

# *The Highline Connection*

*Highline Christian Church*  
*Touched by Jesus to Touch Others' Lives*  
*Experience God's Touch*

November 2006

## THANKSGIVING EVE



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Wednesday,  
November 22  
7:00 P.M.

Location to  
Be Announced

Dessert  
Social Following

## A Community of Thanks

I have been praying with other pastors in Burien for over two years now. The result has been a sense of unity and community beyond the walls of any particular congregation. Together we want to see Jesus lifted up. We pray for each other's congregations and earnestly desire to see God use "The Church of Burien" to change lives through the gospel.

- Our congregations have come together for evenings of prayer on a couple of occasions.
- We have sponsored an area wide youth rally at the PAC (with the youth pastors working together).
- We have joined hearts and hands when Katrina hit to help those in the Gulf Coast.
- We have had a "leaders prayer night" where elders/leaders of the various churches met for prayer.
- We are planning to bring a nationally known speaker to lead a CHRIST COLLEGE for all of us in the spring.

What about Thanksgiving? What a natural place to join together with other believers in Burien.

So this year our **Thanksgiving Eve service** will be held in conjunction with other Christians in the Burien community. **The 7:00 service** (on Wednesday, November 22nd), will be followed by a dessert social. **Keep your eyes and ears open for the location** -- it will be announced soon!



BUILDING UP...

REACHING OUT

## What's Happening With The New Building?

**In the Worship Center:** Installation of the fire sprinkler system is almost complete. There are still quite a few inspections and little- and medium-sized tasks to be completed before sheet-rocking can begin. This will be a major milestone and we're currently targeting it for the first of November. Our volunteer electrician team has continued to put in a lot of hours wiring the building. If you aren't an electrician, you would be amazed at how much time it takes to wire a building this size!

**In the Education Wing:** We're still waiting for the second floor floor-joists to be delivered, then we will start construction on the upper level.

**Outside:** Volunteers have done some good prep work for the landscaping. We will be hiring-out most of the planting work, but they will adjust their bill if we have volunteers help them. Contact Jane Docherty (206-870-2963) if you want to help with this. You will also soon see a new retaining wall built along the hillside on the north side of the building.

### Praises:

- Main Electrical Service: Seattle City Light made a relatively quick decision for us and one that fits fairly well with our existing plans.

### Prayer Needs:

- Sheet-rocking milestone: There are quite a few things that need to happen before we can start sheet-rocking – many of them are out of our control. A few of the more significant ones are: HVAC installation, sealing the overhead beams, door jamb installation, and several different inspections.

## Special Thanksgiving Dinner

A Thanksgiving dinner (potluck) is in the planning stages. This is intended for any of our church family who do not have plans on Thanksgiving Day, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be fellowship, food and fun in the church fellowship hall. If you are interested in helping plan this event or would like more information, please contact Chera Kraemer or Dianne Barnes.



## Come Pray with Moms In Touch

All Sylvester/North Hill parents are invited to pray in the Highline Christian Church Chapel on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 10:30-11:30 A.M. The next prayer meeting will be November 1, 2006. Please call Tamela DeRosso if you have any questions.

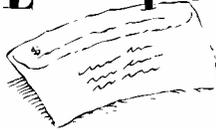


## Offering Envelopes Available

Our church is growing, so we wanted to give people a reminder that we have a supply of 2006 offering envelopes still on hand. They are free for the asking, and you'll receive a new 2007 set in late December if you have 2006 offering envelopes.

If you are interested in getting a box of envelopes, please call the church office at (206) 243-4333 or Kathy Evans. We will put your new envelope set in your church mailbox. If you don't yet have a mailbox, we will gladly make arrangements to get them to you. Thanks for your help.

**Offering Envelopes**



Kathy Evans  
Financial Secretary

## Christmas Family Craft Night Update

In order to better serve the women of Highline Christian Church, the women's ministry leadership team has spent extensive time re-evaluating and reorganizing the activities of the ministry. Due to budget limitations and the primary goal of specifically concentrating on activities for women, it became clear that the Christmas Family Craft Night does not fall under the banner of nor fulfill the mission statement of women's ministries.

However, we are aware that many in the church family enjoy this evening and would encourage anyone who would like to take on organizing this event (generally held in late November or early December) to please contact Dixie Check for additional information.

Women's Ministry Leadership Team



## New Pictorial Directory is Coming

Here are several details regarding our new pictorial church directory:

1. Photos for the directory will be taken at the church building October 31 through November 4 and November 6-8. No photos will be taken on Sunday.
  2. Allow an hour for your photo session. You will view and choose photos at the same time. The process is free. All families photographed will receive a free 8X10 and free directory. You will have the option to purchase further photos for your family.
  3. The background color for the photos will be blue.
  4. Your roster information will be updated at the time of your photo session. You will have the option of printing your e-mail address in the directory.
- If, for any reason, you will not be having your photo taken, you will still be included in the roster section of the directory. If you do not want to be listed in the roster or have any changed information, please let Jane in the office know (206-243-4333).
5. If you have questions about your appointment, still need to make an appointment, or need to change an appointment, please call Tammie Lindblom or Dana at Olan Mills (1-800-883-1438 X7912) and leave a message.
  6. If you are a shut-in and have not been contacted about having your photo taken at your home, please contact Tammie Lindblom.
  7. If you are interested in helping as a hostess for the photo sessions, please contact Dianne Barnes (206-244-8489).
  8. If you can provide snack crackers for the photo sessions, please contact Marty Dena.

Thank you for everybody's cooperation to make our new pictorial directory complete and accurate.



## Come to a Bake Sale and Craft Sale

Shoemaker Circle will be holding a bake sale and craft sale on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Included this year will be some sugar-free baked goods and handcrafted items. Watch your church bulletin for more details.



## And the Lord Added

We rejoiced as the Lord added the following people to Highline:

### BY TRANSFER:

Jim & Bonnie Stilts

Kirk & Barbara Skaggs

Chris Terry

Gordon Roe

## Sports Ministry Events

Highline Christian Church Sports Ministry is eager to present a couple of events for its 'friends and family' to participate in.



Sunday, November 5 will be a bowling tournament located at Magic Lanes in White Center. Your first strike is scheduled to roll down the alley at 2:00 P.M. The cost for this event is \$15.00. This will pay

for three lines of bowling, shoes, one large pizza per lane, unlimited soda pop, and prizes.

Participation will be restricted to those 16 years of age and older in order to expedite the flow of the game. Questions may be directed to Becky Stampalia (tournament organizer and director) and Clint Kelly. There is still plenty of room available for people to join in.

Saturday, December 16 we will have a ping pong tournament at the church building. This event will begin about 10:00 A.M and continue into the afternoon. Due to the number of people who have already signed up, we are in need of more ping pong tables. If you can loan out a table for this event please contact us. Questions and information may be directed to Karen Berg (organizer and director) and Clint Kelly.



Sign up sheets for both events are located on the sports ministry board located in the hallway by the men's bathroom.

Also, be thinking about joining one of our volleyball teams for the winter season beginning in January.

## Parking Lot Help!

Please remember that we have limited parking so if each car would be very careful to only take one spot it will really help alleviate some of our parking problems. Thanks so much for your help.

## United Singles "US" Ministry

Harvest time is here. Fall is definitely in the air and the leaves are changing! The squirrels and other wild things are preparing for winter. And we all enter a time where holidays and family and friends gather near. What an exciting time to see God's creation in action!

A person was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see." This was passed to me by another pumpkin. Now it's your turn to pass it to other pumpkins in your patch!



Any one of our meetings or activities are good to jump in and be "one of us." Any adult single is welcome, and at our social events; your children are also welcome.

### 40 Days of Purpose DVD Study

"40 Days of Purpose" DVD series written/produced by Rick Warren. Schedule for the complete DVD study:

Session 4 – Nov 12<sup>th</sup>

Session 5 – Nov 19<sup>th</sup>

Session 6 – Dec 10<sup>th</sup> (Finished)

### November Schedule

**Sunday, November 5** Planning meeting for upcoming events. Please join us for the latest scoop!

**Sunday, November 12** DVD Study Session 4

**Sunday November 19** DVD Study Session 5

**Sunday, November 26** **No Meeting/Gathering**  
We'll meet again on December 3rd.

### Service Projects & Outreach:

Discussion on November 5.

### Upcoming Events & Activities:

Discussion November 5.

### REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Fellowship hall at 6 P.M. (We meet weekly. However, come as often as you wish.)

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month:** Planning meeting – All adult singles are welcome to attend.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month:** Devotionals and Bible studies. Nothing "formal" as of yet. It is led by fellow members, and is varied. It can be serious and deep, or lighthearted and fun. Whatever it may be it's always filled with the Holy Spirit to get us closer to Him in our walk.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:** Monthly Social Event (Children welcome to this event.) \*\* Subject to change due to holidays, etc. Always check the newsletter and bulletin. Or be put on our contact list for first hand information!

We put up information in the newsletter, the bulletins and the new bulletin board.

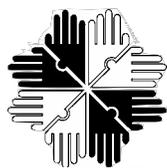
**Please contact:** **Michelle McCarthy**  
**Family Mailbox #204**

Our mission statement is as follows: "This ministry is geared to the needs and interests of all adult singles at Highline Christian Church. Our mission is to "glorify God by helping single adults experience completeness in Christ through Bible-based devotion, spirit-led outreach, faith-filled service and dynamic fellowship."

Our focus of United Singles ("US") is to support each other by developing our relationship with Jesus Christ. "US" is a place where singles are readily accepted and are free to share with others our experiences, fears, goals, celebrations, & requests for prayer as we grow in Christ as a singles community.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 *"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."*





## Prayer Circle

### *Praise God*

Psalm 105: 1& 2 “Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him, tell of all His wonderful acts.”

### *Praise our Lord for*

Lori Nowoy—successful gall stone surgery, Grady (Tom & Dianne Barnes’ year-old grandson)—successful eye surgery, Karla (Jill Rowley’s co-worker)—back to work. Praise for all the people that are feeling better and healing this month, and for all the problems that were solved.

### *Pray*

Philippians 4:6 “Don’t be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God.”

### *Remember in prayer*

Tina (Jane Randall’s friend)—biopsy on her throat; Rocky (Gladys Russell’s friend)—has cancer; Jill Rowley—stress at work; Lisa Davis—Baker’s cyst; Larry (Bill Brown’s cousin)—kidney surgery; Katie (Marty Dena’s sister-in-law)—eye surgery; Bob (Sandra Ault’s friend)—biopsy on a polyp in prostate; Kathy Evan’s granddaughter’s 4-H Club president killed in hunting accident; Bret Thorson’s grandfather—bone cancer, Alvin (Gary Gosser’s brother)—stroke; Peggy Hays—needs a job.

### *With Sympathy*

Leona Archer—death of her brother Leroy.

If you have any praises or prayer requests or want to be on the all church prayer chain, please call Barbara Goodridge or Jane Randall.

## Church Family Information



Cindy Scott

Irina Check

Oren McGonigal

Helen Sisley

Raymond Wheeler II

*They are married!*

Jeff & Michelle (James) Hutchens



## We are so thankful!

We would like to express thanks to our family and friends for all their love and support. A special thank you to everyone that worked so hard to make this celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary a true blessing. Thank you all for sharing in this special day with us.

*Jill & Monty Rowley*

# HIGHER GROUND KIDS SPOT

DOES GOD CARE ABOUT WHO YOUR FRIENDS ARE? IS IT RIGHT OR WRONG TO HAVE FRIENDS WHO ARE NOT CHRISTIANS? HOW ARE YOU SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH OTHERS?

TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY THIS MONTH TO THANK YOUR FRIENDS FOR BEING YOUR FRIENDS AND BE SURE TO LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE JESUS WITH THEM.

AN EASY WAY TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH YOUR FRIENDS IS TO INVITE THEM TO THE OUTDOOR LIVING NATIVITY COMING THIS DECEMBER!

## SUMMIT SEEKERS

4TH - 6TH GRADERS



**HANDS & FEET**



## TRAIL TREKKERS

1ST - 3RD GRADERS



**HANDS & FEET**



TRAIL TREKKERS, IS GOD'S WORD TRUE? DOES IT HAVE REAL DIRECTIONS FOR US TODAY? WILL IT HELP US LIVE OUR LIVES HOW GOD WANTS US TO LIVE THEM?

THANKSGIVING IS COMING THIS MONTH SO BE SURE TO TAKE AS MANY OPPORTUNITIES AS YOU CAN TO THANK GOD FOR THE BIBLE, HIS LOVE LETTER TO US. ONE WAY YOU CAN EXPRESS YOUR THANKS TO GOD FOR THE BIBLE IS TO READ IT EVERY DAY. ANOTHER WAY TO SHOW GOD YOUR THANKS FOR HIS WORD IS TO MEMORIZE SPECIAL VERSES THAT HELP YOU LIVE FOR HIM. FINALLY, ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO EXPRESS YOUR THANKS TO GOD FOR HIS WORD IS TO SHARE IT WITH OTHERS. BE SURE TO TAKE TIME TO SHARE WHAT YOU ARE LEARNING WITH OTHERS THIS MONTH. ONE THING YOU CAN SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS IS THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS AND THEN YOU CAN INVITE THEM TO THE LIVING NATIVITY THIS DECEMBER!

# HIGHER GROUND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is such a wonderful time of year and for most of us it marks the start of the holiday season with all the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping. This Thanksgiving be sure to set some time aside to contemplate what is really important in your life and to think about all you have to be thankful for. Following are a few ideas you and your family can do to help you focus more on being thankful and less on the turkey.

- Spend some time going through your closets to see all God has blessed you with. Go through your clothes and see what you can donate to homeless shelters to bless other people. Note: the idea is to be a blessing to others in appreciation of all God has done for you, so please only give clothing you could or would still wear, not just clothing you want to get rid of because it is old or torn.
- Make a list of all the different people who have made an impact on your life this past year. Make them a special card to thank them for all they have done.
- This one needs a bit of forethought. Think of someone or a family who will be alone this Thanksgiving and invite them to your house to celebrate with you.
- Spend some time reading and discussing the following verses and others you like:

Col. 3:15-17; Eph. 5:19-20; 1 Thes. 5:16-18; Ps. 106:1, 107:1, 136:1-3; 2 Cor. 9:6-15

## THE LIVING NATIVITY

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help bring the Outdoor Living Nativity to life. We are so blessed to have so many people willing to help in so many different ways. It is very important as we continue to move forward with the nativity that all of you join us by praying that people will be touched by Jesus and will give their lives to Him in response to His gift to us.



A few Outdoor Living Nativity Dates to keep in mind:

- **Today** - pray for the cast, preparations, and all the people who will come
- **November 25th** - Set construction
- **December 2, 4, 7th** - Practices
- **December 8th & 9th** - Shows

For more information please contact Kim Heppenstall (206) 248-3329 or Bret Thorson (206) 551-1517 or [bret@highlinechristian.org](mailto:bret@highlinechristian.org).

## LIGHTING THE WAY - A FAMILY MISSION TRIP FUND-RAISER

Save those metal coffee cans, soup cans, fruit cans, and other metal cans of various sizes and bring them to the church. (No aluminum pop cans please.) The family mission team would like to use the cans to make luminaries to sell as a fund raiser. Please clean the cans and deposit them in the bin located outside the building near the kitchen door. (The door is on the west side of the church building.) Aluminum pop cans can be deposited in the bins located in the Fellowship Hall. Funds from the pop cans go to support the new church building.