



November 2009

## From The Pastor's Desk

Rev. Randy Cullen

Dear Friends,

If you haven't discovered Frederick Buechner in your reading over the years, I'd like to share an excerpt of his that has been a source of spiritual strength to me. This reading really helps during those times when we experience our greatest need or periods of doubt. First read Matthew 1:1-12. Then savor this encouragement from the impassioned writer and Presbyterian minister, Frederick Buechner. May God always lift your spirit. Thanks be to God!

Your Pastor and Friend, Rev. Randy Cullen

*"Maybe some say "I know human love, and I know something of its power to heal, to set free, to give meaning and peace, but God's love I know only as a phrase." Maybe others also say this, "For all the power that human love has to heal, there is something deep within me and within the people I know best that is not healed but aches with longing still. So if God's love is powerful enough to reach that deep, how do I find it? How?"*

*If that is really the question, if we are really seeking this power, then I have one thing to say - perhaps it is not the only thing, but it is enormously important: ask for it. There is something in me that recoils a little at speaking so directly and childishly, but I speak this way anyway because it is the most important thing I have to say. Ask, and you will receive. And there is the other side*

## November Calendar

- Nov. 1 TFC Sun School 9:15am  
Sun School 9:30am  
Worship 10:30am  
Communion 10:30am
- Nov. 11 AYSO
- Nov. 8 TFC Sun School 9:15am  
Sun School 9:30am  
Worship 10:30am  
TFC-Spicer's Orchards
- Nov. 15 Newsletter Deadline  
TFC Sun School 9:15am  
Sun School 9:30am  
Worship 10:30am
- Nov. 16 Session 7:00pm
- Nov. 21 SNOOP Party 7:00pm
- Nov. 22 TFC @ Holly Woodlands
- Nov. 25 TFC Sun School 9:15am  
Sun School 9:30am  
Worship 10:30am
- Nov. 28 TFC-Angel Food 9:00am
- Nov. 29 TFC Sun School 9:15am  
Sun School 9:30am  
Worship 10:30am

Check out our [online calendar](#).

## SNOOP Party

**November 21st from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

The church will hold a "Snoop Party" on Saturday evening, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 pm. This is a fun evening playing a gift exchange game that requires a \$4-5 unwrapped "gift" in a

to it too: if you have never known the power of God's love, then maybe it is because you have never asked to know it - I mean really asked, expecting an answer.

*I am just saying this: go to Him the way the father of the sick boy did and ask Him. Pray to Him, is what I am saying. In whatever words you have. And is the little voice inside says, "But I don't believe. I don't believe," don't worry too much. Just keep on anyway. "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief" is the best any of us can do really, but thank God it is enough.*

*Seek and you will find - this power of God's love to heal, to give peace and, at last, something like real life, so that by little by little, like the boy, you can get up. Yes, get up. But we must seek - like a child at first, like playing a kind of game at first because prayer is so foreign to us. It's so hard and it is so easy. And everything depends on it. Seek. Ask. And by God's grace we will find. In Christ's name and with his power I can promise you this.*

Frederick Buechner, "The Magnificent Defeat", p. 35

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## Our Life Together

### **Please pray...**

...for the following individuals: Joe & Bev Ponton, Jerry Studer, Peggy Ranger, Randy & Karen Cullen, Beth Foss, Pat Frank, Ardath Regan, Harriet Striggow, 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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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).

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## Christian Ed. Teacher Needed

CE is seeking a teacher for the PreK & K Sunday School class, and we are asking the members of the congregation to prayerfully consider serving our church this way. Please contact Brian Murphree or Judy Merritt if you are interested.

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## Office Hours

Regular office hours are:

9:00 am - 3:00 pm T, TH&F

The office is closed on Monday & Wednesday, but the pastor will be available by cell at 248-835-5204, at home at 248-879-0507, or by email at [pastor@hollypc.org](mailto:pastor@hollypc.org).

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## 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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