



HOLMES HERALD

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Please join us on
Sunday mornings for...

May 2026

Adult Forum:

9:15 AM

Children's Sunday School:

10:30 AM

Traditional worship service:

10:30 AM



Sunday, May 10th, is Mother's Day. Holmes Church is grateful for the opportunity to support the mother's role in the family unit and recognizes the

women of our congregation as one of our greatest treasures. We are thankful for their faith, strength, and leadership and recognize the important contributions made by the women of this congregation.

To recognize this day, the Deacons will be holding a Mother's Day luncheon following worship. During worship on this day, we will be joined by the children/youth in our church. Please take some time to recognize the women of the church, enjoy some refreshments and also greet our youth.

Our summer worship and Sunday School schedule begins Sunday, June 7th and continues through August 30th

Worship begins at **10:00 AM** instead of

10:30 AM. Worship will resume at 10:30am on September 6th. Children's programming is available during worship for students K-5.





KIDS STUFF 2026

Celebrating 34 years of sharing the world of musical theater!!!
Join us this August for the best eight days of your Summer!!!!

DATES: August 4th thru the 13th

TIME: 9:30AM - Noon

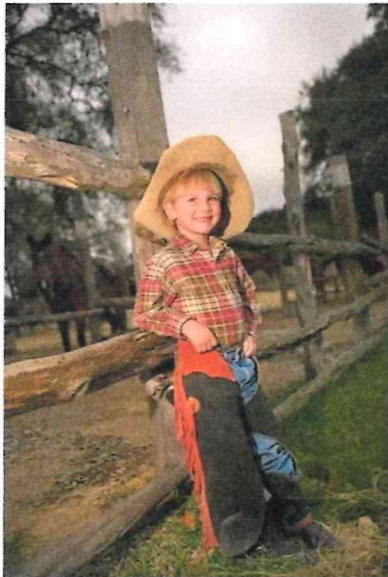
LOCATION: Holmes Presbyterian Church

WHO: 3rd thru 8th graders with an interest in theater arts

For Details and Cost: send contact info to

suziwaldie3@gmail.com

Camp size is limited, so don't delay!



CATCH THE SPIRIT AT TRINITY RANCH

Where is Trinity Ranch you ask and how do I catch the "Spirit"?

These questions can only be answered during our Vacation Bible School, June 22-26 from 9:00-11:30am.

There will be more information forthcoming but please mark you calendars now. It's a great time that the kids won't want to miss.

**Growing up this hung on one of the walls of my home. To all the mother's who feel
"mean" you are doing a great job! Happy Mother's Day!**

The Meanest Mother in the World

*"I had the meanest mother in the world.
While other kids had candy for breakfast, I had to eat cereal, eggs, and toast.
While other kids had cakes and candy for lunch, I had a sandwich.
As you can guess, my dinner was different from other kids' dinners, too.
My mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times.
You'd think we were on a chain gang or something.
She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing.
I'm ashamed to admit it, but she actually had the nerve
to break the child labor law. She made us work.
We had to wash dishes, make the beds and learn how to cook.
That woman must have stayed awake nights thinking up things
for us kids to do. And she insisted that we tell the truth,
the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.
By the time we were teenagers, she was much wiser
and our life became more unbearable.
None of this tooting the car horn for us to come running;
she embarrassed us to no end by insisting that friends
come to the door to get us.
I forgot to mention that most of our friends were allowed to date
at the mature age of 12 or 13, but our old fashioned Mother refused
to let us date until we were 15. She really raised a bunch of squares.
None of us were ever arrested for shoplifting or busted for dope.
And who do we have to thank for that? You're right, our mean mother.

I'm trying to raise my children to stand a little straighter and taller
and I am secretly tickled to pieces when my children call me mean.
I thank God for giving me the meanest Mother in the world.
Our country doesn't need a good five cent cigar.
It needs more mean Mothers like mine."*

-Author: Bobbie Pingaro.

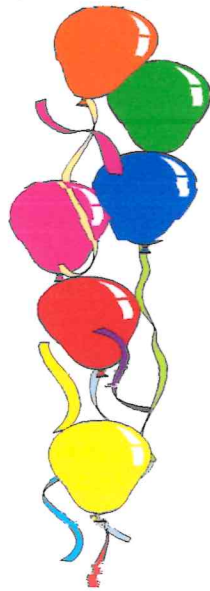
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to...

- 2 Mrs. Debbie Oliver
- 3 Ms. Suzie Waldie
- 26 Mrs. Barbara Zimmerman

Happy Anniversary to...

- 7 Lisa and Ed Taylor



50 days after Easter (Resurrection Sunday) the Christian Church observes Pentecost. Please join us as we celebrate the Birthday of the church with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on May 24th.



On May 7th, Holmes Church will be observing the National Day of Prayer. The Sanctuary will be open for prayer from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come to the Sanctuary during these hours and offer prayers for our nation. (Use Holmes Road door).

We remember

MEMORIAL DAY



More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating

the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.

Holmes church is grateful for the sacrifices made by our military and their families to keep us safe and maintain our freedoms. We remember those who gave their lives for this cause and pray for the families and friends they have left behind.



It's Spring and that can only mean one thing...Graduation! If you have a graduate you wish to have recognized in the newsletter, please submit all information to the church office by May 25th.



April 7, 2026

Holmes Presbyterian Church
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The 2025 year has ended, and what a year it was – often turbulent and troubling. We were uncertain much of the time, not knowing what tomorrow would bring. But an encouraging trend for the pantry was the way the people of Delaware County (and beyond) came together – individuals, groups, churches, schools, organizations, businesses – donating their time, food, and money to help their neighbors. Your donations enabled us to serve over 5,300 residents last year, many of them for the very first time. Those of us who work at the pantry are grateful for the support of everyone who helped.

Your church's giving totaling 608 pounds of food (much of it from the garden) was a tremendous boost to our resources allowing us to provide a variety items to our families. Your generosity and caring is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

Lana Lindenmuth

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This year the Deacons are focusing their Mother's Day mission on the residents of Mothers' Home. Mothers' Home is a residential shelter in Darby which houses up to 28 women during their pregnancy and the first 6 months after their babies are born. The facility provides hope and support for young adult women who choose life for their unborn child despite rejection, abandonment, and ongoing obstacles. The goal is for the residents to become independent young women and caring mothers. This is achieved through counseling, classes and various support services. Collection will end on May 3rd.

Seizing Holy Opportunities



In Holy Moments, Matthew Kelly discusses the world's need for more small (but sometimes large) instances of people caring for others, cultivating joy, encouragement and love instead of anger, envy, fear. Kelly defines a Holy Moment as "a single moment in which you open yourself to God. ... You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is telling you to do."

This may mean mowing the lawn for a neighbor with a broken leg, praising a child on his artwork, buying a surprise snack for someone having a bad day, working extra shifts for a coworker with cancer so she can receive her full salary while out sick, paying for the next car's drive-thru order. Anyone can create a Holy Moment, because you don't need special skills, position or wealth. "If you want to see miracles, make yourself available to God," Kelly suggests.

He adds that God has a track record of collaborating with "the most unlikely people to make amazing things happen, and now He wants to collaborate with you." When we're open to God's leading, holy opportunities abound. And we will experience as much joy as the ones to whom we show care.

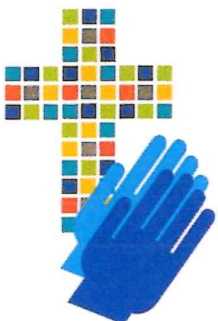
Grateful for Those Who Gave All

We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave "the last full measure of devotion" for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



A prayer for roots



O God, we thirst for you, as dry tree roots thirst for water in hot, dusty soil. Help us send spiritual roots down deep into the grace and knowledge of the One who is the same yesterday and today and forever, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who gives us stability when the earth shakes and the storms of life swirl about us.

Rooted and grounded in your love, and strengthened and comforted by your grace and your Spirit who gives us hope, may we be steadfast and immovable in the work Christ gives us to do, until he comes again. Amen.

May

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