



Holly Presbyterian Church

HPC Tidings

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June 2010

From the Seminarian's Desk

by Cassie Todd

Dear Friends,

I'm sorry that I wasn't able to write last month, I got quite caught up in many things. This month, I would like to tell you about an experience I had my last day of Theology class. At the end of our discussion the teacher was curious to see if any of the issues that we have discussed over the past year have shook our faith.

I immediately thought about one of the points that I have pushed in my sermons to Holly Presbyterian in the past, about being passionate about God. When I think about this topic in relation to being shaken in our faith, I think about the biblical theme of building your faith on firm ground and the hymn, "My Hope is Built" by Edward Mote. In the refrain it states, "On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand," which points to Matthew 7:21-29. I feel that building our faith on solid ground means that we should first build our faith on the commandment to love God and love neighbor.

Taking the first part of that commandment, if we love God and put God first, and not merely our own thoughts about the Triune God but God, God's self, then all other matters shouldn't shake us so far that we lose faith. If our faith is rooted in our passion for loving God, then other matters come secondary to that. We might be shaken, but we will not fall when we put God first.

Sincerely,
Cassie Todd

June Calendar

- June 5 TFC Car Wash 10am - 2pm
McKay's Hardware North Holly Rd.
- June 6 Worship with Communion 10:30am
- June 9 AYSO
- June 13 Graduate Recognition Sunday
Worship 10:30am
Sunday School Potluck 11:30
- June 15 Newsletter Deadline
- June 20 Father's Day
Adult Sun School 9:00am
Contemporary Worship 10:00am
- June 21 Session Meeting 7:00pm
- June 27 Adult Sun School 9:00am
Worship 10:00am

Check out our [online calendar](#).

Summer Schedule

Beginning Sunday, June 20th and continuing through September 5th, worship will begin at 10:00. We will return to the 10:30 worship time starting Sunday, September 12th.

Prayer Shawl/Chemo Cap Ministry

Do you have lots of yarn just "hanging around" your house; idle hands while you watch TV? Enjoy using some of your God given talents like knitting, sewing, crocheting, weaving, sharing? Want to give love to others who may be having a difficult time; someone who has lost a loved one; someone who is celebrating the birth of a child? There has been an organization meeting and dates

The Pastors' Corner

The Season of Life: A Time to Gather Stones

The weeks that follow the Day of Pentecost are referred to as "Ordinary Time." These are the weeks between the end of Eastertide and the beginning of Advent, spanning between 27 – 29 Sundays. Have you ever thought about how special Birthdays are for children, especially? Or how much we anticipate Christmas and Easter? If every day were a holiday, then such celebrations – rather than providing a respite from the regular routine – would become ordinary. Advent would lose its anticipatory impact if we celebrated it more than once a year. Christmas would become another "ho, hum" day if we celebrated it every week.

In Christ, however, even the ordinary becomes "extraordinary." God's extraordinary love in Jesus Christ makes all things new. There is wonder to be found even in the most ordinary days, simply because of the marvel of Christ's death and resurrection. God is in our midst.

Each day is a day to be lived, a day to gather the stones from which we will build our new selves. The stones will include ones that are smooth and polished; others that are jagged and rough; some that are large, some that are small; some that are precious and rare, others that are common and ordinary. Such is the nature of our days. Using the stones we gather, the experiences we undergo – the trials and joys, the good and the bad, and, yes, the ordinary – these stones build us into a community, the body of Christ, the church.

The Spirit of God gives each of us a gift, not for personal gain but for the benefit of the entire body of Christ. In turn, the church provides a place that challenges, stretches, encourages, and calls us. Joan Chittister writes in [There Is a Season](#): "I finally come to know that my work is God's work, unfinished by God because God meant it to be finished by me." In this season, let us gather stones together. Every season is the time to build the church. Let us leave no stones unturned as we share our experiences and our gifts as members of the body of Christ here at Holly Presbyterian Church.

-- Blessings and Peace, Revs. Ann and Bill

Summer Adult Education



An adult Christian education class will be led by Revs. Ann and Bill on June 20th and June 27th. Classes will be between 9am

and times for gathering to knit and share will be coming in the Sunday bulletins or on the website. Keep a watch out for more details! Please contact Bev Ponton or Rev. Ann if you are interested and want to join us.

Make the World a Better Place One Stitch at a Time

Garage Sale News

Thank you to the many who helped set up, work and clean-up for our annual garage sale. Thanks, also, to those who came and shopped! We made an amazing \$1,092.67!

Food Pantry

As the food need for people in our community is still growing, we will continue collecting food for the pantry at Holly First Baptist Church.

Please remember to bring your canned or boxed food and place it in the narthex.

Our Life Together

Please pray...

...for Pat Frank, Jerry Studer, Edith Sargent, Jack Smith, Beth Foss, Ardath Regan, Harriet Striggow, Bev Ponton, Alice Horak, Cristy Banks, Terry Sizemore, Amie Davis 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. 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 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.

Office Hours

Regular office hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00am - 3:00pm. Pastors Ann and Bill Robertson's hours are on Mondays 1:30 - 8:30 pm and Wednesdays 10:00am-3:00pm. Up-to-date information is available at our [website](#) under "Church News" or you may contact the church at 248-634-9494.

Our Missionaries

Please pray for our missionaries. Up to date information on them can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall:



and 9:45 am and will focus on current world issues. Please plan to attend as it is important that we, as Christ's disciples, understand the best way to follow God's path in these troubled times.



HPC Women's Summer Retreat

*"Food for the Heart,
Body and Soul"*

The women of Holly Presbyterian Church will have their first retreat on Friday June 18th and Saturday June 19th. We will be enjoying fellowship, shared meals, crafts, learning, and worship; "Food for the Heart, Body, and Soul." This is a wonderful opportunity to join with others from our own church family as well as inviting a friend, co-worker, neighbor to join us for this time! You will receive a brochure with additional information and with the registration form. Mark your calendars and plan to come! Bring your registration to church or drop off in the office by June 7th.

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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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