



# News From Holland

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## Chris' Corner

<sup>1</sup> *When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.*

<sup>2</sup> *Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:* <sup>3</sup> *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

**Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)**

**My family and I have been so blessed by each of you** at Holland United Methodist Church during our first few days here. We were blessed by those who came by the parsonage to welcome us and stayed to help unload boxes into the kitchen cabinets. We were blessed by those who welcomed us in worship, and following our first worship together. And *then* there was the “pounding!” **Thank you for blessing us so mightily.**

**The first few verses of Jesus’ “Sermon on the Mount”** in Matthew 5 are often called “**The Beatitudes.**” They are statements of how good and blessed we are when we live according to the ways of God. William Barclay says *“The blessedness which belongs to the Christian is not a blessedness which is postponed to some future world of glory; it is a blessedness which exists here and now. It is not something into which the Christian will enter; it is something into which he has entered.”*(Barclay's Daily Study Bible)

**I want to thank you** for your part in allowing my family to enter into the blessing of serving as your pastoral family. **We are excited** about what God is already doing through you and in you. **We look forward to seeing what God will do** as we join you in the work and ministry of God’s church.

**With Grace & Shalom Peace,**  
**Chris Hughes (for the whole Hughes family)**

## Sermons and Scriptures

Date	Scripture	Sermon Title
July 3	Matthew 11:16-30	“Becoming Yokefellows”
July 10	Matthew 13:1-23	“No Respector of Soil”
July 17	Matthew 13:24-30	“Willy Wonka’s Weeds”
July 24	Matthew 13:31-35	“But I Have So Little...”
July 31	Matthew 14:31-21	“What Do We Bring To The Table?”

### **Cowboy Church Ministry**

Our service will be Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the Hegar's. We will be having sausage wraps. All families are asked to bring cookies. Steve Stiles, Noel Lovelette and his band and possibly The Rich's are coming. Brandon Spinn will come also if he is in town. This will be the Hughes first one so let's support it well. Bring someone who has never been. It is a great ministry.

### **WWC - Willing Working Crafters**

The drawing for the calico puff quilt will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Chances for winning this wonderful creation are available from Kassa, Patsy, Matea, Mary or Kathy.

Kathy Hegar

### **Camping News**

The second campout for this year is scheduled for Friday, July 15 thru Sunday, July 17, 2005 at Turkey Roost at Cedar Ridge on Belton Lake. Please begin bringing supplies like paper goods, plastic ware and other things we may need. Put the dates on your calendar. Kassa

### **Snow Cone Anyone?**

As most of you know many of our church members spent a very hot day selling snow cones at the Holland Corn Festival on June 18<sup>th</sup>. We raised about \$500 for the Church. Special thanks to Mike and Melany Cearley for setting up everything and for the snow cone equipment.

### **UMW NEWS**

We will be meeting again in September. See Roberta Petrie if you would like to join this group.

### **Personals**

Congratulations to Corey Jett's baseball team the Panthers for winning second place in their division. They will be headed to the playoffs the week of July 18<sup>th</sup>. Yea Panthers!

## Judy's News

- **LUNCHEON:** The monthly luncheon will be held on Wednesday, the 29th of June at Dynasty. Everyone is welcome and the buffet is wonderful with Chinese and American food. Be there at 11:30 A.M. and join in the fun and fellowship. The July luncheon will be at the same place and time on July 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **A Request from Steve and Tana:** They have misplaced a palm tree that was in a box that may have gotten into the garage sale items. If you purchased the palm tree they will reimburse you the amount you paid. Contact Betty Jett or Steve via email at [preachersteve@sbcglobal.net](mailto:preachersteve@sbcglobal.net)
- **MDA:** Three church members are raising money for Muscular Dystrophy this year. All three have agreed to be locked up for Jerry's kids as a way to raise funds to send the kids to camp. Let's support this as best we can. Judy, June, and Coleman will be in lock up on July 14th.
- **Love Offerings:** June Stewart presented the church with a \$1,000 love offering in memory of her daughter, Diane Johnson, and in appreciation to Pastor Steve and Judy for all the support they gave during this troubled time. Judy presented \$100 love offering from the song, "When Jesus Is In The House".
- **UMW:** The UMW is buying supplies for the Waco Methodist Children's Home. We will welcome any other donations. They are asking for three hole loose-leaf paper (wide ruled), pens (blue and black), three hole spiral notebooks (wide ruled), multicolored paper or plastic folders with pockets and 3 prongs, construction paper, poster board (all colors and sizes), and markers (water-proof preferably, both wide and fine tips). We need to hand these in by July 15th.

## Upcoming Events

**June**

**26<sup>th</sup>**

**Cowboy Church @ 5:00 pm**

**29<sup>th</sup>**

**Luncheon @ Dynasty in Temple @ 11:30 am**

**July**

**9<sup>th</sup>**

**Cub Scout's Pinewood Derby in Temple**

**13<sup>th</sup>**

**Prayer Circle @ 12:30 pm @ Fellowship Hall**

**15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**

**Campout @ Turkey Roost**

**17<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Services at Turkey Roost @ 9:00 am**

**27<sup>th</sup>**

**Luncheon @ Dynasty in Temple @ 11:30 am**