elder Kay Adair** (Swartz Creek Mundy), who had surgery on Jan 14.
- 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****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.

**Free E-Mail Addresses Available**

We now have available to the congregation free e-mail service through our domain name. If you are interested in obtaining one, contact Teri in the office. You can also check out our e-mail start page at <http://startpage.hollypc.org>.

**Bell Choir**

Anyone interested in joining the bell choir, please contact Rob Privette or the office for our next practice. We would love to have you!

**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".

**Snow Days**

In the event of local school closings due to bad weather, the office will be closed.

**Randy's Office Hours**

Randy's office hours are currently 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 9:00 am - 5:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. His home phone is 248-879-0507. You can also reach Randy through e-mail at [psator@hollypc.org](mailto:psator@hollypc.org)

**Giving Envelopes**

Giving envelopes for 2008 are available in the narthex.

**Newsletter  
DEADLINE**

**March Newsletter Deadline — Feb. 15**

## JUST 4 KIDS



*Mix up a batch of these yummy cookies and share with a neighbor or special friend.*

*You will need:*

- ♥ One 6-ounce package of semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ♥ One 6-ounce package of butterscotch morsels
- ♥ 1/4 cup peanut butter
- ♥ 4 cups Rice Krispies

Get an adult to help you melt chocolate, butterscotch and peanut butter in a double boiler. Stir well until blended. Add Rice Krispies. Drop by spoonfuls onto waxed paper. Let stand until cool and firm.

*Something else to do –*

*Make a heart-shaped basket to put them in.*

Cut out two circles (from two different colors of paper).  
 Fold circle in half.  
 Put them together to form a heart shape by fitting the right piece inside the left.  
 Glue together.  
 Cut a handle from paper and glue on. Fill with cookies.



*James 2:8*



In February many of us think of hearts and love and special cards and special people. In the Bible we can read many verses about love. In James 2:8 we find a verse about love that we need to remember all the time. ♥

*Write the letter of the alphabet that is missing from each line below. Read James 2:8.*

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## TEENS FOR CHRIST

January 13th the teens had an awesome experience when the teens from our sister church in Fenton, First Presbyterian Church of Fenton came for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship. About 20 teens and 8 adults shared pizza and played games. We discussed possibly accompanying them on a mission trip to Mississippi in June to do Katrina repair work. A final decision will be made in the near future whether to teens feel God's call to participate in this trip or not.

Lastly, this will be my last time submitting our monthly update for the teens. Carlee Muenzer has volunteered to lead the teens. I am so grateful for the time I have spent leading the teens; it is not to say I will not be involved but Carlee will be taking over the advisory role and I will relinquish the organizational position over to her. God has blessed our church with her family and I am certain she will do an awesome job with the teens. Her enthusiasm for young people is a blessing and I thank her for volunteering to lead them.

God Bless, Dessalee Cook

### A Word from the New TFC Leader

My name is Carlee Ann Muenzer and I am thrilled and feel very blessed to be taking over the HPC TFC, of which Dessalee did a fantastic job. I grew up in Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church in Clarkston, MI, where I was a very active teen and then adult; serving on numerous committees and as an Elder. I graduated from Alma College (Presbyterian you know) with my Bachelors in Elementary Education. This Spring I will be a student again, this time at U of M Flint, to have my teaching certificate reinstated. I will be taking Pastor Randy's new member classes soon at HPC to have my membership transferred to Holly. My family consists of 4 fabulous children, a great brother, and AWESOME parents. I have a niece, nephew, cousins, and aunts. We are not a big family but we stick together. My faith is defined simply: seek and ye shall find, ask and it will be bestowed unto you. I have complete trust and faith in my Lord Jesus Christ and live each day to serve, honor, and worship Him.

### TFC Selling 2008 God's Creation Wall Calendars

Still available and on SALE, only \$5 a calendar! Help support Teens for Christ Mission Trips. Calendars may be purchased on Sunday mornings or in the office during office hours, M-F 9a-3p.

## MEET OUR MISSIONARIES



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## PRESBYTERIAN HAPPENINGS

### Healthy aging Web site goes online with focus on positive aging through engagement in church and community

A new Internet Web site aimed at getting Presbyterians 50 and over on the road to healthy aging has been launched by the National Health Ministries (NHM) office of the PC(U.S.A.). Living Longer, Feeling Better (<http://www.pcusa.org/healthyliving/>) features health and wellness resources to assist older adults in achieving and maintaining good health. It also examines vital roles congregations can play in helping aging members stay fit by keeping them involved in the church and its activities. The Web site's "Tools for Congregations" has suggestions for establishing health-minded church initiatives for aging Presbyterians such as walking programs, health fairs and congregational health ministries. There is information about parish nursing and the Presbyterian-related Association for Retired Ministers, their Spouses or Survivors. Living Longer, Feeling Better explores generally accepted factors that contribute to healthy aging with information about diet and age-specific exercises. Another section of the Web site outlines housing options for retirees such as retirement communities, independent living and shared housing. There is also information related to health issues and caregivers, along with helpful links to Web sites like the Presbyterian Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, and the National Aging in Place Council. National Health Ministries provides resources, health-awareness information and training to individual Presbyterians, congregations and governing bodies in health-related ministries.



**Church Leadership Seminar:** A learning opportunity for all church leaders and clergy Saturday, February 2, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Dearborn. Sponsored by the Detroit Presbytery. Featured Guests: **Dr. William Carl**, President, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary *Growing the local church*; **Dr. Ron Peters** Professor of Urban Ministry, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Over 20 workshops to choose from: -What Elders Need to Know-The Office of Deacon-All about the Book of Order -High Impact Programs for Mid- Highs-Spiritual Practices for Leaders -Conducting a Productive Meeting-Sabbaticals-a 2-way Benefit -Urban Ministry-World Mission Opportunities -Local Hands-on Mission-Transforming the Local Church -Mock Session Meeting-Promoting Healthy Congregations -Spiritual Development in Children-Writing/Evaluating Curriculum -Self Study-Visioning and Re-visioning-Reaching out to College Age-Applying Business Principles -Developing a Multi- Cultural Church...and more. **Lunch reservations requested- \$7/person** Watch the web site for more information: [www.pbydetroit.org](http://www.pbydetroit.org)

### Stewardship Kaleidoscope: National Presbyterian Stewardship Conference

This is an event for elders and pastors, middle governing body staff and volunteers that will feature keynote presentations by Cynthia Campbell, Karl Travis and Charles F. Easley, Sr., as well as workshops and worship centered on congregational and presbytery stewardship. Learn about the biblical and theological basis for stewardship and get whole-life, year-round, practical ideas for meaningful stewardship programs. March 10-12, 2008 in Fort Worth, Texas. Registration fee \$50. Complete brochure available soon. For more information contact the Synod of the Sun at 866-381-7075 or [office@synodsun.com](mailto:office@synodsun.com).

Keep watch ... you do not know when the owner  
of the house will come back - whether in the evening,  
or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.

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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 **February 8th and 9th** during regular library hours.

**Come on out and support your local library!**



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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](http://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.

### Holly Presbyterian Tidings

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