



Holland Seventh-day Adventist Church

NEWSLETTER

PASTOR'S CORNER

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FELLOWSHIP AND PRAYER

Prayer is a hallmark of a thriving Christian experience. The early Christian church in Acts was continually praying. (For just a few examples, see Acts 1:14; 2:42; 4:31; 6:4.) While they certainly had faithful private prayer lives, they derived incredible strength and sustenance by praying together with other believers.

Are you regularly setting aside time to pray with other believers? Our weekly prayer meeting, held each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, is an excellent opportunity to connect with Christ in the context of fellowship and prayer with fellow believers. Each prayer meeting session begins with a devotional reading and discussion followed by a time for sharing praises and requests. And then comes the most important part — we pray.

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“There is necessity for diligence in prayer; let nothing hinder you. Make every effort to keep open the communion between Jesus and your own soul. Seek every opportunity to go where prayer is wont to be made. Those who are really seeking for communion with God will be seen in the prayer meeting, faithful to do their duty and earnest and anxious to reap all the benefits they can gain. They will improve every opportunity of placing themselves where they can receive the rays of light from heaven.” (Ellen White, *Steps to Christ*, 98)

As we head into the second month of the new year, God is challenging each one of us to a renewed experience of connecting with Christ and His church through prayer. Go to our church website (www.hollandadventist.org) to sign up for our weekly Church Update email to receive the weekly link to our prayer meeting, devotional reading and the necessary information for joining the Zoom meeting.

Pastor Sean

Pastor Sean Reed

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Danielle Bartman	Feb. 1
Deb Zoerhof	Feb. 2
Kylie Garcia	Feb. 3
Sheila Bosscher	Feb. 4
Glen Kiekintveld	Feb. 4
Kork Sihavong	Feb. 5
Tom Bosscher	Feb. 5
Nick Dykstra Jr.	Feb. 6
Mercy Isaac-Samuel	Feb. 7
Harold Evans	Feb. 9
Josh Saladino	Feb. 9
Mario Quintero	Feb. 10
Ellen Post	Feb. 12
Dan Borton	Feb. 13
Carolee Leet	Feb. 13
Joel De Pas	Feb. 14
Curt Johnson	Feb. 14
Mackenzie Hamstra	Feb. 14
Julie Pittman	Feb. 14
Nora Slikkers	Feb. 15
Daphne Cleveland	Feb. 18
Zachary Dykstra	Feb. 20

Meredith Giddings	Feb. 20
Joshua Martinez	Feb. 21
Jeff DeWind	Feb. 22
Jan Jones	Feb. 23
Darrell Aldrich	Feb. 24
Trinity Schutt	Feb. 27

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas & Pok Swift	Feb. 7
Doug & Sheila Carney	Feb. 10
Nick & Darla Dykstra	Feb. 14
Frank & Sharon Mihm	Feb. 19
Vladimir & Holly Len	Feb. 25
Brian & Anne Savinsky	Feb. 26
Glen & Kelly Kiekintveld	Feb. 27
Ed & Kris Potter	Feb. 28



**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



Hello, Church Family!

Here at Holland Adventist Academy, we are just beginning our third quarter of the school year! Although vastly different from any other, this school year is truly flying by! In this issue of the newsletter, here are just a few of the exciting things we've been up to so far this year...

Our first Bible lab for the year was decorating brown paper lunchbags for Kid's Food Basket. At the time, a local organization was donating money to Kid's Food Basket for every bag decorated. HAA decorated over 100 bags!



We finally have school shirts and hoodies! Thank you to all of the church members who purchased a shirt or sweatshirt from this fundraiser — we raised over \$1,000 for Home and School! Students can wear their school hoodie over their collared shirt to school any day, but they can only wear their school t-shirts on Fridays. We celebrated our first T-shirt Friday online when we were virtual for two weeks after Thanksgiving. Since returning to the physical classroom, it has been so fun to see the kids matching in their school shirts!

—Laura Frary, Principal/Teacher, Gr. 3-6
All photos by Laura Frary



At Christmastime, we participated in another Bible labs activity, this time with our families. Families were given a white gift bag and asked to fill it with items for a boy or girl of ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years old. Gift bags were decorated and returned to school. We collected 19 giftbags to deliver to a local women's shelter, Resilience, to bless the children who would spend their holidays there.

School T-Shirt Friday!





HOLLAND HUSKIES PATHFINDER CLUB

For the first time in a couple of months, the Holland Huskies Pathfinder Club was able to meet at the school on Sabbath, Jan. 9, and Sunday, Jan. 10, all masked up and applying social distancing.

During these meetings, the club worked on the Prayer Honor which involves explaining the different kinds of prayer as well as breaking down the Lord’s Prayer. In addition, each club member began the process of making 20 prayer cards with a goal of finishing them by the meeting on February 6. In keeping with the prayer theme for the two meetings, they also listened to a reading from *Steps to Christ* about prayer.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 20, 11 pathfinders and staff met at the school to work on the String Art Honor. You can see by the pictures, taken by Kelly Slikkers, that they are a very talented group and had fun doing this honor.

Although the club was able to meet, COVID-19 is still taking a toll on the schedule. Because of the ongoing pandemic, the Michigan Conference found it necessary to cancel one of the events most liked on the calendar — the annual Teen Snow Outing held in Grayling. The event is open to all Michigan Pathfinders 13 and older and is held at Camp Au Sable during the month of January. I’m sure it was a hard decision to make but had to be done for many health reasons.

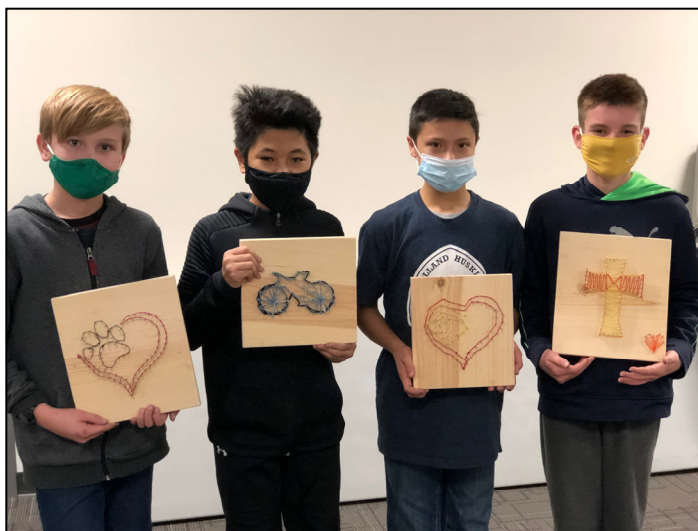
Add to that, it appears that the Area Level Pathfinder Bible Experience scheduled for the first Sabbath of February also has to be cancelled although it may be held at a later date where the Teen Snow Outing cannot be due to seasonal concerns. After all, it’s tough to have a snow outing in the spring!

As a former Pathfinder director, I can tell you how tough this is to attempt to schedule meetings and what to accomplish at each one during a pandemic when you don’t know if you are going to be able to meet or not. Hats off! to Kelly and his staff for what they are doing this year to make it successful.

Meetings for the month of February, hopefully, will be held on Sabbath, Feb. 6, Sunday, Feb. 7, and Wednesday, Feb. 17. The meeting on the 6th will begin with vespers, supper and then a fun night to replace the night cancelled in December.

As always, please pray for our club — its leaders, staff, kids and all who are involved in big and small ways. Keep safe and healthy until we can meet once again.

—Ken Stubbs, Reporter



PRAYER
changes everything



HOLLAND HIKERS ADVENTURER CLUB

Happy Heart month! I hope you're filling yours with Jesus every day! We had a great time in January on a nice long hike in Hemlock Crossings (although I forgot to take pictures while we were there). Then we had a great time learning to be a Home Helper by folding laundry, dusting, sweeping and vacuuming. We also learned about how and why to keep our bodies, minds and mouths clean with the Hygiene award. The Helping Hand 4th-graders made us fruit smoothies, and the Sunbeam 2nd-graders made life-size body drawings and told how God made each one of unique and special.

Due to scheduling conflicts, there will not be any meetings in February. We are already planning ahead to March 6 and would like to invite anyone from the church family to join us on a hike at DeGraaf Nature Center, weather permitting. We will meet for a short devotional in the parking lot at 2:00p, then hit the trails about 2:10p. Please feel free to bring binoculars for watching wildlife. On Sunday, March 7, we will have a regular meeting, 10a to noon, in the church (currently). Please plan on a possible picnic in April (after Easter), which will be followed by a meeting. We are somewhat behind in our AY classwork, so will use that day as a make-up day.

I'll leave you with a piece of advice my sister gave me many, many years ago. Time goes faster each year, which means we're getting closer and closer to Jesus' soon return. Please make the commitment to take the time with your kiddos to help them be ready. You'll never regret that precious time spent. For those without littles around at this point in your life, please pray, and hard, for our families that are challenged in so many ways in this world.

—Paula Olsen, Director

Women's Ministry

PLAN NOW TO JOIN US!

QUILTING GUILD — Wednesdays, Feb. 10 and 24, 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)).



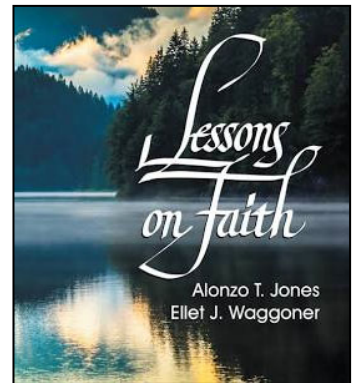
FEBRUARY'S EVENTS

Sabbath, Feb. 13, 4:00-6:00p — Hike and Sundown Worship at the Saugatuck Dunes. Embrace fresh air and a hike in nature to close out Sabbath in worship together. Families invited.



Sabbath, Feb. 13, 6:30p — Saturday Night Dinner and Evening Out. Location TBD. Please RSVP to Teri Tipton ([616-402-2190](tel:616-402-2190)) to reserve your dinner spot. Bring a guest/date.

Thursdays, Feb. 18 through March 25, 7:00p — Small Group Study. Have the recent changes from 2020 prompted more soul-searching about your FAITH? Join us on Zoom to study and dig deeper by using the book, *Lessons on Faith*. Two chapters a week.



Be prepared for a robust conversation. All church members are invited. Contact Teri Tipton ([616-402-2190](tel:616-402-2190)) for an invite link to join via Zoom.

Thursday, Feb. 25, 7:00p — Small Group Study in the book, *Lessons on Faith*. Two chapters a week. Be prepared for a robust conversation. All church members are invited. Contact Teri Tipton ([616-402-2190](tel:616-402-2190)) for an invite link to join via Zoom.

Sabbath, Feb. 27, 12:30p — Adult Singles Luncheon in church boardroom. Lasagna, salad and dessert. *CDC COVID-19 protocols in place.*

A support organization, ASME welcomes all singles and widowed ages 35+

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Reaching and empowering single adults to create Christ-centered safe places for fellowship, nurture and service.



Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you.
 I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again,
 and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
 —John 14:1–3 KJV

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