



June 2009

From The Pastor's Desk

Rev. Randy Cullen

Dear Friends,

Each year, I try to read a book I've always wanted to read. As summer approaches, it's always fun to take time out from our busy life and the television to do some intentional reading. So, I commend to you what I feel is one of the greatest novels I've ever read. As people of faith, this novel helps us deal with some of life's important questions. Here is a sample:

In his famous book, *The Brothers Karamazov*, Fyodor Dostoevsky says that without a belief in immortality one believes in nothing. Yet even if we do, what do we do with it? Dostoevsky's character, Madame Hohlakov, has a brief encounter with Father Zossima. She insists that she has lost her belief, even though she asserts she doesn't disbelieve in God. She says that life after death "is such an enigma, no one, no one can solve it." Then she wants proof. Zossima tells her that while neither belief nor unbelief are affected by proofs, she can be convinced of immortality through experience of active love.

"In so far as you advance in love, you will grow surer of the reality of God and of the immortality of your soul." What is more than implied in this conversation is that without love there is no certainty at all. Without love, what is eternal life?

Father Zossima goes on to say "active love is a hard and dreadful thing compared to love in dreams." We are all faced with the

June Calendar

Jun. 7 Worship 10:00am
Jun. 7 Communion 10:00am
Jun. 7 HPC Hikers 1:30pm
Jun. 14 Worship 10:00am
Jun. 14 Bottle & Battery Drive 10:00am
Jun. 15 Session 7:00pm
Jun. 17-20 HPC Hikers Canoeing
Jun. 21 Worship 10:00am
Jun. 21 Christian Ed Mtg 9:15am
Jun. 21 Big Fish Lk Triathlon
Jun. 28 Worship 10:00am

Congratulations Graduates

Bronwyn Cook, Ben Jackson, Brian Lyles, Katie Parker and Sarah Privette.

Christian Ed. Committee

Meetings

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

SAVE THE DATE

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

150th Pageant

The first rehearsal of the 150th pageant will be held at 10am, Saturday June 6th in the meeting room. All future rehearsals will be scheduled by a collective agreement of the troupe.

HPC Bottle/Car Battery Drive

There will be a HPC Bottle/Car Battery Drive held on Sunday, June 14th directly after worship and a light

daily tasks of self-denial and loving ones neighbor. Dostoevsky treats the subjects of love and unbelief in a realistic, righteous way as do the Gospel's. Many of us wait and wait for faith, as if it were suddenly going to strike us like a bolt out of the blue. Loving is what resurrects us in Christ. Take time to read this great book some time, and have a safe and blessed summer.

Your Pastor and Friend, Rev. Randy Cullen

Our Life Together

Please pray...

...for the following individuals: Amanda Nash, Joyce Walters, Mary Jones, Jerry Studer, Beth Foss, Margaret Perry, Pat Frank, Ardath Regan, Harriet Striggow, Dorothy Pretznow, 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.

150th Anniversary Celebration

Mark Your Calendar for July 12 at 10am

Memory Book

We are going to put a memory book together. Please write down any

lunch in the fellowship hall. We are in need of volunteers to collect and return bottles and batteries, large vehicles to collect them in (we will have areas of Holly mapped out for each vehicle to cover), volunteers to provide a dish to share for lunch and volunteers to supply baked goods. Please save your returnable bottles and cans until then and bring them to service with you. If you do not want to save them, we will gladly take bottle receipts or a donation. We are also using the drive as an opportunity for outreach. Each home will be given a baked good with an invitation to Holly Presbyterian Church.

Canned Food Collection

Program

The new Canned Food Collection Program needs aggressive growth because of a spiraling need within the community. The canned food will be shared with the Holly Baptist Food Pantry and open to the needs of the community. A bin is now available in the narthex.

Cookbooks

Hurry, Hurry! There are less than 40 left! Cookbooks are available in the fellowship hall after worship each Sunday for \$11. They may also be purchased from Teri in the church office during the regular office hours.

Big Fish Lake Triathlon

Volunteers are needed for the Big Fish Lake Triathlon in Ortonville on June 21, 2009. The event begins at 8:00am, therefore all volunteers will need to be at Big Fish Lake State Park by 7:00am, some volunteers may be needed earlier. A car pool from the church will be arranged. HPC has committed to bring 35 volunteers to this event. (age 10 and up) In return, the church will earn \$650.00. HPC participated last year and everyone had a lot of fun! Please let Chris Cook know as soon

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. You can also email the office 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.

Reunion With A Cause

This year we will again be participating in the Reunion With A Cause sponsored by the Genesys Health Foundation. This event is a fun-filled, non-competitive evening celebration to commemorate those lives touched by cancer and to raise money to support cancer patients through various programs that provide physical and emotional needs during treatment. 100% of the money raised will go directly to Genesys cancer patients. This event will be on Friday, August 14 from 6-10:30pm at Holly High School's track. If you are willing to be on the "team" for the church and get donations, see Roberta Single at church or

as possible if you can help, 248-887-6647 or

cmcook34@aol.com.

Movie Nights

Movie Nights are coming to HPC!!!
With the sponsorship of our movie license and a beautiful big screen TV HPC is ready to start offering free movies to the community. The idea is to offer a free movie for families on a monthly basis. Popcorn and refreshments will be available for sale. To make these evenings a success it will require a team of HPC'rs. If you would like to help please plan to attend a organizational meeting on Sunday, June 7th 9:00 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.

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,

call 248-634-4360.

Application for Building Use

Application for Use of the Church Building & Proposed Special Events

There is now a new form available for using the church building and scheduling events. These forms are now available in the narthex. When completed, please place in Teri's mailbox downstairs. They will be reviewed, with your assistance, by a committee (i.e. Congregational Care) and the committee will assist you in presenting it to session. This is a new tool to help facilitate scheduling and communication.

The July/August Newsletter Deadline is June 15th.

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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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