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Highlawn Presbyterian

September 2025

Pastor's Note

For everything there is a season.

Have you noticed how stores start putting out Fall decorations by the second week of August? This last week of August has been unseasonably cool, and it has us longing for hayrides, hoodies, and homecoming games. However, it is common for us to see Fall items in the stores while we are still poolside; Christmas items are on display as soon as school starts, and so on. It's tempting, isn't it? When it is still so warm so much of the time, we start to long for those cooler days and even cooler nights.

We are ready to be done with the heat and move on to the next season. Bring on the Pumpkin Spice! It's part of human nature to be eager for the next season. The next season on the calendar year, and the next season of our lives. We have a hard time living in the middle of the season in which we find ourselves. Whether it is a season of transition, of grief, of stability, or even of joy, we seem to go through each season wondering when it will be over. What will come next? What is around the corner?

The writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us that for everything there is a season. "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven..." (Ecc. 3:1). These ancient words remind us not to rush through the season of life in which we find ourselves.



Perhaps there are lessons to be learned in this season of life. Or maybe God is wanting to use you to bless others during this season. Or maybe, God is just wanting you to lean on him, to grow in your trust of him, and learn to depend on him so that you will be certain of his presence with you in the next season of your life. Whatever season you may find yourself in, try not to rush through it. Before you know it, the next season will be upon us. Let us be present in each season of our lives, and save those Pumpkin Spice Lattes for a few more weeks!

— *Rev Sharon Bell*





Misty Golden, Harmony House Rapid Re-Housing Director, has notified us of several needs for the month of September. Needed items include **personal hygiene items (body wash, shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant), toilet paper, paper towels, can openers, and plastic cups**. Several of these items are continuing needs from last month, but remain in short supply right now.

Harmony House very much appreciates our donations for re-housing and the clothing and shoes for the day shelter. Other items donated this past month include a small television, two toilet seats, small rugs, plastic hangers, a trash can and kitchen supplies. New underwear and socks are always needed by their clients. They also very much appreciate donations of water during the hot spells of weather.

Items for donation may be brought to the church and placed in the "wagon display" in the Narthex or taken to the Blessings Room, and placed on the Harmony House table. If anyone is downsizing or replacing pieces of furniture or has other large items to donate, Harmony House is able to pick up from your home. For a furniture pickup or other questions about donations, please contact Linda Hansen to assist with pickup plans. For any other questions about this mission, please speak with any member of the Mission Committee, Howard Aulick, chairperson.



— *Mission Committee*



Harmony House August has been a busy month! We made additional donations to the Family of 7 we adopted in July. There were crib, high chair, toy box, collapsible storage boxes, books, toys, new and used clothing, diapers, wipes, baby shampoo and ointment. Also all kinds of cleaning products, hand soap, dishes, glasses and steak knives, cutting board and knife, sheets, baby blanket, hammer, duct tape were donated.

When 2 additional Harmony House **rehoused families** with children turned into 8 families with 18 school age children and several toddlers, we switched into high gear to have children supplied with school needs before the first day of school. We donated 18 book bags stuffed with school supplies according to age level, water bottles, tooth brush and stuffed animals. A variety of hygiene and cleaning items, baby blanket, diapers, baby needs and nice toddler toys were added for families as needed. Each family also received blankets and pillows with our signature handmade pillow cases.

We sent the **Harmony House Day Shelter** shoes and socks, shorts, T shirts, sun hats and a small water cooler jug.

As always generous donations were sent to **Children's Home Society of WV** this month. We sent 4 boxes of men's dress clothing, 3 large bags of bedding for kids, a bag of beautiful gently used stuffed animals, lunch boxes and a duffle bag. Also donated were lots of books and a great collection of National Geographics, toddler toys with fresh batteries and lots of clothing for kids and toddlers, some with tags still on them.



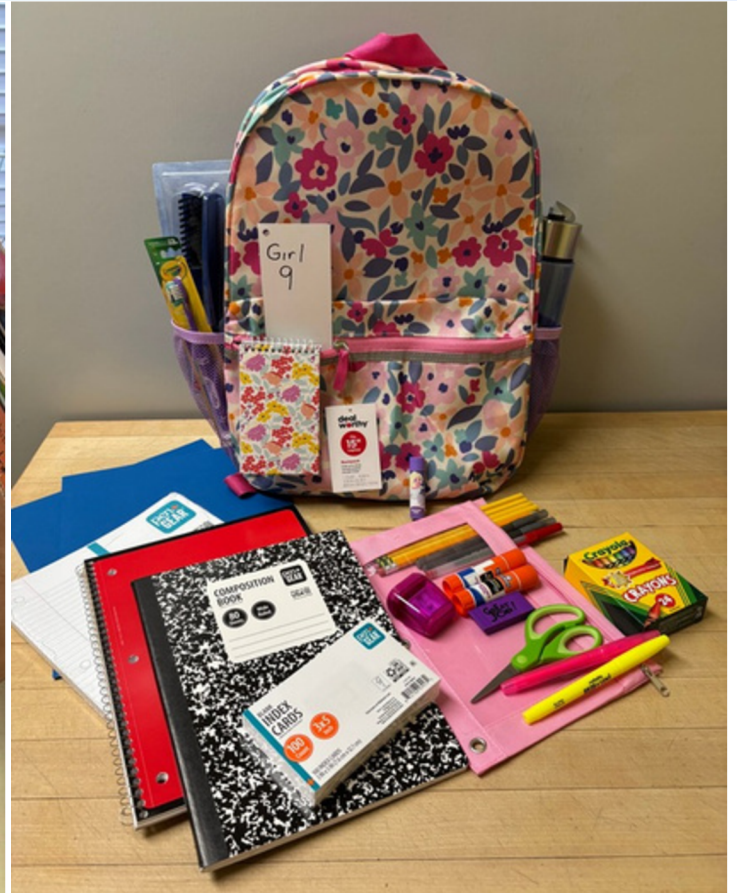
A shopping bag and 2 dress bags full of nice clothing were sent to **Dress for Success**. As you clean your closets remember, they need clothing for working women in all kinds of jobs, including scrubs in a variety of sizes

Blessings Room After donating to all those families this month we are in need of more pillow cases if anyone is willing to do some sewing. There may be a few kits left, but many of those prepared have already been assembled and given away. We were gifted more fabric. See Nancy or Linda H if you would like to get some fabric to work on. We need to switch our attention to shoeboxes and stockings. Small toys for these are always appreciated. Please don't get burned out on making donations. Respond only to those projects that speak to you and fit your budget.

We donated 2 book bags and a substantial supply of school items to both the **City Mission** and **Children's Home Society** for children in our community. Generous donations have allowed us to make all these donations and restock the Blessings Room with school supplies for future needs. Organizations receiving our donations are always so appreciative our help. **Thank You.**



— *Nancy Estler*



**THANK
YOU!**



RALLY DAY!

September 7, 2025

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

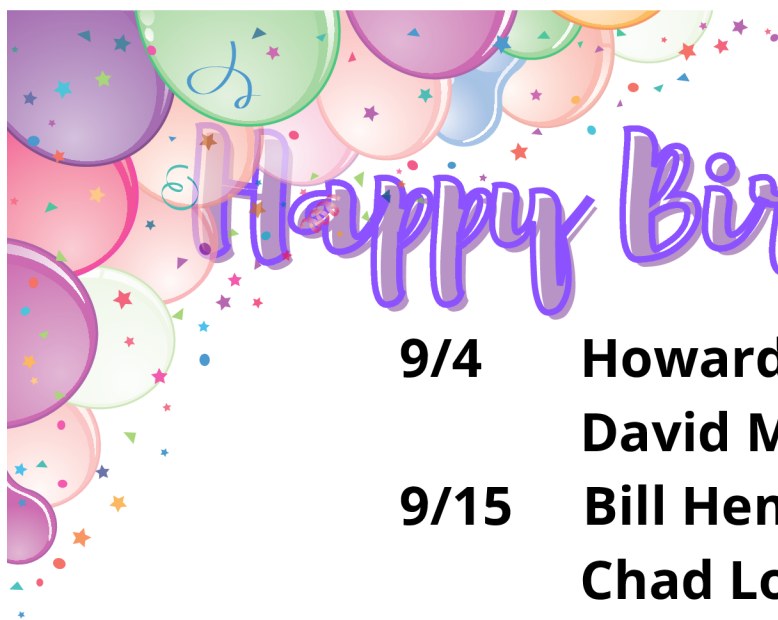
***12:00 Rally Day Picnic
(Following Worship)***



EVERYONE
is welcome here!



**Highlawn Presbyterian Women's Circle
Begins Thursday, September 11th at
1pm & 7pm**



Happy Birthday

9/4 **Howard Aulick**
David Meadows

9/15 **Bill Hemphill**
Chad Lovejoy

9/17 **Connie Musgrave**

9/21 **Amy Browning**

9/23 **Diana Stotts**

9/24 **Jeff Clark**

9/25 **Laura Workman**
Patty Meadows

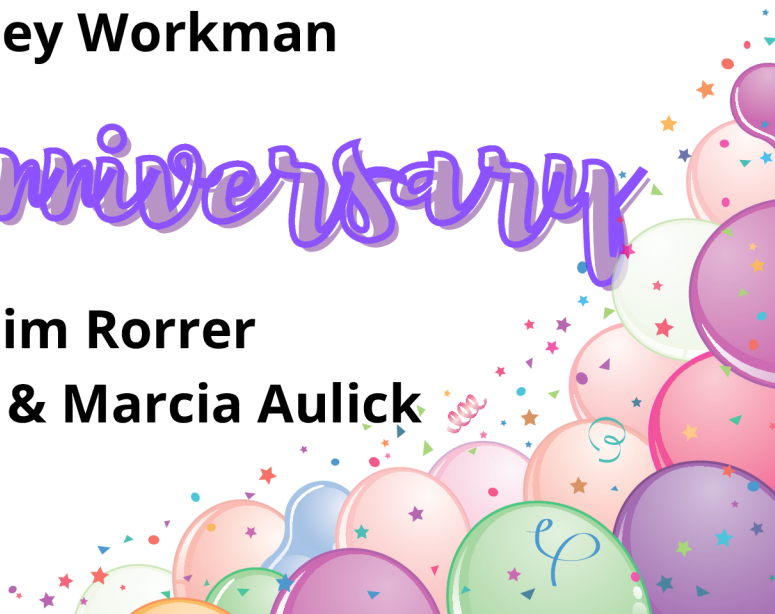
9/26 **Jane Armstrong**

9/29 **Bob Hansen**
Haley Workman

Happy Anniversary

9/3 **Trish & Jim Rorrer**

9/7 **Howard & Marcia Aulick**



Church Picnic September 7th Following Worship

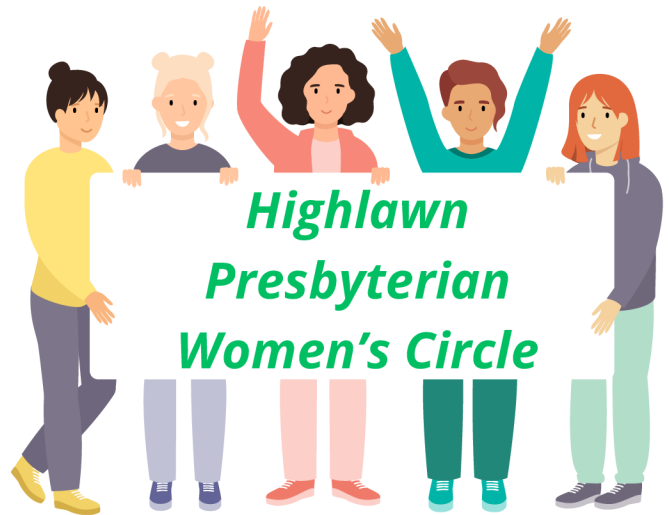


Church will provide fried chicken
and drinks. Please bring your
favorite side dish to share.
Make sure to bring your lawn chair.



Monday, September 1st

Come To Me..
I Will Give You Rest.
Matthew 11:28



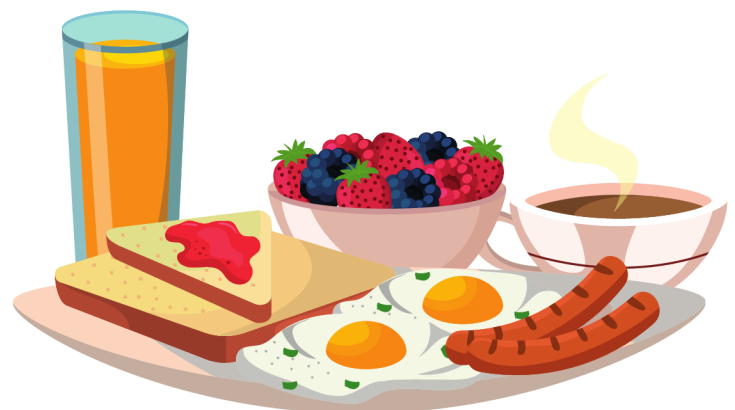
September 11th
1pm & 7pm
Fellowship Hall

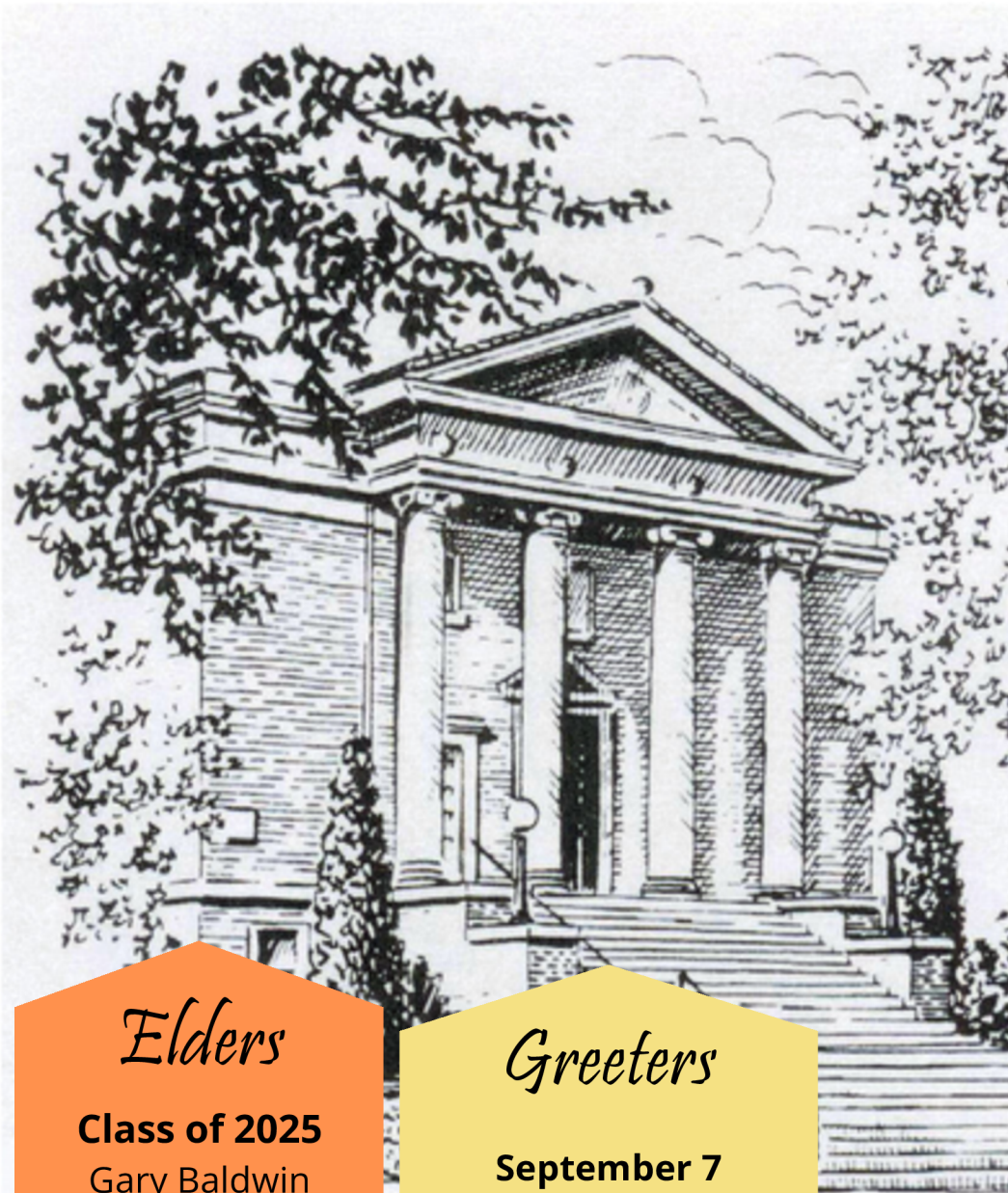
Session Meeting
Thursday, September 18th
6pm



Men's
Breakfast

September 27th
8:30am





Elders

Class of 2025

Gary Baldwin
Pam Curtis
Howard Aulick

Class of 2026

Terri Effingham
Bob Hansen
Amy Browning

Class of 2027

Carla Lapelle
Jane Armstrong
Jim Lamp

Greeters

September 7

Missy Nash &
Grayson Bell

September 14

Sam Bauserman

September 21

Patty Meadows

September 28

The McComas Family

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Rev. Sharon Bell
Pastor

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