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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Many times in seeking inspiration for the newsletter article, I like to be around people, out in the community rather than in the confines of office solitude. People often ask me where I get inspiration for preaching each week. I usually admit that the profoundest moments for me come in the shower. As I said, newsletter inspiration is often generated while I'm energized by the presence of those for whom Christ died.

Today is no exception. I just pulled into my favorite local restaurant, feeling particularly drained by the demands of life and somewhat at a loss for words (which is a bit unusual for me.)

Sitting at my table, I am promptly greeted by my Friendly waitress. "Hello,

I'll be your server," she greets me. "My name is Faith." The good Lord works in strangely wonderful ways.

"Nice to meet you, Faith. Mind if I use your name in a church newsletter I'm writing here? I love your name," I reply.

"Sure", she answers, "that's fine."

I wonder if this has ever before happened to her. "By grace we are saved through faith," and by grace your pastor's letter is saved through Faith. Just a chance encounter? I hope she brings me a second cup of coffee. "Have a little faith," I reflected.

There isn't anything in life or on the face of this earth that holds our lives together, brings us serenity, and a glimpse of hope more than faith. Jesus brings it into our hearts. My lunch had moved to a higher plane - right to the center of what we are to be about. We can live without all knowledge; we can live without proofs, but we can not get by a day without this word ingrained on our hearts. Faith is not just a lovely name, or a splendid concept. It is living, breathing reality in the lives of Christians. When people and circumstances overwhelm us, and we forget this reality of Christ's teaching, it is time to revisit our friendly servant, "faith."

"Another cup of coffee please, Faith." "Sure, no problem," she gestures towards the brew. My goodness, she brought the whole pot.

"If you need anymore, let me know," Faith dutifully replies.

"Thanks, Faith." My cup overflows!

Your Pastor and Friend,

Randolph F. Cullen

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

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

### Calling all cooks!

As part of our celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday (summer 09), we will be publishing a church cookbook. This will not just be a cookie cookbook, as was done for the 100<sup>th</sup> and the 125<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

### Reunion with a Cause

This year, we will again be participating in The Reunion with a Cause sponsored by the Genesys Health Foundation. This event is a fun-filled, competitive evening walk held to celebrate and commemorate those lives touched by cancer and to raise money to support various programs. All money that we collect will go to the Genesys Regional Medical Center Cancer Program. This event will be held on Friday, August 8 from 6-10:30 pm at Holly High School. Since there will be several ways that you can join us to participate, please see Roberta Single after worship on June 8<sup>th</sup> for information on various options or contact Jim and Roberta Single at 248-634-4360 for more information.

## 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!

## PRESBYTERIAN HAPPENINGS

### PC(USA) responds to Myanmar cyclone crisis

Each new day brings reports of increased suffering following Tropical Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar. Many thousands of people have died, tens of thousands are missing, as many as one million may be homeless and much of the rice crop has been destroyed. In response, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has made an initial donation through One Great Hour of Sharing funds and is making a special appeal for donations that can be given through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Our generous gifts will help us stand with our brothers and sisters as their broken lives and communities begin to heal. Visit the PDA Web site [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda) to read updates, download the appeal card and contribute to the Myanmar relief effort.

### Chaplains needed for summer camps at Camp Greenwood

Camp Greenwood is still in need of some chaplains for the summer. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to break away and minister in God's great out-of-doors. The theme this summer is Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Open weeks are: June 15-21; June 22-27; June 29-July 4; July 6-11; July 13-18; August 3-8. For more information, contact [office@campgreenwood.org](mailto:office@campgreenwood.org) or 616-754-7258.

### Volunteers needed for Health Fairs July 7-10

The health fair team is looking for dentists or dental hygienists to participate in dental screenings during the health fairs. The fairs will take place in Saginaw, Reese and Imlay City. For more information, call Valeric Fargo at the Presbytery Office 800-621-6905.

### New features for congregations available at Link2Lead.com

Percept's FirstView report is a dynamic, six-page demographic presentation that tells a story of population change and diversity, community issues and faith preferences. Now you can make as many FirstView reports as you want by creating your own custom study areas and editing your report headings. Using a simple, interactive boundary map tool you can zoom in on neighborhoods with aerial photo view, or zoom out to a regional view and experiment with different shapes and sizes of ministry area. Use of FirstView Maker is unlimited and there is NO COST for churches in the presbytery. Just go to the following link to begin the process: [http://Link2Lead.com/MyCommunity/FirstView/FVMaker\\_fp.aspx](http://Link2Lead.com/MyCommunity/FirstView/FVMaker_fp.aspx).

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

July 28 - August 14, as many as 15 student guests along with clergy advisors from Pyung Buk Presbytery in S. Korea will visit Lake Huron Presbytery through its mission partnership with Pyung Buk Presbytery. If you would like to host or assist in the exchange in any way, please speak with Darla Arn - Flushing; Rev. Parker Smith - Linden; or Dr. Jeffrey Weenink - Bay City. Applications for host households are on the Presbytery web-site, [www.presbylh.org](http://www.presbylh.org).

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**Inside:**  
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**And more!**

**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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