



January 2009

From The Pastor's Desk

Rev. Randy Cullen

Dear Friends:

As we begin yet another new year, we can't help but reflect on how dynamic life is. Changes are evident all around us. Our once, teething infants may now be in middle school or on their own. Some of us have earned a few new gray hairs and, hopefully, wisdom in the process. Yet, others move from place to place, job to job, perhaps still wondering what to be when they grow up. New places and faces move in and out of our lives, and every once in awhile, as I've discovered, a few former friends show up on the internet. Just recently, I've been contacted by two friends, one from college and the other from seminary, who happened upon the Holly Presbyterian Church website, after "googling" my name. Isn't technology amazing? As fun as it was to catch-up, so much has changed over the years. Very few things ever stay the same in a lifetime. But change can be a good thing.

What we look for in change is not change for the sake of change, but, rather, growth and refreshment, which allow us to grow in our faith journey and become vital persons in all of our human encounters.

Many of us fear change as insecurity. Paradoxically, in meeting our many changes, we need most of all a changeless spirit. When our faith is centered in the underlying goodness of God, working I and through our lives, outer changes and new insights do not disturb us. The more we grow and change spiritually, the more we feel anchored by inner stability. Certainly, in our

January Calendar

Jan. 4 Communion 10:30am
Jan. 4 TFC H of C 9:15am
Jan. 4 Adult H of C 9:15am
Jan. 4 TFC PM Activity
Jan. 6 Men's Sm Group 7pm
Jan. 11 Adult H of C 9:15am
Jan. 13 Men's Sm Group 7pm
Jan. 18 TFC H of C 9:15am
Jan. 18 Adult H of C 9:15am
Jan. 18 TFC Game Tournament
Jan. 18 TwFC PM Activity
Jan. 18 CE Committee 9:15am
Jan. 19 Session 7pm
Jan. 20 Men's Sm Group 7pm
Jan. 25 Adult H of C 9:15am
Jan. 27 Men's Sm Group 7pm
Jan. 31 Elder Retreat

Christian Ed. Committee Meetings

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

Prayer Chain

With the start of the new year, we are looking to rejuvenate the prayer chain. Anyone who would like to participate may contact Beth Dryer at 634-7827, Kay VanderKuy at 634-6901 or Teri in the office at 634-9494.

Year End Statements

Year End Contribution Statements are now available in the narthex.

Office Hours

Regular office hours are:

ever-changing world, attitudes and viewpoints are changing all the time. But God's world of the spirit is changeless love. This is the reason we need not feel threatened by new ideas and challenged by faith which hasn't been spoon-fed. Love never fails. God's goodness and truth never fail. The qualities of forgiveness, joy, and love are changeless. The changeless Spirit of the Living God enables us to be resilient, flexible, open, and teachable. If our minds become closed to something we don't want to hear or understand, regardless of its validity, we immediately stunt growth.

Despite all that is happening in our world, God sustains our world, changelessly. All of us here at Holly Presbyterian Church are blessed with opportunities to transform our lives in the richness of the dynamic Christ, who remains the same forever. May we all keep growing together with hearts and minds open to new ways to understand, love, and serve Him.

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 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.

9:00 am - 3:00 pm M, W-F
The office is closed on Tuesdays but the pastor may be available before 12pm or by cell: 248-835-5204.

The pastor's office hours are currently:

9:00 - 12:00 pm T & TH
12:00 - 5:00 pm F
Working from home M & W
Visitation hours 12:00 - 5:00

pm T & TH

Pastor Cullen may be reached at home at 248-879-0507 or by email at 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:

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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;

Snoop Party

February 14 from 7p to 9p

The church will hold a "Snoop Party" on Saturday evening, February 14th, at 7:00 pm. 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 (248-634-4360).

The February Newsletter Deadline is Jan. 15th.

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- 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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