



Holly Presbyterian Church

# HPC Tidings

*Believe. It's what we do.*



December 2008

## From The Pastor's Desk

Rev. Randy Cullen

Dear Friends:

The sights, sounds, and sense of the Christmas season are already filling the air. As the familiar song goes, "It's the most wonderful time of the year." I would agree – Christmas **and** Easter! As you know, I love to keep in shape in my spare time, but I also love to read. In past letters, I given recommendations for books that I've enjoyed and found helpful for both spiritual and intellectual growth. So, working out physically, intellectually, and spiritually really aid in keeping us in balance.

As we approach this holiday season, you know as well as I do, that we're all living through some terribly tough times. Not only do we need to reach out with care to others, but we also desperately need a word of hope – the kind that Christmas can bring. Let me share with you a spiritually uplifting piece of writing that comes from a classic book by Ann Weems, entitled, "Kneeling in Bethlehem." May it give you strength in the days ahead and serve as a reminder of what Christmas brings.

### THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

*"The Christmas spirit is that hope which tenaciously clings to the hearts of the faithful and announces in the face of any Herod the world can produce and all the inn doors slammed in our faces and all the dark nights of our souls that with God all things are possible, that even now, unto us a child is born!"*

Merry Christmas from my family to our family in Holly! May the peace and hope the Christ child brings shroud your lives with love.

Your Pastor and Friend, Rev. Randy Cullen

## Our Life Together

Please pray...

...for the following individuals: Pat Frank, Ardath Regan, June Green, Tim Koerber, Harriet Striggow, Dorothy Pretznaw, Alice Horak, Don Campbell, and all of the members of the church who are facing health problems.

...for the friends & family of Bonnie Pelton

...for the families of the congregation and for those

### December Calendar

- Dec. 1 Dryer Memorial 7pm
- Dec. 2 Men's Sm Group 7pm
- Dec. 7 TFC H of C 9:15am
- Dec. 7 Bell Choir 9:30am
- Dec. 7 TFC Christmas Party
- Dec. 7 Congregational Meeting 11:30 pm
- Dec. 7 Fenton Ambassadors 8pm
- Dec. 9 Men's Sm Group 7pm
- Dec. 12 Quilt Exhibit & Craft Bazaar 12pm
- Dec. 13 Quilt Exhibit & Craft Bazaar 10am
- Dec. 14 Bell Choir 9:30am
- Dec. 15 Session 7pm
- Dec. 16 Men's Sm Group 7pm
- Dec. 21 TFC H of C 9:15am
- Dec. 21 Bell Choir 9:30am
- Dec. 21 Joy to the World! Worship Service 10:30am
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve 9pm
- Dec. 30 Men's Sm Group 7pm

### Bell Choir

The Bell Choir will be practicing each Sunday through Christmas at 9:30 am.

### Christian Ed. Committee Meetings

The Christian Ed. Committee will meet the third Sunday of each month at 9:15 am.

### Christmas Office Hours

Regular office hours are:

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

The secretary is out of the office on Tuesdays.

**The office will be closed Dec. 24 thru Jan. 1**

The pastor's hours are currently:

**9:00 - 5:00 pm T & TH**

**12:00 - 5:00 pm F**

**Working from home M & W**

Pastor Cullen may be reached at 248-879- 0507 or by email at [pastor@hollypc.org](mailto:pastor@hollypc.org).

### Our Missionaries

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

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.

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## Quilt Exhibit & Craft Bazaar

**December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 12:00pm – 7:00pm**

**December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 10:00am – 5:00pm**

Exhibit Admission: \$3 ~ Bazaar Admission: Free

## Quilt Raffle

**Log Cabin Style Queen Size with Shams**

**Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00**

**Call Church Office to Purchase Tickets:**

**248-634-9494**

**Vote for People's Choice Best of Show, Bake Sale  
Quilter's Garden, Quilt Vendor**

**Professional Scissor Sharpening Available on  
Saturday**

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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.

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**The January Newsletter Deadline is Dec. 10th.**

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