



Holly Presbyterian Church

HPC Tidings

Believe. It's what we do.



March 2009

From The Pastor's Desk

Rev. Randy Cullen

Dear Friends:

The subject of "sin" is something most people don't want to hear preachers talk about, especially when a "guilt trip" is laid. That is not my intention at all. It is my feeling that it does us all a tremendous disservice to sugarcoat our need for confession and forgiveness. Lent is an excellent time in the Christian calendar to begin serious self-reflection in the context of our faith community, especially in light of world events and ecological concerns. It's never the time to condemn nor judge one another - that is never appropriate. Rather, Lent provides an opportunity to make an honest, moral inventory, while looking ahead at the light and joy of the real presence of our Risen Lord.

In his book, *Down Peacock Feathers*, Dr. D. R. Davies writes: "The supreme irony of the human situation in every age is that the one thing in which all mankind is concretely at one is sin. And the irrational paradox of it is that it makes any sort of unity impossible. The unity for which people strive in various ways is always being negated by the unity for which they need to strive - their unity in sin. This is the outstanding contradiction of human nature, which manifests itself in history and psychology. Because people are united with others in sin, people are forever divided from each other."

My hope this Lenten Season is that none of us will be afraid to focus on our human weaknesses, knowing the true unity we already find in Jesus Christ. And so I take your hand along this road of discovery, which leads to the Open Tomb!

Your Pastor and Friend, Rev. Randy Cullen

Invite A Friend Sunday Sunday, March 15

On March 15th, every member of the church is encouraged to do what we do best here at HPC - to be "The Inviting Church". For that day, everyone is asked to invite a friend or family member to experience our worship service, followed by a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to pass. All of us are ambassadors for Christ. Please invite someone to share in the worship, music, and fellowship that mean so much to us all. Let's fill all the pews on March 15th! All of us, by God's guidance, can help our congregation grow and

March Calendar

Mar. 1 Sunday School 9:15am
Mar. 1 Communion 10:30am
Mar. 3 Digging Deeper 7pm
Mar. 8 Sunday School 9:15am
Mar. 10 Women's Study Cir 7pm
Mar. 10 Men's Sm Group 7pm
Mar. 13-15 Alma Youth Mix
Mar. 15 Sunday School 9:15am
Mar. 15 CE Committee 9:15am
Mar. 15 Potluck 11:30am
Mar. 16 Session 7pm
Mar. 17 Women's Study Cir 7pm
Mar. 17 Men's Sm Group 7pm
Mar. 20 HPC Book Club 7pm
Mar. 22 Sunday School 9:15am
Mar. 24 Women's Study Cir 7pm
Mar. 24 Men's Sm Group 7pm
Mar. 29 Sunday School 9:15am
Mar. 31 Women's Study Cir 7pm
Mar. 31 Men's Sm Group 7pm

Christian Ed. Committee Meetings

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

150th Birthday Celebration

All those interested in the 150th Birthday Celebration are asked to attend the next meeting on Thursday, March 5th at 6:30 at the church.

SAVE THE DATE

Holly Presbyterian Church celebrates its 150th birthday on Sunday, July 12 at 10 am.

Office Hours

Regular office hours are:

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

The office is closed on

Tuesdays, but the pastor may be available in the office before 12pm or by cell: 248-835-5204.

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

pastor@hollypc.org.

continue to be a vital presence in Holly.

Blood Drive

Friday, April 17

Our church will be holding a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, April 17th, 2:00 – 8:00 pm. The event is in memory of Jack Davis, Sr. If anyone is interested in donating blood or volunteering to help, please contact Jack or Amie Davis.

HPC Book Club

Friday, March 20

The next HPC Book Club will meet at The Parker's house on Mar. 20 to discuss the book "The Shack" by William P. Young. The meeting will begin at 7pm at 821 Milford Rd. Holly. 248-634-2773. The book is available for purchase at Target for under \$10 or there are a few copies in the Church Library. Anyone with an interest to read and discuss this book is welcome.

Our Life Together

Please pray...

...for the following individuals: Pat Frank, Ardath Regan, June Green, Tim Koerber, Harriet Striggow, Dorothy Pretznaw, Alice Horak, 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.

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;
 - 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 April Newsletter Deadline is Mar. 15th.

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