



Holly Presbyterian Church

# HPC Tidings

*Believe. It's what we do.*



May 2009

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## From The Pastor's Desk

Rev. Randy Cullen

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this letter, I will likely be back from a 2 week Sabbath. One of the most important aspects of my ministry with you is to get away from tasks and refresh myself through rest, prayer, spiritual reflection, and reading. So, in an effort to be more present for you and to avoid "pastoral burnout", I will take a couple weeks off, beginning April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sabbath is a time for spiritual renewal, and it's not just for pastors. My hope is that you, too, will be able to take an opportunity to "step back" from all the worries and stresses that we all experience, especially in these troubling times. Please know that, as always, I will be praying for you and mindful of our mission to reach out to our wonderful community of Holly. Remember that God's presence and guidance is always with in you. The Good News is that He Is Risen!

Your Pastor and Friend, Rev. Randy Cullen

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## Our Life Together

**Please pray...**

...for the following individuals: Mary Jones, Joyce Walters, Beth Dryer, Jerry Studer, Peggy Ranger, Randy Cullen, Karen Cullen, Beth Foss, Margaret Perry, Pat Frank, Pat Frank, Ardath Regan, 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.

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## May Calendar

May 3 Sunday School 9:15am  
May 3 Communion 10:30am  
May 5 Digging Deeper 7pm  
May 9 All Member's Work Day  
May 10 Sunday School 9:15am  
May 10 Mother's Day Brunch  
May 12 Men's Sm Group 7pm  
May 14 Garage Sale 9am - 5pm  
May 15 Garage Sale 9am - 5pm  
May 16 Garage Sale 9am - 12pm  
May 17 Sunday School 9:15am  
May 17 CE Committee 9:15am  
May 18 Session 7pm  
May 19 Men's Sm Group 7pm  
May 24 Sunday School 9:15am  
May 24 Men's Sm Group 7pm  
May 31 Sunday School 9:15am  
May 31 Graduate Tea 11:30am

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## Digging Deeper

Join us for Digging Deeper on Tuesday, May 5 at 7pm for the adult study, "What the Major Religions Have in Common and The Commonalities They Fight Over" by Barb Brown.

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## Christian Ed. Committee Meetings

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

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## 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.

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## SAVE THE DATE

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

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## 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

# 150th Anniversary Celebration

## Photo Display

What did you look like as a baby or toddler? Please bring in one picture of you, or a former church member, as a youngster (name on the back). Drop it in our photo box in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for our picture display and try to identify the pictures as you stroll down memory lane during our 150th celebration. Questions? Contact Fran Olson.

## Memory Book

We are going to put a memory book together. Please write down any memories you have of the church. This can include for example; Sunday School, ministers, choir, etc. Please give your recollections to Jennifer Chanter or email them to her at [jenchanter@aol.com](mailto:jenchanter@aol.com). You can also email the office [atoffice@hollypc.org](mailto:atoffice@hollypc.org).

## Contact Information

We are looking for the names and contact information of old members who were married in this church, baptized, confirmed, taught Sunday School or served as previous elders. We are looking to invite them to our celebration. If you have any contact information regarding them, please call or email Teri in the office.

### Memorabilia

Also, we are looking for old memorabilia that we can display during the celebration, including pictures of past ministers. If you have any that you would be willing to share with us, please label them with your name, give to Donna Miller, and they will be returned.

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## Weight Loss Challenge

Groveland Fire Fighters are teaching a 12 week weight loss challenge here at HPC on Wednesdays from 5p – 6p. The cost is \$29, of which \$25 will be given back in prizes. This challenge is open to anyone and can be joined at any times. To register or for more information, contact Jason at 248-240-2028.

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## Cookbooks

We have collected the best recipes from group members, family, and friends and compiled them into an attractive keepsake cookbook. We are selling our one-of-a-kind cookbooks for \$11. They may be purchased after church on the narthex or from Teri in the office. All proceeds will go to the sesquicentennial celebration. The cookbook contains 335 well loved recipes including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and many others. Recipes include the contributor's name, enabling you to find the recipes of family and friends. For more information, contact Teri on the church office or Judy Studer at 248-634-8918.

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:

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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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Visit our [website](#).  
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**The June Newsletter Deadline is May 15th.**

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