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Pastor's Note

When you first came to Highlawn Presbyterian, what was it that drew you here? Was it a sincere invitation from a friend or family member who attended? Was it the warm welcome from fellow worshippers – once strangers who became friends? Was it beautiful music or inspiring preaching? Was it the church's commitment to care for our community?

Highlawn Presbyterian Church is blessed to have so much to offer. When you think back over your time at HPC, whether it be one year or 20 years, chances are your church has played a significant role in your life. And the church has been able to provide so much wonderful ministry because of your generous giving. And for that generosity, we say thank you. So many people would not have received these blessings without your financial support.

As we look toward 2027, we are once again asking that you commit your support to the church. Take a moment and look at what you have given over the last few years and ask God if that is what you are being called to give in the future. Will you continue to faithfully support the church in the next year? Is God asking you to give even more generously?

We are asking everyone to submit their pledge cards on Nov. 8 (or before). Asking for an estimate of what will be coming into the church is not a sign of a lack of faith, but instead a sign of our faith in God to provide and help us plan. When we know approximately what we can expect, then we are able to better plan our budgets for ministry, expenses, and personnel.

Where does the money go? Your financial support goes to support the work of our church: paying our staff, taking care of our building, purchasing supplies and curriculum for our children, and providing for our neighbors in need.

Who will know how much money I give? Only the Treasurer and the Chair of the Finance Committee know what each person pledges. The pastor doesn't know. The session members do not know.

Many organizations appeal to you every year, needing your money in order to continue their worthy causes. What makes the church any different from the appeal made by the United Way, the City Mission, Habitat for Humanity? The difference is that even if our church had all the money it ever needed, we would still ask you to give. We would ask you to give because that is part of our calling as Christians. God's people are told to give back to God part of what has been given to us. So, we give out of faithfulness. We give because we have been given to.

Highlawn Presbyterian is a church of loving hearts and busy hands. We want to keep that mission alive for as long as God allows. We are able to do that through your financial and spiritual gifts. When you give financially, and of your time and gifts, we are able to keep giving to our community. Please complete your pledge card and bring it with you to worship on Nov. 8. You are also welcome to mail it in, or submit your pledge online. www.highlawnpc.org

We have been so blessed by your faithfulness in the past and look forward to what God will do in and through each one of us in the future.

— Rev Sharon Bell

Highlawn Presbyterian - on a mission

October was a busy one in the Blessings Room, so I will try to hit the highlights!
We packed up 30 pillows in red, white and blue 'Made with Love' pillowcases for the Veterans Home. We had quite a number of gently used books, magazines and DVDs to send along as well. They are always delighted with our gifts.
If you have any of these items to donate, we save them all year long to be delivered near Veterans Day.

Thank you to Jacqui for bringing to our attention our ongoing Aluminum Can Drive. Money received for Aluminum cans goes into the purchase of items for the Blessings Room. We also have cans outside of the kitchen for collecting tin cans, paper, glass and plastic bottles and jugs; only to be recycled.

Early in the month, Harmony House posted that they had a mother who needed some items for her 12 month old baby girl. We had many of the things she needed already in the Blessings Room. We sent a baby blanket, diapers, wipes, ointment, baby wash, a diaper bag, sippy cups, towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste, a teddy bear and other toys. Most of these items were new.

We delivered a large box of much needed winter clothing to Harmony House including coats, jackets, flannel shirts, sweatshirts, jeans, and belts. We accept these items in the Blessings Room all year long and store until cold weather hits. They will need this type of clothing all winter long and are in need of men's jeans and underwear all year long.
Similar items are needed for women as well, but not as many as for the men.

We had two Packing Parties last month, and filled all 50 of our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!
We plan to take those to a Drop-off location on Monday, November 16th.

Next up, Christmas Stockings for the Salvation Army! We could use some stocking stuffers for kids such as Coloring Books, Matchbox Cars, Yoyos, Rubicks Cubes, puzzles, craft kits, small toys, hats and gloves.

We do still need some stockings stitched up. Once we get all of those completed and on/under the Mission Tree, we should be in good shape.

We will fill Salvation Army Stockings for Seniors after the November Circle Meeting on November 12th.
Some ideas for those are Puzzle Books, Flashlights, Night Lights, both Red and Green Starlight Mints.

Watch for more Stocking Stuffing Party dates this month.



Nancy Esther, Mission Committee

If you have questions for Mission, please contact Nancy.

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Cleaning Supplies
Twin Bed Sheets
Diapers (size 4 & 5)
Blankets
Toilet Paper

These are the items most needed for November donations to the Harmony House Rapid Re-Housing Program. Workers have suggested these items, especially noting cleaning supplies. Also, the day shelter needs warm clothing for clients as the cooler days and nights have arrived.

Harmony House staff is, as always, quite appreciative of the many items that Highlawn Presbyterian Church delivers a couple times each month. They share how this makes such a difference in the lives of these individuals and families when they are housed.

Our re-housing mission is always seeking furniture and other housekeeping items. These donations may be new or gently-used and clean. Donations may be brought to the church and left in the wagon display in the Narthex or on the Harmony House table in the Blessings Room. If anyone has furniture or other items too large to bring to church, Harmony House will schedule a pick-up at your home. You may contact Linda Hansen (304-421-0860), and she will help make the arrangement to pick items up at your home. Some of our church members prefer donating money, for one of the Mission Committee members to shop for the needed items each month.

For any questions about this community mission, you may speak with any member of the Mission Committee or Herb Myers, chairperson of the committee.

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



Pumpkin Palooza!





Harmony House donations









Pillows for Veterans



NOVEMBER SERMONS

NOV. 1 GPS: PARTICIPATING
COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

NOV. 8 GPS: SERVING - COMMITMENT SUNDAY
1 PETER 4:7-11

NOV. 15 GUEST PREACHER: JIM MUSGRAVE, ALP

NOV. 22 THANKFUL FOR THE KING
PSALM 95:1-7A; JOHN 18:33-37

NOV. 29 HOPE - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Hanging of The Greens

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND FOR
HANGING OF THE GREENS, AS WE
DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!



Fruiting of the Table

On Sunday, November 22nd we will be having our Fruiting of the Table offering. We ask that you bring bags of apples, oranges, potatoes, carrots, or any fresh fruit or vegetables to be donated to New Baptist food pantry to be distributed on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Thank you for your generous donations!



December Events

2 Crocs and Carols
HHS Choir will perform

12 Renessaince Concert
7:30 PM

20 Joy Gift event

24 Christmas Eve Service

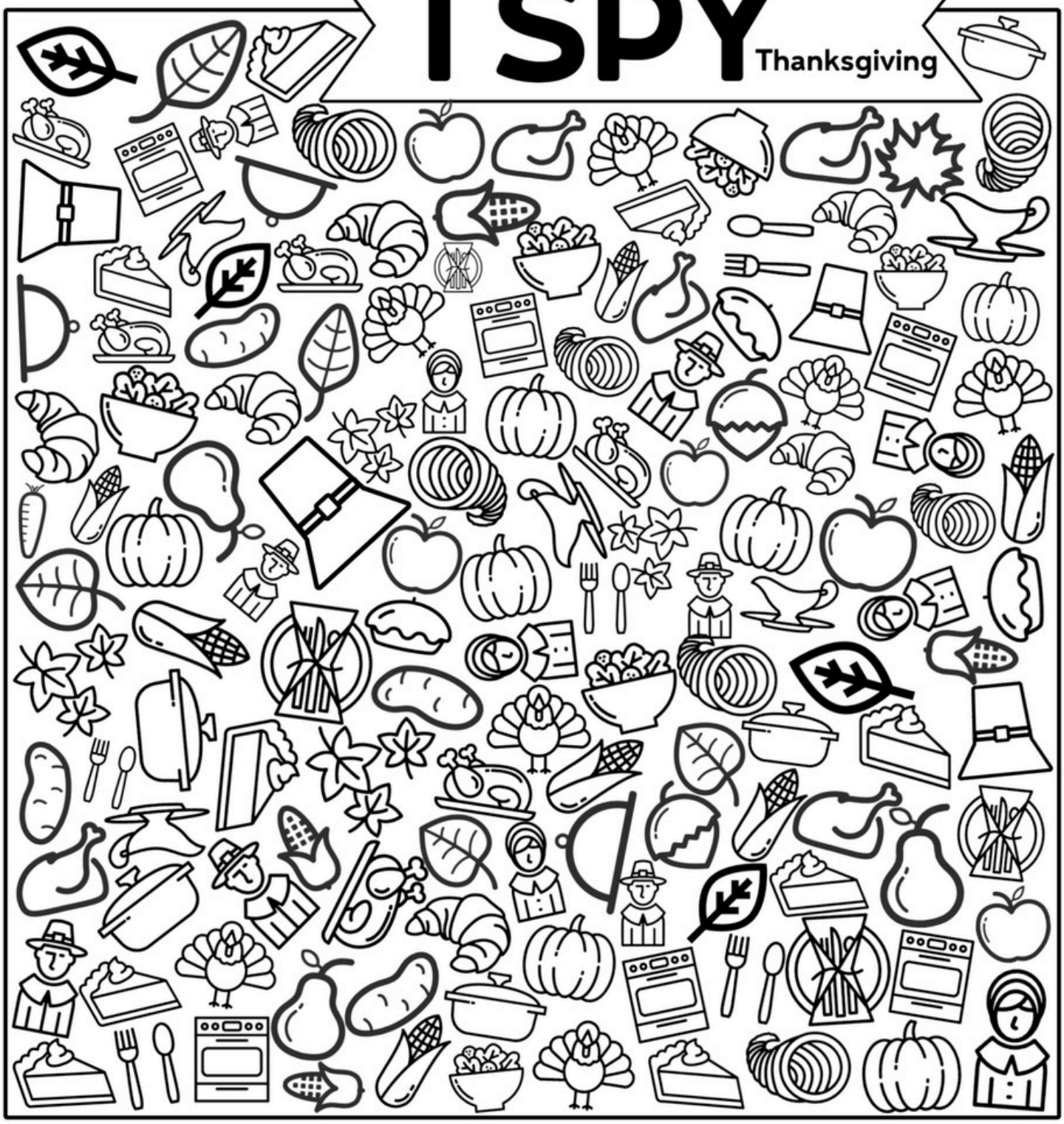
Happy Birthday

11/3 Julian McComas
11/4 Milano McComas
11/7 Sarah Lovejoy
11/8 Linda Beegle
11/11 Noha Khoury-Bailey
11/12 Jenny New
11/15 Margie Bauer
11/18 Donna Lamp
Teresa Williams
11/21 Doug Weight
11/23 Jim Musgrave
11/30 Jim Noel

Happy Anniversary

11/16 Sarah Beth & Jeff Clark
11/20 Libby & David Haught

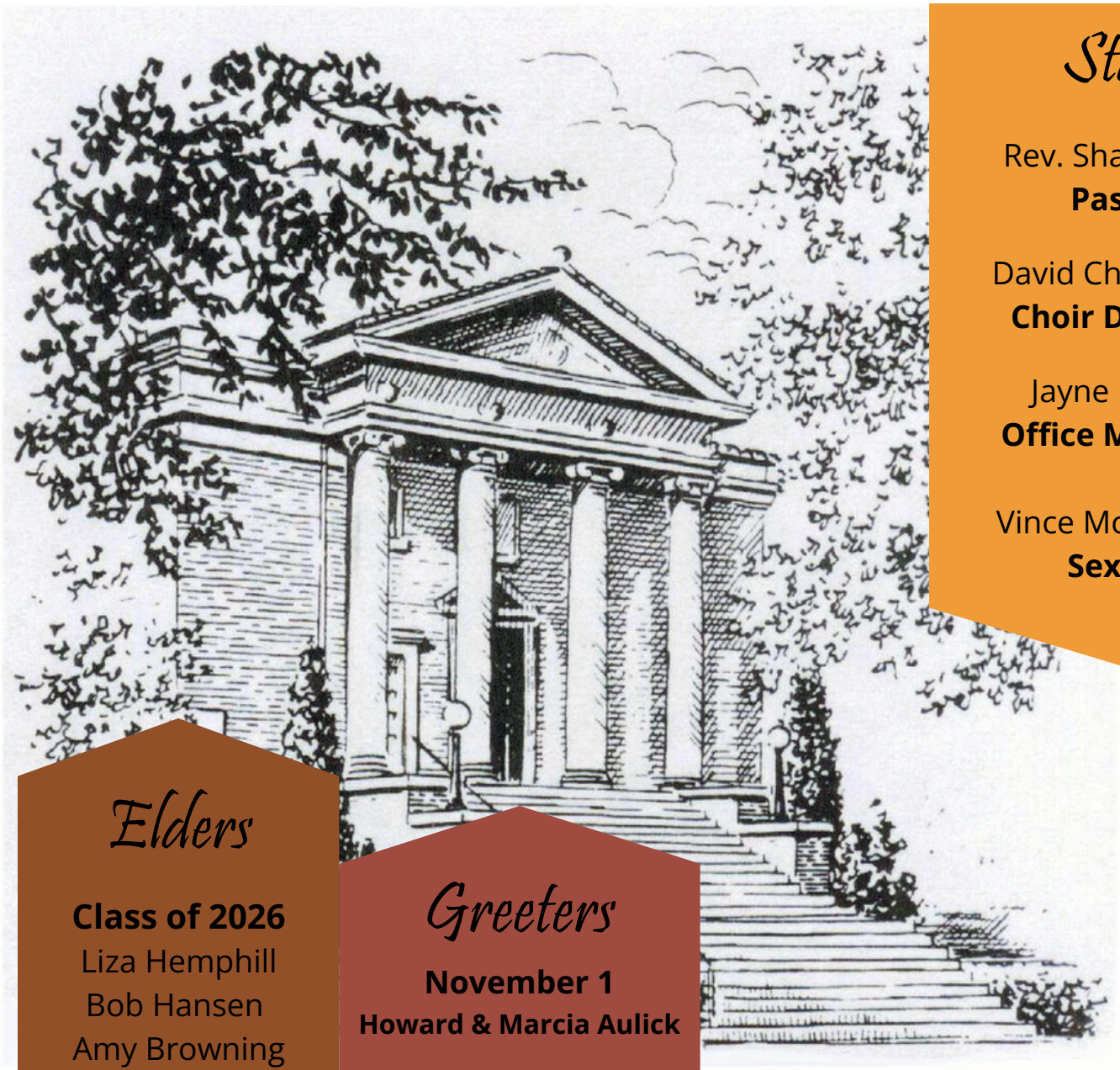
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