

The Holland Heights Highlighter  
Holland Heights Christian Reformed Church  
**January 2012**

Led by the Spirit we will be a  
Growing, Nurturing, Compassionate and Challenging Family of Christ:  
Reaching out in His Name!



The EDGE Group would like to invite you to their fundraiser dinner:

## *A Murder Mystery: Hawaiian Luau*

When: Saturday, February 18, 2012

Punch: 6:00, Dinner: 6:30

The EDGE students, assisted GREATLY by Harlan Byker will be serving:

*Tamale Tarts*

*Ham and Cheese Soup*

*Spring Roll Finger Salad*

*Wild Cherry Wood Smoked Pork Shoulder*

*Oven Roasted Potatoes*

*Sweet Corn and Bell Peppers*

*Chocolate Bottom Caramel Pie*



The minimum donation is \$30/person. Childcare will be provided, but please indicate on the signup sheet that you need childcare, and how many kids will be coming. The sign ups are on the Kiosk.

If you'd like to go, please sign up by February 12 so we can get our final count in!

This would be a great night out as a Life Group!



# Expressions of Thanks

This is a collection of cards and notes received over the past month from people associated with Holland Heights Church. Gratitude is the outpouring of the love that we return to God's people who bless us in times of need.

To the Heights Kids-

Thank you so much for the lovely Christmas "bag of goodies." Thanks for remembering the Senior members of the Congregation during this special time of year.

Ruth Staat

Holland Heights Church,

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers on my behalf when I had my eye surgery. Also thanks to Sarah Westenbroek and the kids for the plant and soup. Thanks to Ron Dykstra for the phone calls. It's great to belong to such a caring church. Thanks also to Marcia Steeby for the rides to and from the surgery.

Jaci Eding

I would like to thank you for all the birthday cards I received for my 87th birthday.

Ken Beelen

To our Church Family:

Mother and I would like to thank all of you for the gift bags and visits from Ron, John and Linda. Also for all the birthday cards mother received. It was overwhelming!

Blessings to all of you in the coming year!

Gwen Sneller and Evelyn Timmer

Congregational Care:

I sincerely want to thank you for your kind remembrance of me at Christmas time. The "goodies" will come in handy. I love them. Also a sincere thank you to Beth and Jack Timmer for taking time to call on me and deliver the gifts. You're always welcome. Our church family is so kind and thoughtful. Many thanks to all of you also for the many Christmas cards I received.

God is good,

Lee Bouws

I love Holland Heights Church! Thanks for the flowers, the treats and the cards following my gall bladder surgery!

God Bless you all!

Corie Visscher

Thank you so much for the Christmas bag of good things to eat and drink. I am enjoying them. It is so nice to be thought of on Christmas in a special way from my church family.

Jaci Eding

We'd like to thank the faithful people at Holland Heights for remembering our brother, Jack Tuls, throughout the years of his extraordinary life. We always read the cards to him-which he loved, and we all truly appreciate your visits. Thanks to Ron Dykstra and Linda Kalkman who came to Jack over this past year, and ministered to him at the hospital recently. Special thanks to Morrie Driesenga for his comforting words at Jack's funeral, and for bringing good things to our remembrance. His friendship has been a blessing. Although we knew that many Tuls families go back to the charter of HH, we did not realize that both Jack and HHCRC were born in 1950, and he may have been the last Tuls name still a member. An era has passed, but the foundations that were laid still endure. Friendships and church roots, yes, but praise God for the sure foundation of faith and hope laid by the Lord Jesus Christ. Jack had that faith and is now in the loving presence of his Savior.

Marcia Tuls Elgersma

Kristi Tuls Heuvelman

# *Faces in the Crowd*

## *Dave and Kate Klamer:*

Dave and Kate Klamer have 3 kids: Joshua, 6, Levi, 3 1/2, and Olivia, 3 months. Dave is an electrical engineer at Twistthink, LLC. Kate works in the Birth Center at Spectrum Health Zeeland Community Hospital. As a family, they enjoy visiting Kate's parents' cottage, outdoor activities and board games. At church, they are involved in a Life Group. Dave is a Deacon and the Assistant Treasurer, and is on the Finance Committee. Kate is on the Adult Discipleship Committee, helps in the nursery, Silent Praise, and sings on the Praise Team occasionally. Joshua and Levi are in Children's Worship, Friendship Circle and Koinonia.



## *Mike and Kaye Walburg*

Mike taught school for five years but retired as a letter carrier after 30 plus years. Kaye taught School for four years however, retired as a postal clerk after 25 years. They have 8 children, 17 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, 5 step grandsons and 6 step great grandchildren. They enjoy traveling, woodworking, needlepoint, counted cross stitch, and crocheting. Kaye even makes an afghan for each grandchild as they graduate from high school! They state, "We have felt truly blessed by many of the people of HHCRC. We can truly see the 'love of God' manifested."



## *Inspirational Sayings and Thoughts:*

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.

\_ Kent M. Keith

### *Walk With Me Today*

O' Lord, please walk with me today and hold my hand tight,

Take me to a serene and peaceful place and walk me into light.

Speak to me with your words of wisdom, love and undying hope.

For when I need your power, I will have the strength to cope.

Talk to me about this beautiful country and about the man soon to lead.

Speak to me about our leaders in congress and about all their greed.

Let them start putting our country first for that is why they're there.

And tell me Lord, what I can do and ask for in my nightly prayer.

In these days, how can anyone not believe, for you are every where?

You're in the flowers, in trees, you're throughout this atmosphere.

You are in our every hour of every day and all our pleading prayers.

So all we ever need to do is ask and you are always right there.

I'm grateful Lord, for giving me my parents with strong faith in you.

And for them sharing that faith with me which always got me through.

Also thank you Lord for my walk today, it strengthened me again.

And I know you'll always walk with me when I begin to bend.

-Bonnie May

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**-EDGE DINNER-February 18**

**-Heights Kids Breakfast and Derby Races-March 3**

**-All Church Skating Party-March 21 from 6-8 p.m.**

**-EDGE Trip-June 30-July 8**

**-VBS Week-July 16-20**