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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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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: office@shollybc.org and the phone is: (248) 634-9494*
- *Worship hours: 10:30 Worship 9:15 Sunday School*



LENTEN CALENDAR

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| Mar. 15 | Lenten Children's Fair, 2- 5pm |
| Mar. 16 | Palm Sunday |
| Mar. 20 | Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Communion Service, 6:30 pm |
| Mar. 21 | Community Good Friday Service, 12:00 noon |
| Mar. 23 | Easter Sunday Service, 10:30 am |

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.

We will also need baskets, Easter grass and cellophane wrap. We will need to have all items collected prior to Palm Sunday, so there are only 2 Sundays left to collect items for these baskets. Please prayerfully consider donating to these children who will otherwise go without. We will not be collecting items for adults this Easter season.

God Bless, Kay

Maundy Thursday

On **Thursday, March 20**, there will be a Maundy Thursday soup & bread potluck supper and communion service immediately following.

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

“Troublesome Bible Passages”

Join us for the last of our bible studies on Tuesday nights, “Troublesome Bible Passages”, at 7:00 pm. We are studying 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 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

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.

Youth Choir

I wanted send out an email to let you know that Amie Davis will be holding a practice for the 4-6 graders who want to participate in singing in church. Those of you who plan on using instruments should discuss with Amie what to bring. The church has percussion instruments also. Meet in the Music and Drama Room immediately following worship. Feel to email Amie with any questions amie@tcaward.com.

Study on Prayer

A 6 week study on prayer will begin on Sunday, March 30th at 9:15 am. Rev. Cullen will be conducting this class on different types of prayer and how to practice this intimate conversation with God. Everyone is welcome.

Calling all cooks!

As part of our celebration of our 150th birthday (summer 09), we will be publishing a church cookbook. This will not just be a cookie cookbook, as was done for the 100th and the 125th, but will include 8 categories of cooking: appetizers & beverages, soups and salads, vegetables and side dishes, main dishes, breads and rolls, desserts, cookies and candy, this and that. The committee is asking our congregation to gather their favorite family recipes and give them to Judy Studer, with your name on it. You are also welcome to put them in her mailbox in the lower level of the Fellowship Hall as soon as you are able. We are hoping for all of those excellent recipes that always show up at our infamous potluck dinners. We plan to include recipes from past members, in remembrance of their lives. Since what we have at the moment from past members, seems to be only cookie recipes, if you have others, please bring them in also, and put the name of the member at the top. This has the makings of a nice fundraiser, as well as remembrances of our past. I encourage all to participate.

Garage Sale

Start holding on to your unused and unwanted items for our garage sale which will be held in June.

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

- for the following individuals: Ardeh Regan, June Green, Tim Koerber, Harriet Striggow, Bonnie Pelton, Dorothy Pretznaw, Alice Horak, Don & Evelyn Campbell, 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.
- The members, churches and staff of the Presbytery of Lake Huron, **Andrea Drapp**, Presbytery Treasurer and Business Manager is recovering well from her surgery. She expects to be in the office on a limited basis beginning this week.
- 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**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 pas-tor@hollypc.org.

Giving Envelopes

Giving envelopes for 2008 are available in the narthex.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

March Newsletter Deadline – Mar. 15

JUST 4 KIDS

In Spring
we see
many changes
in nature



*Make a Bug Jar to watch
a caterpillar change.*

You will need:

- ☉ a peanut butter jar



- ☉ a metal canning jar lid to fit jar (it has a hole in the top)

- ☉ a small piece of screen cut to fit top of jar plus a little extra



- ☉ a branch that fits in the jar

- ☉ a caterpillar



How to do it:

- Put branch in jar
- Put caterpillar in jar
- Add some favorite leaves for caterpillar food
- Lay the screen on top
- Screw the lid in place
- Watch what happens!

**You can use your Bug Jar to watch other "bugs" too!*



Just for KIDS

Changes



Everyone experiences changes in life.
Sometimes they make us happy – sometimes not!
What does the Bible say about this?



Find Ecclesiastes 3:1 below.
Change some letters – then read the verse.



Change:

W's to N's
L's to T's
J's to E's
Q's to I's
K's to S's
Z's to O's
P's to H's
X's to R's
B's to A's



"
 L P J X J Q S B
 L Q M J F Z X
 J V J X Y L P Q W G' B W D
 B K J B K Z W F Z X
 J V J X Y B C L Q V Q L Y
 U W D J X P J B V J W"

TEENS FOR CHRIST

What an exciting first month I have had with the youth of HPC! We are in the planning stages of a Summer 2008 Mission Trip...more to come as we finalize our plan. March 7, 8, and 9 we are headed to the 2008 Alma Youth Mix. For those of you that do not know, Alma College is a Presbyterian College right in the middle of Michigan. They open their doors to Presbyterian Youth Groups state wide for a weekend of worship, prayer, music, fellowship, and fun. Our group is very excited and looking forward to sharing in this weekend together. On a personal note, Alma College is my Alma Mater, '91 and I attended Alma's Youth Mix in 1986. TFC meets every month, typically on the second Sunday. Our meetings include devotion, brainstorming, sharing, projects, games, prayer, fellowship, and fun! Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or comments! Carlee411@sbcglobal.net or 810-516-7968.

God Bless, Carlee Muenzer



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

Interested in Visiting Pyung Buk Presbytery in South Korea?

Through the invitation and funding of Pyung Buk Presbytery, and as a pledge of their commitment to developing a mission partnership between our presbyteries, a visit to South Korea is being arranged for persons from Lake Huron Presbytery who are interested in and committed to this relationship. The dates are **April 14-23**. The visit will include: participation in the Pyung Buk Presbytery meeting (one of two a year); visits to sites of historical and cultural interest; worship and participation in congregations; meetings with Pyung Buk Presbytery officers; and more. Funding for 50 % of participant costs is available to approved applicants as a result of a substantial gift from Pyung Buk Presbytery. Applicants are asked to include a \$100 deposit with their application. This will be applied to the participant costs and will be refunded to applicants who are not accepted for the delegation. Applications can be returned by **March 15** to Judy McDowell 4900 Grandview Circle, Midland, MI 48640 or Dr. Jeffrey Weenink 805 Center Ave. Bay City, MI 48708. More information and application forms are available at the presbytery website www.presbylh.org. Click on Upcoming Events.



Host Families Sought for Pyung Buk Presbytery Partnership Youth Exchange Summer 2008

The Presbytery of Lake Huron in partnership with Pyung Buk Presbytery of South Korea is looking for families to host a high school students from South Korea who are actively involved in the Presbyterian churches of Pyung Buk Presbytery! We plan to receive as many as 12 young men and young women from **July 28-August 11**. Hosting is a wonderful experience for any congregation and especially the host family... it's like having culture camp within your household and congregation. Applications are now being received. Host families provide room and board, some local transportation, a loving, supportive environment along with ample involvement in their church. Students attend your church and find ways to be involved in it, have requisite English/language skills, bring spending money, and are fully insured. More information and application forms are available at the presbytery website www.presbylh.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.

Apartment or Room Needed

There is a member of the community with MS that needs an apartment or a room. If you can help or know someone that can, please call Joan Renney at 810-629-7406.

Used Book Sale

The Holly Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a used books sale at the Holly Twp. Library on **March 14th and 15th** 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

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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