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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

When we go to a ball game, we get excited, caught up in the game. We see the action of the players, and there is a contagion about being in the crowd and we say, "That's the spirit." We all know what that indefinable thing called school spirit is!

When people come together to work on something, they get a feeling of togetherness, and we say, "That's the spirit." What we know in our experience of "spirit" is the binding together in unity, a loyalty of common ideals or goals, a feeling of togetherness. And that's the spirit!

In our Christian experience, we go a step further and recognize spirit with a capital S. What we know as Holy Spirit is God's activity in our lives, not a vague fleeting feeling, but a vividly felt Presence and Power of God in our hearts, and in relationships, and in historical events and the natural order of things. That's the Spirit!

In the book of Acts, it is recorded that when the believers came together they "were filled with the Holy Spirit". They acknowledged God! God was being known in their lives. It has long been my experience that we moderns have all those same experiences of God, but we fail to acknowledge who it is who is speaking. It can be said that persons of faith are those who *know* who is speaking! When I struggle with questions of right or wrong, the Spirit educates my conscience so that I can make a Christian response to the pressure of love in my life. That's the Spirit!

It has been my personal experience that when I am in a dilemma and must make a vital decision about life, I am most aware of the Holy Spirit because I am most sensitized to the "felt Presence and Power of God." In worship heights may be reached as humility overwhelms us and we can be most receptive to the workings of the Holy Spirit. That's the Spirit!

When Christians come to the communion table, remembering God in Christ, we are moved by that Spirit. We come to seek a Presence and pray for a Spirit. When we come to that kind of openness, we know the Holy Spirit. We know, then, the experience Paul Tillich describes: "We have been accepted by God even though we are unacceptable."

The classic words of the communion service speak to the Christian experience of Spirit. "Come to this sacred table, not because you must, but because you may; come to testify not that you are righteous, but that you sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ, and desire to be his true disciples; not because you are strong, but because you are weak; not because you have any claim on heaven's rewards, but because in your frailty and sin you stand in constant need of heaven's mercy and help; come not to express an opinion, but to seek a presence and pray for a Spirit."

In many and varied ways, the Holy Spirit is acutely active in our lives and we have but to recognize "that's the Spirit".

Your pastor and friend, Rev. Randy Cullen

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

New Resource Center

Phase 3 is upon us goal date before the garage sale June 13

What needs to happen:

- 1) pack up books in library
- 2) paint 'old music room' - new 'resource center'
- 3) Broady-put locked doors on 4 rooms
 - A) drama room
 - B) new music/Sunday school office
 - C) small nursery room both doors
 - D) hook & latch on bathroom door going into nursery
- 4) computer and desk set-up in resource center
- 5) move table coverings upstairs to closet in bathroom
- 6) move piano (Parkers are taking)
- 7) move instruments to closet in music room once the locks are in place
- 8) get rid of ten foot table in music room
- 9) move and rebuild bookcases to new resource room
- 10) book drive from congregation-- bring in updated Christian related books you might have at home to update our literature

Randy Cullen's daughter, Emily, has graciously offered her services to enter all books into the library computer system

Mom 2 Mom Sale

Sponsored by

Holly Presbyterian Church

Saturday, May 10th, 2008

**207 E. Maple St. Holly
10am until 2pm**

**ADMISSION: \$1 ADULTS
(CHILDREN ARE FREE)**

**Great Kids Clothing, Toys, Baby
Equipment and much more! Over
30 Vendors! Don't miss these fan-
tastic bargains!**

**For Information on
Table Rentals
Call 248-634-2773**



PENNIES FROM HEAVEN



HPC has been taking up the "Pennies from Heaven" collection for nearly three years. It's 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 \$7,000, 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

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. There are two-sided recording sheets for recipe submissions located in the narthex. We're hoping to have at least 500 or more recipes in the different categories. Don't forget to include recipes from past or deceased members as a remembrance of their lives and contributions to HPC.

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!!



1st Annual Year End

Gather 'Round Picnic

June 8th, 2008

This special picnic will follow our regular Worship Service to celebrate the first year of our new Christian Education program "The Gathering Place" !

**Bring a dish to share
and be ready to have a good time.
Drinks and paper goods will be provided.**

"The Joyful Noisemakers" our new Youth Praise Choir will perform and Christian Ed. Awards and Recognitions will be presented.

*Please support our Christian Education Team by
attending this all church event.*

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

- for the following individuals: Barb Goodearl (mother of Marionette Kubicz), Ray Peters, Ardath 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".

Secretary's Office Hours

Teri will be in the office from 9a-3p on Monday and Wednesday-Friday. Pastor Randy will be available in the office on Tuesdays.

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.

July Newsletter Deadline — June. 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

Make a Joyful noise

Here are two instruments that you can make.

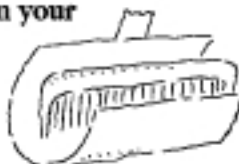
A Humming Comb

You will need:

- a comb
- a piece of wax paper
- a small piece of tape

Cut the wax paper so that it is as long as the comb. Fold it over the comb. Tape to hold it in place – do not make the wax paper fit too tightly, though.

To play: put your Humming Comb between your lips and hum your favorite song.



Shoebbox Lyre

You will need:

- a shoebox
- large rubber bands

Remove the lid from the box. Place the rubber bands lengthwise around the box. Decorate the box with crayons or markers if desired.

To play: Pluck the rubber bands with your fingers.





Just for KIDS



Psalm 33:1-3

Use the code to find the words to this joyful song.

=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				



Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

TEENS FOR CHRIST

The third Sunday of each month has been dubbed "Contemporary Service." Along with the musical talents of Jordan Howe and Brian Lyles, our TFC has been participating in the service. From greeting, to reading scripture, to taking up the offering, the youth of HPC are serving Christ and our congregation in a meaningful way.

TFC would like to extend the following invitation to the entire congregation and friends:

Celebrate Mothers... Past, Present, and Future

Sunday, May 4, 2008 (immediately following Worship)

\$5.00 per person \$20.00 per family

Please join us for brunch, fellowship, and to celebrate and honor our Mothers.

Tickets on Sale next Sunday or at the door on May 4.

All monies will be used to support TFC Mission Work

As part of our celebration we are asking for pictures of mothers...past, present, and future. You will get your picture returned in a laminated form. If you prefer, please make a copy or let us. You can email your picture as well to Teri in the HPC office. Thank you and we look forward to seeing and serving you at our Mother's Brunch.

God Bless, Carlee Muenzer

(Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or comments!)

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PRESBYTERIAN HAPPENINGS

Host Families Sought for Pyung Buk Presbyterian 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.

Introducing a New Resource for Workshop Rotation Model and Beyond

Workshops on Worship will be presented on May 3 by nationally known workshop leaders Phyllis & Ken Wezeman, Mary Jane Huber, Cathy Skogen-Soldner, Laura Price and Dianne Kruzman. Discover new ways to nurture intergenerational worshipping communities! See a new resource collection and experience workshops with four different tracks for both the WoRM veteran and the newbie. Saturday, May 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009. Cost: \$40.00/person; \$35.00/person for groups of three or more. Sponsored by Detroit Net-Worm and Church Education & Faith Development Work Group of the Detroit Presbytery.

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.

Donations Needed for the Children of Afghanistan

Humanity Aid is in urgent need of shoes, especially children's shoes for Afghanistan which will be collected and distributed through the American Legion. 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.

Used Book Sale

The Holly Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a used books sale at the Holly Twp. Library on **May 9th and 10th** 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.

Holly Presbyterian Tidings

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