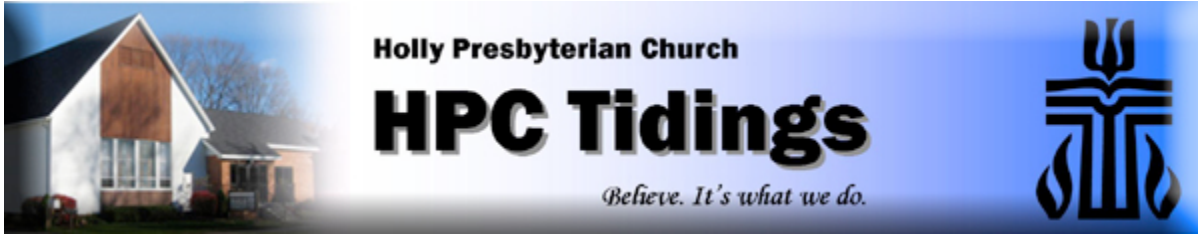


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November 2008

From The Pastor's Desk

Rev. Randy Cullen

Dear Friends,

Like life, music is written on two levels. There is a treble line and a bass line, each with a distinctive clef. The bass line is akin to our "earthbound reality" - things which we can see, hear, touch, and feel. It is the human side of reality, where life is happy and sad, heavy and light, stressed and relaxed.

The treble line might be referred to, by philosophers, as "the transcendent," the divine reality that breaks in on us from time-to-time. It sometimes gives us direction, comfort, and inspiration, often when we least expect it. It's those moments when we feel God's presence in the midst of our hope and confidence during times of despair. It's God's gift at the heart of Christianity.

Life is most real when, as theologian Robert Wallace writes, "the piece that was originally written for two hands, brings the two melodies together in haunting harmony." As we approach Thanksgiving and the season of Advent, we all find ourselves on that bass clef, living through tough economic times. It's natural for us to feel fear and frustration. We need to hear a word of hope that reminds us, once again, to be mindful of and thankful for the things we still do have: our families, this community of faith, and the power of love, which overcomes any heartache the economy, institutions, or individuals might throw our way. We also inhabit the world of the transcendent, the realm of the Kingdom of God. This is the treble line of the reality which breaks in upon us, lighting up our times of darkness and despair, reminding us that we are never alone on this journey. As Christians, we don't live in one world or the other, but live in one world made up of these two lines that sometimes conflict, but more often, blend in harmony.

So, this Thanksgiving, we give thanks for both, because we know that behind the Thanksgiving dinner, the turkey, cranberries, pumpkin pie, and the relatives, lies the One who is the Giver of all gifts. We may show up at the table this year, with homes we can't afford, bills we can't pay, with

Quilt Exhibit & Craft Bazaar

December 12th, 2008

12:00pm – 7:00pm

December 13th, 2008

10:00am – 5:00pm

Exhibit Admission: \$3

Bazaar Admission: Free

Quilt Raffle

Log Cabin Style Queen Size with Shams

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Vote for People's Choice

Best of Show, Bake Sale

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SNOOP Party

The church will hold a "SNOOP Party" on Saturday evening, Nov. 8th at 7pm. This is a fun evening playing a gift exchange game that requires a \$4-5 unwrapped "gift" in a brown grocery bag. Also, bring an appetizer or something to snack on. Beverages will be provided. If you've never played, come along and bring a friend as well. Card tables will also be needed if you have one. Any questions, contact Roberta Single at 248-634-4360.

families in disarray, and jobs on the line. So what do we say to all this? Well, we say that life is that fragile gift that gets broken easily. We're all vulnerable, but at the same time, life yields the types of joy that make Thanksgiving a beautiful time. Our situations also might bring us other reasons to cry out for help. What do we say to things? We say, that as a community, we are never alone. We say, that no matter what, "nothing can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus," not even our deepest despair - nothing! Let's all be grateful for what we have and for the hope that will never leave us alone or keep us alone or keep us down. Happy Thanksgiving to our family of faith. Your Pastor and Friend, Randy Cullen

Stockings for Mommies & Daddies

The following is a list of items needed for adult stockings to be donated for the parents of children in the Holly Area Youth Assistance program. These stockings will be put together at the Advent fair. Boxes will be placed in the Fellowship Hall ready to receive donations thru Nov. 29th. **Mommies:** nail file, clear polish, polish remover, lip gloss, travel Tylenol, chocolate, single serving hot chocolate, small hand cream, cough drops / throat lozenges etc. **Daddies:** pens, inexpensive flashlights and batteries, soap, hair combs, nail clippers, small shaving cream, small aftershave, candy bar, gum, single serving coffee samples, small screwdriver etc. **Both:** toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, disposable razors, deodorant, postage stamps, breath mints, travel size shampoo and conditioner, post-its, other small applicable items.

Our Life Together

Please pray...

...for the following individuals: Pat Frank, Marilyn Hope, 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 Don Campbell and family as they mourn the loss of Evelyn Campbell

...for Claudia Morton-Peters and family as they mourn the loss of Ray Peters

...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...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:

9:00 am - 3:00 pm M-F

The secretary is out of the office on Tuesdays.

The pastor's hours are currently:

9:00 - 5:00 pm T & TH

12:00 - 5:00 pm F

Working from home M & W

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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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Congregational Meeting

The fall congregational meeting will be November 23rd, in the sanctuary, immediately following worship service.

This meeting is normally held in October, but is being delayed because the terms of call and elder nominations were not ready. Also, the budget will not be ready for that meeting; it will be presented at the winter congregational in February.

Visit our [website](#).

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The November Newsletter Deadline is Nov. 15th.

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