



Holly Presbyterian Church

HPC Tidings

Believe. It's what we do.



May 2010

The Pastors' Corner: "Come Join Us"

Before God had a name God was seen and heard in a "burning bush." God was not the flame or the bush. But through the flame, Moses heard God and responded to God's call.

How can we recognize when God reaches into our world today? Like Moses, we must listen. Clearly there is a secular trend in America today but it may not be as dramatic as it first appears. In the magazine *Presbyterians Today*, a survey was made of "nones" – people who express no religious preference. (none)

..."Nones" rose from 3% in 1957 to 17% today.

...There are more "nones" in this country than mainline Protestants. (22% of whom are young adults.)

Perhaps there is an opportunity in this trend. "Nones" may share a lack of affiliation but they are different when it comes to religion. 36% of the "nones" indicate that religion is important in their lives. (*Presbyterians Today*, March 2010)

There is an opportunity for the church in this "wilderness" time. Many people are seeking hope and a foundation for life. We Christians believe we have an answer ... and that is to gather together as a community which reaches out to one another in love.

BUT.....

To gather these seekers we must not be afraid to ask them to join our community of hope. It is as simple as asking someone to "come and join us." It is as difficult as having the courage to open

May Calendar

- May 2 TFC Sun School 9:15am
Sun School 9:30am
Worship with Communion 10:30am
- May 4 Holly High School A/P Testing 11am
- May 6 Holly High School A/P Testing 7am
- May 9 Mother's Day
TFC Sun School 9:15am
Sun School 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
- May 10 Holly High School A/P Testing 11am
- May 11 Holly High School A/P Testing 7am
- May 12 AYSO
- May 15 Newsletter Deadline
- May 16 TFC Sun School 9:15am
Sun School 9:30am
Contemporary Worship 10:30am
TFC Bowling - TBA
- May 17 Session Meeting 7:00pm
- May 20 Garage Sale
- May 21 Garage Sale
- May 22 Garage Sale
- May 23 Pentecost
TFC Sun School 9:15am
Sun School 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
- May 30 TFC Sun School 9:15am
Sun School 9:30am
Worship 10:30am

Check out our [online calendar](#).

Garage Sale - May 20-22, 2010

It's spring! Have you been wanting to clear out your garage, basement or storage area? Do you have usable items that would be a shame to throw away? Don't fret! You can do your part for the environment *and* for HPC by donating any usable items to the annual

our hearts to other people! We offer a challenge to each and every one – do the simple part and ask someone because the difficult part will open us up to the love of God as we express and show this love to others.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
--Romans 8:26-27.

Blessings to all and God's Peace,
-Rev. Ann and Rev. Bill

The Day of Pentecost: The Birthday of the Church

Pentecost is the day we celebrate the birth of the church. It is a day of great celebration and thanksgiving. Before there was Christmas and Easter, there was Pentecost – at least as far as the liturgical calendar is concerned. While Easter celebrations may have happened in the years immediately following the first Easter, Christmas and Easter were not designated as official Christian holidays until the fourth century. Evidence suggests that churches observed Pentecost as early as the first century.

Pentecost initiated a more formal sense of community among the first believers who gathered to worship together. When Christians minimize Pentecost's importance in the life of the church, they discount not only the birth of the church, but also the community that Pentecost built. The season of Pentecost is the time to build the church.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST IS MAY 23RD – we will have a celebration and everyone can be a part! If you have something red to wear, please do! If you like birthday cake, please come! If you want to share with someone, bring a friend!

Prayer Team Ministry

A team of members of our church will again be offering a time of prayer immediately after worship at the front of the sanctuary. These prayers may be sought by an individual for a need for themselves; or a concern they have for others; or simply to share in giving thanks for God's blessings for themselves and for others. The purpose of the prayer ministry team is to actively encourage and promote prayer within the life of the church. By being open and responsive to the working of the Holy Spirit, we pray assured that God's love, guidance, and healing power will be released for God's people in a particular place and time. Team members will be available to pray at the end of the service on a rotating basis.

In the near future there will be a bulletin board in the Narthex with photographs. These will also be posted on our web site. If there are others who would like to be part of this prayer ministry

Garage Sale. Bring your old treasures into the storage room in the Gathering Place. And when you've cleaned up your space, you'll need some new things to fill it - what better place to find that special something than at the HPC Garage sale!
Proceeds to go to the general fund.

Food Pantry

As the food need for people in our community is still growing, we will continue collecting food for the pantry at Holly First Baptist Church. Please remember to bring your canned or boxed food and place it in the narthex.

Our Life Together

Please pray...

...for Pat Frank, Jerry Studer, Edith Sargent, Jack Smith, Beth Foss, Ardath Regan, Harriet Striggow, Bev Ponton, Alice Horak, Cristy Banks, Terry Sizemore, Amie Davis 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. 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 Session as they continuously seek God's leading for the life and future of our church....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.

Office Hours

Regular office hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00am - 3:00pm. Pastors Ann and Bill Robertson's hours are on Mondays 1:30 - 8:30 pm and Wednesdays 10:00am-3:00pm. Up-to-date information is available at our [website](#) under "Church News" or you may contact the church at 248-634-9494.

Our Missionaries

Please pray for our missionaries. Up to date information on them can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall:

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HPC Women's Summer Retreat

"Food for the Heart, Body and Soul"

Friday, June 18th at 5:30 pm to Saturday, June 19th, at 3pm
We will begin with supper, enjoy a light breakfast on Saturday and lunch.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, NOW! And watch for more information in upcoming bulletins and newsletters!!

There will be food, fun, fellowship, prayer, worship, sharing and learning!! All packed into this time together.
PLAN TO BRING A FRIEND!

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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.