

# The Hollydale Herald



## Keeping Up With Happenings at Hollydale UMC

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### Upcoming Events and Activities

**Fall Bible Studies/Small Groups:** Bible studies will start up again mid-September. This fall, we are offering a bible study on Isaiah and a small group called *Beginnings*. The Beginnings group introduces the most basic themes of Christianity and explores the most fundamental questions of religion. This group is for **ALL** Christians, so join us and bring a friend! Both classes will be offered on Wed. nights at 7pm, and the Isaiah study will also be offered on Wed. mornings at 10am. Come join us!



**Wed. Nights have returned!** Dinner from 5:30-6:30 (\$4 donation per person recommended), Communion from 6:45-6:55 **AND structured homework/tutoring** for school children from 7-8 (\$5 donation per child recommended). We have two teachers who are going to help our kids with homework and tutoring in a group setting. Great opportunity to get some extra help for our kids!!

**Confirmation Classes Starting Soon:** All rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders through high schoolers are welcome to join in a 6-8 week program as we learn about the church, Christianity and what it means to say **YES** to a relationship with Jesus. This is the time when our young people can claim their faith as their own! Classes will be held after the 11 AM Sunday services beginning in mid Oct. Contact Leonard for more information.



### **Youth Worship & Gathering, Join us on Sunday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.**

We are continuing to follow where God is leading us and taking the next step by having a worship service geared to our young adults. This will be a more contemporary worship that will be free flowing but still grounded in Scripture. All youth AND young at heart are welcome to join us on this night! Following worship there will be FOOD for our young folks and time for them to be, well just youth! Please be in prayer for these changes and for Patrick White as he and the other youth leaders want to continue to draw our kids into the light!

### A Note From Our Pastor

Rev. Leonard Akers



While it took a tropical storm to bring a change of season, it has been nice to get a touch of fall early in September! Even if the weather changes back to typical end of summer form, we know that fall is right around the corner. And with it comes all the changes of this time of the year: shorter days, cooler weather, changing scenery.

There are also lots of changes happening around Hollydale! If you have not been to worship in a while, you may not recognize all the folks you see on Sunday morning. If you have not heard about our food pantry, see how many folks we served one Wed. this summer. And over the next few weeks/months, we will have a new playset, an upgraded outdoor pavilion and a new worship experience for our youth!

But please remember these changes that are continuing to bless Hollydale are gifts from God. All the changes we are experiencing at Hollydale are so that we can continue to find ways to invite folks in and be relevant to the needs of our community!

**Blessings and much love,  
Leonard**

## Opportunities to Serve

### Backpack Blessings is Back



The response to this ministry has been so positive that we feel led to continue. We provided weekend food for 160 kids at Hollydale Elementary the second half of last school year. We expect as many or more to sign up this year, so we need continued support from the community. We must start filling the shelves in

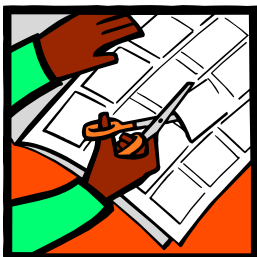
preparation of an **October 7<sup>th</sup>** start. These are the items we need, in single-serving packages: **Canned Tuna or chicken, Macaroni and cheese (Easy prep, boxed with individual serving packs), Applesauce cups, Peanut Butter Crackers, Breakfast Bars, Oatmeal or Grits**

**Food Pantry:** Our food pantry needs are growing; we recently served over 100 people in one day! It is open every other Wednesday, and we need help to keep the pantry stocked and keep serving families in need. Current needs are: **Cereal, pancake mix, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, rice, canned tuna or chicken, canned vegetables, oatmeal, grits.**



Please consider asking family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to support our food ministries.

**Using Couponing to Serve:** We're forming a team to explore and implement ways to use couponing and store sales to maximize savings



on items for our food ministries. In some cases, coupons can be used to get **FREE FOOD**. But, we need **coupons!** Please start bringing in your unused coupon inserts from the Sunday paper every week – we will have a collection bin in the back of the Sanctuary. Ask your family, friends, and neighbors for their coupons they don't use.

**We cannot do couponing effectively without a large supply of coupons.** You may also consider making a donation for the purchase of Sunday papers.

If you want to be part of the couponing team, please sign up at the church, or contact **Lori Slaton: [lori\\_slaton@bellsouth.net](mailto:lori_slaton@bellsouth.net)** or **Mary Hackman: [Mary2231@comcast.net](mailto:Mary2231@comcast.net)** More details/meetings to follow once a team is set up.

**Hollydale Shopping Bags are Here!** To help remind you to pick up items for our food ministries, we have created Hollydale UMC canvas bags. Fill them with your donation items as you



checkout at the grocery store, and leave them in your car until you come back to church and

drop off your items. To defray the cost of the bags, we are asking \$2.50 for one bag, or \$4 for two. Spread the word and encourage others to support our food ministries by purchasing and bag and filling them with donations!

**Support Our Outdoor Facilities:** We have raised enough to get a new commercial grade playset!!!! Thanks to all who contributed!

Now our focus is on our Outdoor Pavilion. Our plan is to have it paved and supplied with power so that it can be more effectively used for events, barbecues, etc. So if you can help, simply mark your check or envelope, "Pavilion."

### Church Needs

Please consider donating paper towels or toilet tissue

Thank You!



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