

# Holland Seventh-day Adventist Church

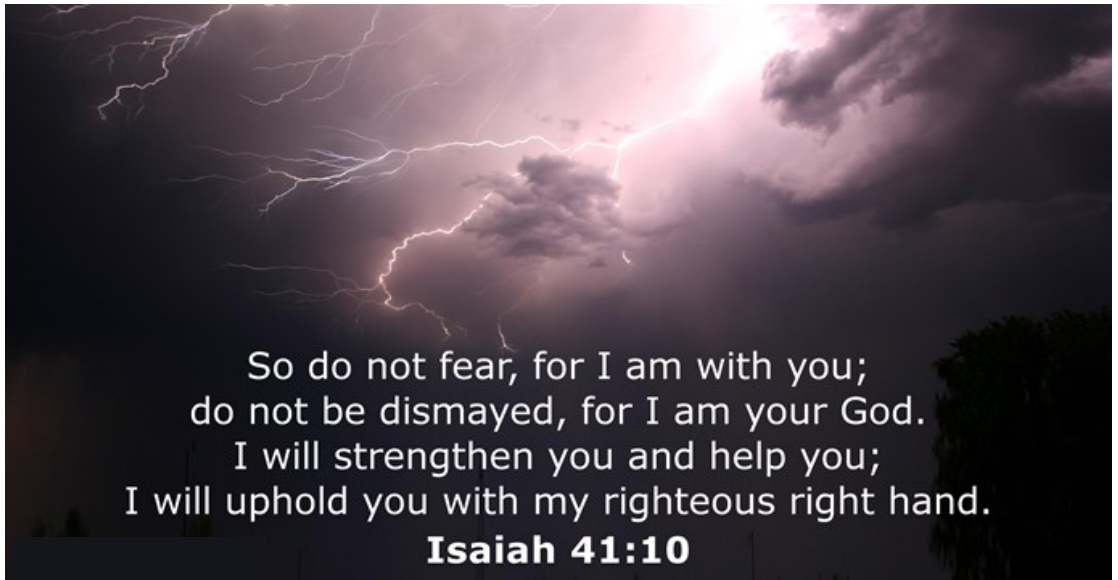
## NEWSLETTER



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So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.  
**Isaiah 41:10**

## FEAR NOT...

Ever since the garden rebellion invited the deceiver's presence into this world, Satan has been "roaming about on the earth and walking around on it" (Job 1:7) — leaving in his wake destruction and devastation, suffering and misery, sickness and death. Through the millennia, this fallen mastermind has perfected the art of inflicting maximum pain to the heart of God by focusing his fury on the crowning masterpiece of God's creative endeavors — the human race. Made in God's image, according to His likeness (Genesis 1:26). The sickness, violence, deception and terror inflicted upon our race is the devil's diabolical effort to distort — if not erase — the image of God from humanity.

For more than four thousand years, Satan triumphed again and again. The character of humanity was degraded. The hearts created to love and worship were filled with perversity, continually devising evil and spreading strife (Proverbs 6:14). As the human race slipped farther and farther from God's lofty purposes, Satan rejoiced. Total triumph was nearly his. The last traces of the Divine were nearly erased from the human race. And then, Jesus was born.

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The Son of God united Himself with the human race. By becoming God with them, Jesus would bring them to God. Through His birth as a child, He would forever thwart Satan’s designs to erase from humanity the image of God for divinity and humanity would be one in Christ.

Since Jesus came to dwell with us, we know that “God is acquainted with our trials, and sympathizes with our griefs. Every son and daughter of Adam may understand that our Creator is the friend of sinners. For in every doctrine of grace, every promise of joy, every deed of love, every divine attraction presented in the Saviour’s life on earth, we see ‘God with us’” (*Desire of Ages*, 24). “Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. *‘With His stripes we are healed’*” (*Desire of Ages*, 25).

Healing — that’s what He offers us today. Healing from sin and all its manifested symptoms — bitterness, hate, discord, hopelessness. By reminding us of what He has accomplished in the past — and lifting our gaze from these present circumstances to remind us of what He promises to accomplish in the future, He gives us hope. And with hope, we fear not for the future.

*Pastor Sean*

Pastor Sean Reed

## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

Olay Vongphrachanh	Jan. 1
Terri Michaels	Jan. 1
Olyvia Voss	Jan. 3
Vieng Katmanivong	Jan. 3
Brandon Mihm	Jan. 4
Steve Northuis	Jan. 4
Emma Burns	Jan. 5
Hannah Nanathana	Jan. 5
Brandon Goodfellow	Jan. 5
Jaeke Tantrarungrot	Jan. 6
Phone Bounthapanya	Jan. 6
Abbi Pittman	Jan. 7
Anita Buell	Jan. 8
Finley Bergman	Jan. 8
Amy Benedict	Jan. 8
Thong Vongphrachanh	Jan. 9
Saeng Saengthip	Jan. 9
Debbie Hulst	Jan. 10
David Fenwick	Jan. 10
Kelly Kiekintveld	Jan. 11
Joshua Pickett	Jan. 12
Isabella Mendez	Jan. 13
Christine Mandeya	Jan. 14
Ella Pittman	Jan. 14
Bob Schoon	Jan. 15
Chase Slikkers	Jan. 16
Debbie Peshka	Jan. 16

Doug Nephew	Jan. 17
Ashley Kaiyarath	Jan. 18
David Slikkers	Jan. 18
Dave Miedema	Jan. 20
Hal Darnell	Jan. 22
Tiffany Slikkers	Jan. 24
Jessica Ver Beek	Jan. 24
Mike Wolters	Jan. 25
Michael Wolfer	Jan. 25
Angie Smith	Jan. 26
Brooke Ten Brink	Jan. 27
Micah Isaac-Samuel	Jan. 28
Erin Isaac-Samuel	Jan. 28
Dan Holthof	Jan. 29
Marcos Salinas	Jan. 29
Mark Salinas	Jan. 29
Susan Gorgas	Jan. 29
Matt Bernick	Jan. 29
Cathy Rewa	Jan. 30
Travis Blood	Jan. 31
Holly Len	Jan. 31

### ANNIVERSARIES

Ornked & Phonexay Bounthapanya	Jan. 1
Ken & Eileen Brady	Jan. 2
Larry & Karen Mendez	Jan. 4
Jerry & Judy Prins	Jan. 6



**HAPPY  
CELEBRATION!**

***If your name  
is missing,  
please call  
or text***

***Allie Bartoli  
(616-446-4361).***

***We want  
to include  
EVERYONE!***



# 2020-2021 SCHOOL NEWS



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the PE Department! I must admit, I'm not much of a writer, but I sure do enjoy spending time with all of the kids at Holland Adventist Academy! I think I have the best job at HAA in that all of the kids, or at least most of them, love it when its PE time! Seeing their smiling faces and excitement for what we will be doing in class is such a joy!

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each of my students this year. I try my best to get to know each one by finding out their interests and learning how they are doing. In teaching, making a connection with each student is so important, as it should be in all our lives to make a real, meaningful connection with others in our lives.

PE class this school year has been a little different in the fact that we have been trying to do everything outdoors, if possible. Rain, cold, sunshine or wind, we have been doing our best to get outdoors, be active and get fresh air — even if that means I must wear two layers of pants to stay warm while outdoors for hours. Heehee!

Our biggest sport for fall this year was Flag Football. Now to some, this may not be a sport which is loved or even liked,



but as time progressed and rules were learned, many of my students have come to love it. I improved some of our equipment this year by adding yardage markers and chains (10-yard 1st down markers). Grades 6-10 had the hands-on experience of this equipment and it made a difference in learning more of the rules. As I tell my students: in order to play any sport or watch any sport, you have to “know” what’s going on or else it’s not enjoyable and makes no sense. Learning the rules, even if basic at times, is key to sports or anything in life.

Thank you, church family, for all of your support to make Holland Adventist Academy a great school for our kids to attend. As our school year continues, I look forward to what God has in store for each of my students — being active, staying healthy, having a good attitude in life.

If you'd like to help out with funds or needs for our PE Department, please contact me. I try every year to improve and make things better for the kids!

Much love,

—Julie Pittman, PE Teacher



## HOLLAND HUSKIES PATHFINDER CLUB

Once again, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Holland Huskies were forced to cancel their scheduled events for the month of December. Fortunately, the only meeting was to be the annual club Christmas party which the pathfinders really enjoy. Efforts are being made to re-schedule this popular event for some time in January.

If we are able to meet in January, it will be a busy month. In addition to the party, meetings will be held on Sabbath, Jan. 9; Sunday, Jan. 10; and Wednesday, Jan. 20.

In between those dates, attempts to hold the Teen Snow Outing will be made by the conference. As of the writing of this article, the weekend of January 15 through 17 still has been planned. The outing is always held at Camp Au Sable and is open for all pathfinders in the State who have reached their 13th birthday by the start of the weekend. Besides the devotional and Christian classes taught, pathfinders get a chance to ski or tube at the Hanson Hills ski area in Grayling before returning home.

Since the dates of meetings are so up in the air, please check the churches updated emails every Friday to see what is planned.

As always, pray for our club and please keep safe and healthy until we can meet once again.

—Ken Stubbs, Reporter



# HOLLAND HIKERS ADVENTURER CLUB

Blessed and happy new year! Hoping and your families have stayed healthy through this holiday season.

So, did you do something fun, maybe something different with your families over the last month? Please email or text me what activities you did so I can add it to our monthly reports. I did do some cookie decorating with my family and, of course, all of the regular Christmas activities.

Remember in January, due to the holiday schedule, our meetings won't be until January 9 and 10. We are currently planning to do a family hike at Hemlock Crossings on Sabbath afternoon, Jan. 9; I think we will just plan to meet there at the park at 2:00p. On Sunday, Jan. 10, we plan to have a regular meeting, teaching our usual AY classes and awards. We plan to have it from 10a until 12 noon, but please watch bulletin closely as we may change location. I will try to communicate by email as well.

Please pray for our church, our kids and our families. We need wisdom, strength, patience and, most of all, a Christ-centered heart. I can almost see Him and the angels in the clouds now :)

—Paula Olsen, Director  
(616-836-9162; [Paula.Olsen85@gmail.com](mailto:Paula.Olsen85@gmail.com))

# Women's Ministry

## PLAN NOW TO JOIN US!

**QUILTING GUILD — Wednesdays, Jan. 6 and 20, at 9:30a**, in the church board room (stay as long as you like). We continue to make quilts to donate to Resilience (f/k/a Women in Transition) and also keep some quilts to give to church members with serious medical issues. We welcome anyone willing to help with this outreach project.



**NOTE —** Due to COVID-19, our plans can quickly change. If you have any questions about this outreach or whether we are meeting on XX date, please call Bev Grimes ([616-928-4320](tel:616-928-4320)).



## JANUARY'S EVENTS

**Sabbath, Jan. 23, 12:30p — ASME Luncheon and Small Group: New Year Prayer and Praise.**

Soup bar and salad.  
*More details to be announced. CDC COVID-19 protocols in place.*



**Top:** ASME prepares family activity bags for the Food Truck. Children who also received filled stockings. Cathy R made fleece hats and Lynette made hacky sacks and knitted scarves. **Bottom:** ASME loves on shut-ins — caroling through closed windows to wish a merry Christmas. *Photos supplied by Teri Tipton.*

**ROOM FOR RENT** — Available for a female roommate. Bedroom, garage, access to entire home; utilities and laundry facilities included. Background check is required. Call Teri Tipton for details ([616-402-2190](tel:616-402-2190)).





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