

Highlands news

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As I write this, I am praising God for the success of the 30th Anniversary Cookie Walk! I had so much fun working with you all and a big thank you to so many people it would take the rest of the page to acknowledge them. The weather was beautiful and He sent us people to buy everything from cookies to crafts. All the little "elves" that worked so hard had smiles on their faces for the whole day! The HUMMERS were amazing setting up and

taking down everything plus working the Walk. The UMW worked their fingers to the bone making cookies, crafts, candies and working the Walk. I have never seen such a dedicated congregation. We made \$7,333.00 and ALL the monies go to help right here in the NWA area. This is also a church wide event with over half of the proceeds going to our church missions and the rest to the outreach projects for UMW. God bless you Highlands Church and thank you God for blessing Highlands Church!

See you next year,
Sue LaHood, Cookie Walk Captain





But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

It is always a strange feeling when the Holidays are over. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, come and go in the blink of an eye. There's been all of this build up to get to family members' houses or to host meals, to get just the right gifts, or to simply just survive the Holidays during a season of grief. After all of that build up, we look at the calendar and its January 2nd. Back to business as usual. If you feel disappointed or let down, you are not alone. That feeling, as I have heard it called, is the "Christmas letdown" or "Christmas drop."

You see, the answer to the "Christmas letdown" is to continue living with that Christmas spirit. I know what you are thinking, "Really Robert? You're going to tell us something so cliché as 'live like every day is Christmas.'" No, I'm not. I'm going to tell you to live every day like you are a Christian. It means not letting the world take away our joy and our excitement. It means not weighing down our schedules with trivial little things that take away from spending time with friends and family. It means to be generous. And it means to have faith that Christ in a manger reveals to us the heart of God just as Christ's death did.

You see, the problem we have is that we get so stuck majoring in the minors that we lose track of our priorities: Jesus Christ and pursuing the joy of Him. Face it, time is a non-renewable resource; however, we live like it will never run out. I am not one to make New Year's resolutions, but my goal for 2019 is to quit wasting time. There is too much joy that Christ has to offer us for me to refuse making it one of my top priorities. I hope you'll join me if you are not already prioritizing it and let's make this year the best year of our lives.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Robert

SERVING US IN JANUARY

Saturday Host/Hostesses

- 1/5 Jane Krumm
- 1/12 Trevor & Jan Taylor
- 1/19 Stephanie Bowen & Katy McMahan
- 1/26 Steve & Amy Terry

Sunday Guest Table

- 1/6 Mel Snyder
- 1/13 Mel Snyder
- 1/20 Mel Snyder
- 1/27 Mel Snyder

Liturgists

- 1/6 Gloria Grilk
- 1/13 Claudia Williams
- 1/20 Susan Couto
- 1/27 Darleen Olson

CPR/AED

- 1/6 Joan Pehosh
- 1/13 Sue LaHood
- 1/20 Ron Blackwelder
- 1/27 Linda Virgili

Safety & Security: Dennis Redenius

Head Usher: Russ & Arleen Miller

Trustee for the Month: Dave Hagaman

Prayer Chain & Member Care

If you know someone in need of prayer, ill or hospitalized, please contact the church office and let Lori or Amey know. Please do not assume Robert or the Compassionate Disciples already knows.

Our Condolences

To Jean Knadler and family on the passing of Dean.

New Contact Information

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Mary is moving in with her daughter, Linda, and will eventually get a cell phone. Until she does, she can be reached at her daughter's cell phone: 479-295-9935 (Linda's cell)

Thank You

Many heartfelt thanks for all the prayers during my recent shoulder replacement surgery and ongoing recovery. Thank you for thinking of me and for the uplifting cards. It's really wonderful to have such good friends and to be part of such a caring church family. Susan Vroman

Many thanks to all of you who have sent cards to me during my healing. The cards have brought me joy. It felt good to read your words, which by themselves helped me to know I had friends who cared. Thank you for your prayers and for your faith in the process of healing through God's care. Much love to all of you. Jane Rowland

In case you are not already aware, Highlands Church has a small group of volunteers known as the Outreach Missions Ministry. Sometimes referred to as "Outreach" or "Missions", this committee is being led by Steve Terry this next year.

The purpose of this committee is to represent the church membership commitment with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Making sure local children and youth needs are met, the region's hungry are fed and addressing emergency relief needs as they arise is the focus of the committee.

In 2018 the committee has provided financial support to the following:

- Snack Packs for Kids (through Samaritans Community Center - Rogers) - \$9,000 (\$4,500 from the car show proceeds)
- Bright Futures - Gravette - \$4,000 (\$3,500 from the car show proceeds)
- Samaritan's Feet - \$3,189
- NWA Food Bank - \$2,000
- Salvation Army - \$1,000
- Oasis - \$1,000
- Alabama / West Florida UMC Conference Disaster Fund - \$1,000
- Total for 2018 = \$21,189

Additional 2018 car show proceeds will be going to Samaritan's Feet (\$2,000) and Bright Futures (\$1,879) in 2019.

In addition to financial gifts, with the help of many of the Highlands Church members, the outreach committee supports the following activities:

- Snack Packs for Kids - Packing the snacks once a month - Steve & Amy Terry, coordinators
- Bright Futures - Ongoing activity coordination and support - Anne Mairet
- Samaritans Feet - Annual Gravette event coordination - Lori Pinkerton
- Meals on Wheels - Highlands' deliveries month - Ted & Julie Lasher, coordinators
- Angel Tree - Coordination and gift delivery - Anne Mairet
- UMCOR emergency relief - Mike Thompson, coordinator
- Care & Share - Connie Kiefer - Support coordinator
- Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive - Donna Vanderschaaf, coordinator
- Car Show - Ted Lasher, event coordinator

Money for the financial gifts is being raised with three church fundraising activities; 1) The car show, 2) the cookie walk and 3) the "Power of One" weekly donations. This year the committee started out with a significant carry-over balance due to concerns about future funding without a Homes Tour. Going forward the committee intends to put our funds to work and have faith that the membership will continue to support our fundraisers. The car show raised just under \$12,000 this past year and we hope to improve on that this year. The Cookie Walk typically raises about \$4,000 for Outreach. Then there is the Power of One - simply folding a bill lengthwise and putting it in the collection plate raised over \$4,000 this past year.

The Outreach committee represents this Church membership. You are supporting Outreach Missions when you help with any of the activities, when you support and attend the Cookie Walk or the Car Show AND when you fold that one (or five or ten or twenty or...) dollar bill and put it in the collection plate. These are all volunteer activities. You are welcome and encouraged to participate!



“Our lives are not measured by the number of years we exist, but by what we accomplish while we live, and the good we may render to our

fellow men.” Henry Wells, 1875

Thank you congregation!!! Every year we cover a Christmas tree with ANGELS and your response is phenomenal! We provided clothing, toys and food for six families, this included 23 children. You made all their Christmases very special!!

We wish each one of you could experience the surprise of these families as they receive your generous gifts. Some are speechless at what they are receiving, you can tell by their facial expressions. But to experience the gratitude of these families with the tears and hugs that were given!

Thank you to everyone who donated a gift, food and money. And a very big thank you to those who helped sort and deliver, as I could not do it without your help. It is the generosity of your giving that blessed these families. We can't express enough how appreciative these families are of your generosity.

Anne Mairet, Angel Tree Coordinator



Ladies and gentlemen: Thank you for all the wonderful candies, breads and sweets you make for the sweet shop at this years cookie walk. Not only do you make your dozens of cookies but you go “above and beyond”and make such wonderful sweets also.

Our sweet shop made well over \$900.00 this year. My thanks also to Barb, Bonnie and those that helped us package these items for sale. The ministries we support are truly thankful. Wilhelmina



Salvation Army, a 150 year old non-profit organization, thanks you for doing a superb job of ringing bells at Allen’s. All slots were filled with some doing more than one. We don’t

know the total raised as of publication date, so it will be announced later. Your efforts helped generate funds for the local shelters providing beds, food and support services needed. The Salvation Army motto says, “Doing the Most Good”. You did good and praised God in the process.



There is an ongoing need for food and donations for The Little Free Pantry.

Centered in Prayer

Here the purpose and meaning of prayer dawned upon me for the first time. Here I was privileged to see more clearly than ever before the purpose of prayer: to glorify the name of God. The scales fell from my eyes. I saw in a new light the misuse of prayer and the difficulties connected with prayer. Prayer life has its own laws, as all the rest of life has. The fundamental law in prayer is this: Prayer is given and ordained for the purpose of glorifying God. Prayer is the appointed way of giving Jesus an opportunity to exercise his supernatural powers of salvation. And in so doing he desires to make use of us. From *Prayer* by O. Hallesby

United Methodist Women

UMW is having their first fellowship of the New Year on Monday, Jan. 14 at 9:30 am. We will have brunch and Gail Storm will share with us about her trip to Israel last spring. All women are invited to attend. Sign up sheets are available on the information table.

UMW Dessert for a Year

Happy New Year to the Chapmans! Chris, get your coffee pot on because Connie Kiefer will be baking her delicious Puff-Pastry Coffee Cake for you and your hubby. It's been said she bakes the best!! Thank you, Wilhelmina, for sharing your Trifle last month! What a festive dessert it was!

UMW Book Club

Hello Ladies! It's time again for our UMW Book Club to start. We will meet again this year on the third Monday for the months of January thru May. The first book is: *ONE - Unity in a Divided World* by Deidra Riggs on 1-21 '19, We really have a great time and we welcome any and all of you. Coffee and treats are usually provided. Meet us in the Library Annex on January 21st! See you then! For further information or questions call Sue LaHood 855-0937

United Methodist Men

Since the first Tuesday in January is a holiday, the Hummers will be meeting on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:30 for breakfast, devotions and a program.

Our guest speaker will be Shane Sturdivant from Micah's House in Rogers. Micah's House provides safe housing for young men who have aged out of foster care. Here they are developing the skills and confidence to lead successful lives.



The nursery is available on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 & 11:00 services. The nursery is for children birth through age 3. Children's Church takes place on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Children's Church is for children ages 4 to 5th grade. We use the Gospel Project Curriculum which is a Christ-centered, chronological Bible study.



Highlands Students (grades 6th-12th) meet every Sunday evening at 5:00. We can always use snacks for the students to munch on!

We've missed you! I guess if you're perfectly healthy then you don't need us. Can you get up out of a chair without using your hands? Can you pick up your golf ball easily or are you stiff and slow? How is your balance? A little wobbly are we? For those without backup camera's on their car, can you look behind you easily or do you have to shift your whole body? Do you stand up straight while standing or walking or are you bent over like a candy cane? Your ability to have a *good quality of life* while the years go by is up to you. Don't miss our new Flex N' Stretch classes starting January 14th. Same rate for the past 15 years. Lowest cost in all of Bella Vista. It is an investment in YOUR future. Come try us out on the 14th of January at no cost. If you like it, it is \$45.00 for 30 lessons. (\$1.50 a class) or \$30.00 for 15 lessons (\$2.00 a class). Did I mention lowest cost in Bella Vista?



JANUARY CALENDAR

1-Tuesday

OFFICE CLOSED
3:00 pm Yoga

2-Wednesday

2:00 pm Fellowship Committee
6:30 pm Choir

3-Thursday

12:30 pm GriefShare
3:15 pm Sat Celeb Rehearsal

4-Friday

7:00 am Men's Emmaus
1:00 pm Compassionate Disciples

5-Saturday

3:00 pm Sat Celebration Rehearsal
5:30 pm Celebration Service

6-Sunday

8:15 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Traditional Service
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Children's Church
11:15 am The Gathering Service
11:15 am Children's Church
5:00 pm Student Ministry

7-Monday

9:30 am UMW Board
5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

8-Tuesday

7:45 am HUMMERS
3:00 pm Yoga

9-Wednesday

1:00 pm Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Stitches
6:30 pm Choir

10-Thursday

9:00 am Kitchen Cleanup
12:30 pm GriefShare
2:00 pm Trustees
3:15 pm Sat Celeb Rehearsal

11-Friday

7:00 am Men's Emmaus

12-Saturday

3:00 pm Sat Celebration Rehearsal
5:30 pm Celebration Service

13-Sunday

8:15 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Traditional Service
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Children's Church
11:15 am The Gathering Service
11:15 am Children's Church
5:00 pm Student Ministry

14-Monday

7:00 am Flex 'N Stretch
9:30 am UMW Meeting
3:00 pm Women's Emmaus
5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

15-Tuesday

3:00 pm Yoga
6:00 pm Admin Council Meeting

16-Wednesday

7:00 am Flex 'N Stretch
4:00 pm Bells
6:30 pm Choir

17-Thursday

12:30 pm GriefShare
2:00 pm Library Meeting
2:15 pm Sat Celeb Rehearsal
4:00 pm Care Group Leaders

18-Friday

7:00 am Flex 'N Stretch
7:00 am Men's Emmaus
9:30 am Membership Meeting

19-Saturday

3:00 pm Sat Celeb Rehearsal
5:30 pm Celebration Service

20-Sunday

8:15 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Traditional Service
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Children's Church
11:15 am The Gathering Service
11:15 am Children's Church
7:00 pm AA Meeting

21-Monday

OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 am Flex 'N Stretch
9:30 am UMW Book Club
5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

22-Tuesday

3:00 pm Yoga

23-Wednesday

7:00 am Flex 'N Stretch
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Stitches
4:00 pm Bells
6:30 pm Choir

24-Thursday

9:00 am Kitchen Cleanup
12:30 pm GriefShare
3:15 pm Sat Celebration Rehearsal

25-Friday

7:00 am Flex 'N Stretch
7:00 am Men's Emmaus

26-Saturday

1:00 pm Scrapbooking
3:00 pm Sat Celeb Rehearsal
5:30 pm Celebration Service

27-Sunday

8:15 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Traditional Service
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Children's Church
11:15 am The Gathering Service
11:15 am Children's Church
5:00 pm Student Ministry
7:00 pm AA Meeting

28-Monday

7:00 am Flex 'N Stretch
3:00 pm Women's Emmaus
5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

29-Tuesday

3:00 pm Yoga

30-Wednesday

7:00 am Flex 'N Stretch
4:00 pm Bells
6:30 pm Choir

31-Thursday

12:30 pm GriefShare
3:15 pm Sat Celebration Rehearsal



HIGHLANDS CHURCH

A United Methodist Congregation

CELEBRATION SERVICE
SATURDAYS 5:30 PM

TRADITIONAL SERVICE
SUNDAYS 9:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
SUNDAYS 11:00 AM

Church Staff

REV. ROBERT CLONINGER
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Celebration Worship Leader

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Organist

JOYCE SHELDON
Chimes & Bells Director

ELLEN GIBSON
Nursery Worker

Giving Your Tithes & Offerings

You can give your tithes & offerings online by visiting our website, www.humcbv.com. Online giving is a safe and easy way to give to Highlands. Contact the church office if you have questions regarding online giving.

Deadline for the February Newsletter is January 20 at noon. Please email items to betsycloninger@gmail.com or place in the Newsletter mailbox in the hallway next to the church office.

The Mission of Highlands Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.



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