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Pastor's Note

For many of us, this has been a rough winter. There has been snow... and ice... and more ice... and more snow. (And who knows? There may be more to come!) We had to cancel church all together once, have virtual worship twice, and it just seems like winter is really trying to keep us from our regular activities. And it's no coincidence that as we head into March, we are in the season of Lent. Lent is historically a time for reflection, repentance, and fasting. But, this year, along with our repentance, we are recognizing the good news during Lent. As we enter into March, we are aware of the ways that Winter is trying to hold us back – much in the same way as evil, hardships, and bad news try to keep us from living the abundant life.

During Lent this year, we are getting back to the basics – the Good News of Jesus. In a time when we are all desperate to hear a little good news, it is refreshing to be reminded that the gospel is Good. We are looking at the ways of Jesus – the central themes that Jesus talked about, preached about, and lived out. We are being reminded that when the angel proclaimed that Christ's birth was “good news of great joy for all the people”, that joy didn't end after Christmas. We are now living out that good news.

Join us each Sunday in Lent for this special series and hear about the good news again and again!

— *Rev Sharon Bell*

Highlawn Presbyterian - on a mission

Even when we could not meet in person, we were working on mission projects. We collected 100 Blankets for Highlawn Elementary Snuggle Up and Read event and 27 winter coats for kids to be donated to Children's Home Society at a later time.

We put together an order/delivery to Harmony House for requested cold weather needs, 140 pairs of socks, hand warmers, coffee, hot chocolate and 6 water proof tarps. We also made an in person delivery from the Blessings Room to Harmony House of 20 hats, 16 blankets, 3 pairs of boots, a new pair of tennis shoes, a coat, a sleeping bag, sleeping bag liner, 3 cutting boards with paring knives and a few dishes and toiletries.

Twice a year we send new items to Children's Home Society so that Foster children have items that belong to them. Duffle Bags give Foster kids dignity, so they don't need to pack their belongings in trash bags. Hoodies are the favorite item of clothing for teens and tweens. Foster kids can be up to 17 years old. When children in need are asked what gift they would like to receive, the most common answer is, a Blanket of their own. Pillows with pillowcases made with love are comfort items that children can take with them when they move from one situation to another.

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We already have the blankets and pillows. We have Pillow Case Kits in the glass foyer for sewers to take home and complete. This month/ March we are collecting Duffle Bags and Hoodies in sizes Adult S, M, L. I am finding Duffle Bags for about \$12 and \$15 for Hoodies on Amazon. I will be placing an order later in the month if anyone is interesting in joining me.

-Nancy Estler, Mission Committee





Tell me
something
good

Grounding ourselves in
the good news this Lent



As we continue to celebrate the good news during this season of Lent, we would love for you to join us in the sharing of good news! The green paper leaves pictured hanging on the cross in the sanctuary will be available to you on the table where you get your bulletin each Sunday. Take a leaf, write your good news on it, and tape it to the cross! This is a wonderful way to share YOUR good news with the congregation each week.

Updates and Announcements

A thank you from our friends at New Baptist church and Food Pantry:

Dear Friends,

The food pantry at New Baptist Church is very thankful for your continued support of this ministry to feed people in need.

Your people at Highlawn Presbyterian are so faithful to support this ministry. Together, we are helping to make it possible for families to be properly fed. What a joy to work together in feeding the hungry, as Jesus asked us to do! May God richly bless each and every one of you.

Love and Thanks,

New Baptist Food Pantry

Linda Cummings (Secretary)

The Fire Side Chat with Betty Barrett that was originally scheduled for January 31st has been rescheduled and is now taking place on **March 14th at 2pm** in The Hampton Room at Woodlands Retirement Community.

There will be a reception afterwards.



Happy Birthday

- 3/1 Glenn Stotts
Leigh Ann Adkins
- 3/24 Mike Hager
- 3/3 Mackenzie Barbera
- 3/12 Marcia Aulick
- 3/14 John Schurman
Sally lowe
Alice Browning
- 3/17 David Chenoweth
- 3/20 David Specht
- 3/21 Denise Parks
Tiffany Barbera
- 3/22 Missy Nash
- 3/23 Rochelle Bragan

Happy Anniversary

- 3/9 Tiffany & Michael Barbera

St. Patrick's Day

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the following St. Patrick's Day words

HACRM



CHREELPNUA



SOKARMCH



RIPNSG



OOD PF OLTG



RWOIANB



REGNE



UCLYK

ERINADL



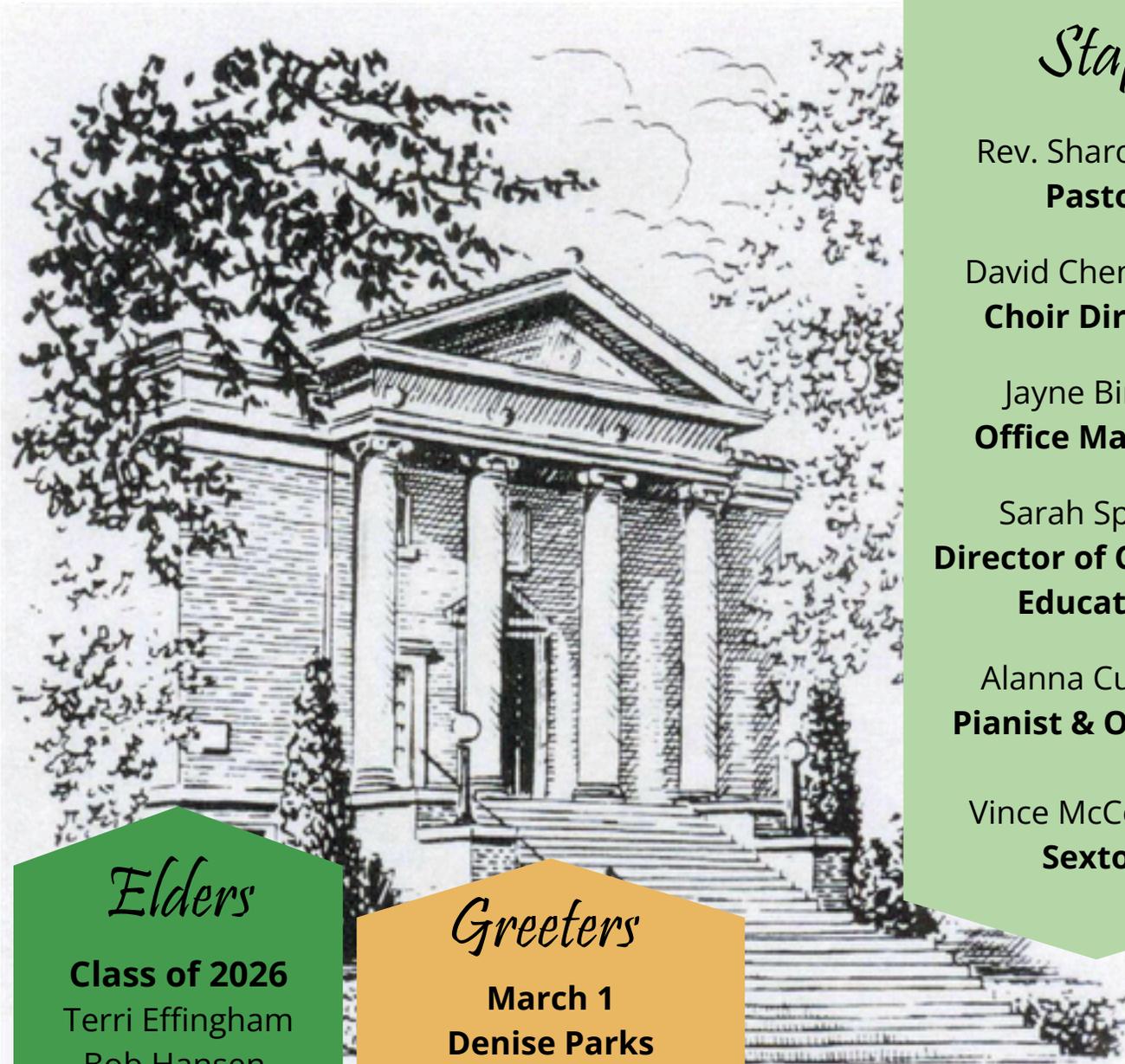
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Class of 2026

Terri Effingham
Bob Hansen
Amy Browning

Class of 2027

Carla Lapelle
Jane Armstrong
Jim Lamp

Class of 2028

Herb Myers
Pam Curtis
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March 1
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March 8
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March 15
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March 22
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March 29
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