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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*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

The word "team" is defined as "joining in cooperation activity." A team is not limited to athletes. If we stop to think about it, most of us are probably part of many teams.

Our Sunday School teachers are working as a team, as they decide how they will cooperate in the responsibilities of teaching throughout the year. Our committees in the church work together as a team, as well as among themselves. Even our Confirmation Class will be working as a team. That's not just something up to me as a pastor to participate in; it's a team effort on the part of parents and pastor to lead the child toward affirmation of vows made by the parent's at their baptism.

By simply being part of Holly Presbyterian Church, you are an important member of this team which cooperates in worshipping, learning about, and serving the God who has made us members of His team—the Body of Christ. Athletic teams usually have more members than can play at any one time, which means that some must sit on the bench and watch the game. But God's team is much different. There is room for every member to play at any time.

And so it is with HPC. You read of opportunities to serve and participate weekly in our bulletin and monthly in the newsletter. Even worship is part of our team play. The challenge is to participate and not allow ourselves to become "benchwarmers", merely watching the game.

Thank you all for considering how you can "join in cooperative activity" in serving Jesus Christ through a most important team called "Holly Presbyterian Church."

Your pastor and friend, Rev. Randy Cullen

1Corinthians 12:12

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Tell God

Tell God all that is in your heart, as one unloads one's heart, its pleasures and its pains, to a dear friend. Tell Him your troubles, that He may comfort you; tell Him your joys, that He may sober them; tell Him your longings, that He may purify them; tell Him your dislikes, that He may help you conquer them; talk to Him of your temptations, that He may shield you from them; show Him the wounds of your heart, that He may heal them; lay bare your indifference to good, your depraved tastes for evil, your instability. Tell Him how self-love makes you unjust to others, how vanity tempts you to be insincere, how pride disguises you to yourself and others.

Blessed are they who attain to such familiar, unreserved relations with God.

—François Fénelon

Christ's Hands

The hands of Christ seem very frail,
For they were broken by a nail.
But only they reach Heaven at last
Whom these frail, broken hands hold fast.

—Richard Moreland

Vows from an Old Catechism

An old catechism of the Church of England had the pastor asking questions to which the catechumens were to give the proper response. The dialogue went as follows:

Who gave you your name?

Answer: My Godfathers and Godmothers in my baptism; wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.

Then what did your Godfathers and Godmothers do for you?

Answer: They did promise and vow three things in my name. First, that I should renounce the devil and all his works ... Secondly, that I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith. And thirdly, that I should keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life. And by God's help so I will.

—The Book of Common Prayer

Attaining Virtue

Love means to love that which is unlovable,
or it is no virtue at all;
forgiving means to pardon the unpardonable,
or it is no virtue at all;
faith means believing the unbelievable,
or it is no virtue at all;
And to hope means hoping when things are hopeless,
or it is no virtue at all.

—G.K. Chesterton

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

Our 6 week study on prayer which began on Sunday, March 30th continues at 9:15 am Sundays. Rev. Cullen is 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.

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. A collection box is located in the Fellowship Hall and will be collected by Bev Ponton.

Garage Sale

The Women's Group will be holding a garage sale June 12, 13, & 14. 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 if needed. 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!!



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

- for the following individuals: Ardeth 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; Chapel Lane Presbyterian in Midland who has a team working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as volunteer village coordinators in Houma LA, for spiritual health and vitality of the congregation and its ability to reach out to the Midland community with the message of Easter hope and joy .
- 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 pastor@hollypc.org.

Giving Envelopes


Giving envelopes for 2008 are available in the narthex.

April Newsletter Deadline — Apr. 15**NEWSLETTER POLL**

We are interested in seeing how many of you who read our newsletter would be interested in receiving it via email instead of through the mail. Please email office@hollypc.org if this is something you would be interested in , or call the office at 248-634-9494 and leave a message.

JUST 4 KIDS

April showers
bring
spring flowers!


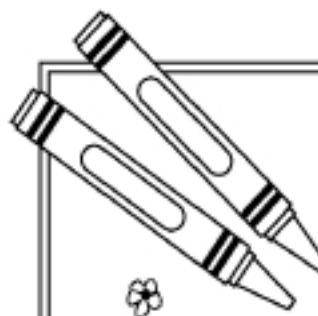
Make a vase to hold some of the beautiful spring flowers that you find.

You will need:

- ☼ a bottle with an interesting shape (salad dressing, juice, ketchup)
- ☼ white glue
- ☼ paintbrush
- ☼ yarn



Directions:
Brush some glue on the bottle, starting at the bottom. Work on a small area at a time. Wind the yarn around the bottle. Hold it in place until the glue begins to dry. Continue brushing on glue and winding the yarn around until the bottle is completely covered.

Just for KIDS

Isaiah 35:1-2

One sign of spring and rebirth is the appearance of flowers and plants in our yards, woods, fields and gardens.

Use the code to find this verse in Isaiah that reminds us of spring and rebirth.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
H	I	J	K	L	M	N
O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
V	W	X	Y	Z		

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

TEENS FOR CHRIST

We traveled to Alma College in Alma, MI Friday, March 7 - Sunday, March 9. Five teens: Katie Parker, Brian Lyles, Josh Haneline, Sierra Haneline, and Marissa Cook attended as well as myself and Laura Parker. We stayed in the PE Center for 2 nights traveling between the cafeteria, chapel, and academic center on campus for meals, classes, speakers, music, and worship. The mix was just that...a mix. Our teens mixing with teens from around the state. All having in common their faith and belief in Christ, active in a Presbyterian Youth Group, and being teenagers. HPC Teens got reacquainted with old friends and made new friends. The theme for the weekend was 24/7. Your connection with God is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The speaker and small groups emphasized teens connecting with God in all aspects of their life...school, work, with friends, at home, in church. Small groups spent some time dealing with the struggles teens face in that connection, especially at school and with all the distractions life gives them. The kids had fellowship time as well and the music...well let's just say the music was AWESOME! Our group can't wait to go next year! If you have a chance ask a teen about the weekend. They came back energized and full of the Holy Spirit!

Next TFC Gathering...Sunday April 13, 2008 after church until about 1:00 p.m. A little business and then some fun!!

God Bless, Carlee Muenzer

(Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or comments! Carlee411@sbcglobal.net or 810-516-7968.)

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PRESBYTERIAN HAPPENINGS

Mission to the U.S.A. Brings Mission Partners to Local Congregations

Have you considered the missional impact of hosting a mission partner from the South Pacific for six weeks as part of the Synod of the Covenant's Mission to the USA Program? Eight missionaries from islands in the South Pacific Ocean (including Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and Polynesia) are coming to spend six weeks as parish associates on church staffs throughout the synod. Opportunities to host are still available. Deadline for application is April 1. Visit the [MUSA web page](#) for FAQ's, application and contact information.

Michael Joncas in concert in Saginaw on April 18

Fr. Jan Michael Joncas, author, speaker, professor and composer will appear in concert with members of the Saginaw Choral Society at St. Mary Cathedral on April 18 at 7:30 p.m. Michael is perhaps best known for his setting of "On Eagles' Wings" one of the most-sung songs in churches around the world. He will serve as cantor and narrator for this concert, which will include the premier of three new psalm settings. For ticket information, please call Saginaw Choral Society at (989) 753-1812, or visit our website at www.saginawchoralsociety.com. Tickets are also available at St. Mary Cathedral in Saginaw.

Family Care Plan from Office of Immigration Issues

The PC(USA)'s Office of Immigration Issues has created a special resource for use by congregations who regularly work with people whose immigration status is unknown. The purpose of the packet is to provide a plan to help if a member finds him or herself in a situation where they have been detained by law enforcement. Go to www.pcusa.org/immigration to visit the Office of Immigration Issues web page.

Camp Greenwood Summer Opportunities Available

HELP A CHILD GROW IN FAITH. Camp Greenwood is now accepting applications for the 2008 summer season. Counselors are needed who can relate to kids in creative ways and help young people discover the foundations of their Christian faith. If you are interested in being part of the leadership team this summer, job descriptions and employment applications are available on the web at: www.campgreenwood.org

Eastminster Presbytery Seeks Interim Summer Camp Director

Joseph Badger Meadows Camp & Conference Center located in Northeast Trumbull Co. within Eastminster Presbytery is seeking an Interim Summer Camp Director for 2008. Skills and experience in Christian education and church camp organization are preferred. Qualified individual will provide supervision of the summer camp staff and direct all camp sessions. Please send resume to Alice Jackson, P.O. Box 316, Mineral Ridge, OH 44440.

Hammond Organ

Free to a Good Home

Hammond Organ with Leslie speakers. Excellent condition, suitable for a small church. FREE! You pick it up in Houghton Lake.

If interested, please call Janet Duwe at 989-422-3356.

Used Book Sale

The Holly Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a used books sale at the Holly Twp. Library on **April 11th and 12th** 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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