



Highlands *news*

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Ask The Church: What is UMCOR?

The Methodist Committee on Relief was created by the Methodist Church in 1940 in response to refugee needs arising from World War II. What began as a temporary relief program became a permanent part of The United Methodist Church in 1972. Renamed the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), since that time it has remained a unit of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Today, UMCOR supports work in more than 80 countries, with a direct presence through UMCOR NGO in nine of those countries. UMCOR's work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more.

To learn more about UMCOR, visit their webpage at www.umcor.org or talk to Pastor Robert.



Pancakes & Pajamas

**ALL CHURCH EVENT (A.C.E.)
February 24 at 5:30 pm
Breakfast for dinner. Nominal fee.
More info to follow.**

Bible Studies

We have two Bible Study opportunities going on. Pastor Robert's Revelation study is on Tuesday's at 10:00 am and Wednesday's at 6:00 pm. Books are \$9. Gary Marshall's is leading a study on Thursday's at 6:00 pm. If you cannot make every week, that is okay! Come when you can. All are welcome. For more information, see Robert or Gary, call the church office, or check the Information Table in the Gathering Area.



Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:16-20

One of our top priorities as Christians needs to be achieving the level of the Christian faith where we can help other people to grow. Just as people have helped us in our Christian walk, so too must we help others to grow in their faith and knowledge of God. Yes, it can sometimes be a struggle to pray and study, but we are not just doing those things for ourselves. We are not growing just so that we can say that we are great spiritually and full of knowledge of God. We grow in the faith in order to help bring other people into the faith and disciple them. This entire faith journey is not about us, it's about Christ. You don't have to have a PhD in Theology or the New Testament to disciple people. What you need is a relationship with Jesus Christ, the discipline to learn, a teachable attitude, and a love for helping others. Those things are all achievable for everyone.

Look around in your life right now. Who needs to know Jesus? Who needs to know more about Jesus? And how can you help? It can be scary to reach out to other people and work with them to grow in the faith, but believe that the Holy Spirit will empower you. Don't let fear stop you from helping someone by changing his or her life through Jesus. Don't hold your knowledge inside, but be zealous to help those who need to know the love of God. Discipling others helps us to grow. It is taking on responsibility for others in our church community. When we disciple people we realize how dependent we are upon God, how much we have to learn, and we are pushed to grow more and more in order to help more and more. A Christian never reaches their full potential or fulfills the commission Jesus gave us until they begin to disciple other people.

This month, think about a few things: 1) Who can disciple you? Reach out to someone and establish a relationship where you have someone discipling you. 2) Make a list of people who you could disciple. Seek to establish a relationship with one of those people so that you can help them in their Christian faith.

Blessings & peace,
Pastor Robert

SERVING US IN FEBRUARY

Saturday Host/Hostesses

- 2/2 Butch & Alice Lock
- 2/9 Jan Lasar
- 2/16 Ted & Julie Lasher
- 2/23 Ted & Julie Lasher

Sunday Guest Table

- 2/3 Mel Snyder
- 2/10 Mel Snyder
- 2/17 Mel Snyder
- 2/24 Mel Snyder

Liturgists

- 2/3 Bill Williams
- 2/10 Dick Steck
- 2/17 Claudia Williams
- 2/24 Jean Knadler

CPR/AED

- 2/3 Pat Lehman
- 2/10 Earl Lehman
- 2/17 Mel Snyder
- 2/24 Angie Hansen

Safety & Security: Dennis Redenius

Head Usher: Russ & Arleen Miller

Trustee for the Month: Rex Butler

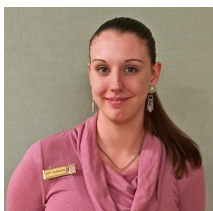
Our Condolences

To the family and friends of Roger Blackwell.

New Contact Information

Dick and Susan Vroman will be shutting off their home number and using their cell phones exclusively.
Susan (479) 899-3761
Dick (479) 899-3760

Welcome New Members



Katy McMahan recently became a member during the Saturday Celebration service.



The Madison Family, Art, Amey, & Quinton (son) became members during The Gathering service.



Steve and Sandy Larsen became members during the Traditional service.

If you have been visiting and would like to become a member of Highlands Church, please talk to Pastor Robert.

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.



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women's next meeting will be February 11th, Monday, at 9:30 a.m. We will have breakfast, devotion and a program about Altrusa International by Katy Henkel. Altrusa International's motto is "We make our communities better through leadership, partnership and service." All women of the church are invited to come and listen, learn and have fellowship with us! Sign up in the Gathering Area.

UMW Book Club

United Methodist Women's next Book Club meeting will be February 18th, Monday, at 9:30 a.m. We will still be meeting in the Library Annex and our book for February is: Pushout - The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique W Morris. Come join the fun as we discuss this book with fresh coffee and cake to boot. Call Sue LaHood for more information at 855-0937.

UMW Dessert for a Year

Joyce Sheldon knows how to prepare the perfect dessert for sweethearts! This month the Chapmans will share a Double Chocolate Brownie Ala-Mode topped with Hot Fudge sauce. All they need are a couple of spoons! Hugs to Connie Kiefer for sharing her Puff-Pastry Coffee Cake last month!

United Methodist Men

HUMMERS next meeting will be on February 5 at 7:45 am.

Care Groups

See what the 2019 Care Groups were up to in January. If you are not involved in a Care Group and would like to learn more about them or join one, please contact the church office.

Hagaman	Sandwiches at Hagamans
Metz/Chapman	Chili/Soup at Metz
Steck/Moeller	Moeller's Get Together
Pinkerton/Ramsey	Meeting at Church
Stone	Brunch at Duffer's
Krumm/Potter	Dessert at Clubhouse
Foster/Leonard/Jackson	Breakfast at Duffer's
Collis	Supper at Church
Henkel	Gathering at Henkel's
Miller	Get Together at Miller's
Lasher/Richardson	Meet & Greet at Richardson's
O'Neil/Marshall	Get Together at Marshall's
Balzer/Marsh	Brunch at Balzer's
Sheldon/Howe	Gathering in Fellowship Hall
Williams/Hudec	Get Together at Hudec's
Manske/Lehman	Meeting at Church

On February 10, our church account with Right Now Media will be cancelled. We can no longer justify the number of users with the price it costs us to have this service. If you have any questions regarding Right Now Media, please contact the office.

To members and friends of Highlands Church,

As we move forward into 2019, I am very proud to announce that God has blessed our church and we were able to close the year of 2018 on a very positive note with a surplus of \$17,901.00. In financial language, "We are in the black." It has been a number of years since this has happened. It took all of us to obtain this position and I ask that we continue working together in the spirit of Highlands Church.

At a church service Joyce and I attended at the Orange Beach UMC the sermon was titled, "Tune Up Part II", Acts 2: 42 - 47. As we read Acts 2, which is titled "The Fellowship of Believers" it tells of the believers devoting themselves to the Apostles teaching. Everyone was filled with awe and many wonders. They praised God together and they enjoyed the favor of all the people.

Let us continue working together throughout this year and many years to come giving Highlands Church the spirit of leadership in our community.

On behalf of the Finance Team we look forward to another fulfilling year.

Andy O'Neil
Chair, Finance

Holy Week 2019

Holy Week will begin on Palm Sunday, April 14. On Maundy Thursday, we will have a Seder Meal and on Good Friday, we will have Stations of the Cross. Save the date for these events and look for more information to come regarding The Seder Meal and other Holy Week events.



Nursery The nursery is available every Sunday morning during our 9:30 & 11:15 services for birth through 3 years old.

Children's Church All children, ages 4 through 6th grade, are invited to Children's Church on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 and 11:15 service. Children will worship with their parents until Sarah Catherine takes them back for fun, fellowship and learning more about Christ and His love for them.



Student Ministry meets Sunday evenings from, 5:00 to 6:30.

Pray for our Students as they attend Veritas, an Arkansas United Methodist Conference event just for youth in Arkansas! Veritas will be Feb. 15-17 in Rogers. They will hear from nationally-known speakers and musicians and learn to encounter the Lord in new and deeper ways.

Meals-on-Wheels



Highlands Church is responsible for Meals-on-Wheels (MoW) deliveries in March, 2019. MoW provides nutritious meals for seniors (60+) in Bella Vista who are unable to prepare meals, are homebound or have no reliable method of obtaining meals.

Volunteers (2 preferably) are needed for each of three routes; east, central and west. If you volunteer for the entire week you will have the same route each day.

Volunteers arrive at Bella Vista First United Methodist Church; 20 Boyce Drive, about 10:30 am, pick up their route meals, make deliveries and are finished by 1 pm. A signup sheet is in the gathering area.

This is a great mission project for your Growth Group or Care Group. Invite friends or neighbors to be your delivery partner. It is an excellent way to introduce people to our church.

For more information contact Ted (810-360-7434) or Julie (810-360-7433) Lasher

Salvation Army

Salvation Army Bells coordinator, Capt. David Lennard, reports that money collected at Allen's by Highlands Church ringers was \$5,508.82. Well done good and faithful servants. Many will be helped by *Doing the Most Good*, which is the Salvation Army motto.



DOING THE MOST GOOD

Souper Bowl

Soup Drive

Help Highlands Youth support our food

pantry.

Please bring cans of soup on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3.

The Little Free Pantry



The Little Free Pantry
at Highlands Church

The Little Free Pantry has ongoing needs. Items in particular that go fast are diapers, feminine hygiene products and baby food.

Centered in Prayer

John Wesley helped us to understand Grace by naming three aspects of Grace. First, there was a time in our faith journeys where we were not aware of the love of God. During this time, God watched over us with prevenient grace—the grace of God that arrives before we are even conscious of it. Secondly, comes justifying grace—it comes when we realize we believe—the moment we first open our eyes to God's reality because of Jesus' teachings. Third, the rest of the journey is Sanctification—or as Paul would identify it, our salvation coming "nearer". Once we are awake to God's loving grace, we cannot go back to sleep. We cannot pretend that it does not exist or push the pause button while we have our good time. Our heart has been transformed to such a degree that we have no desire except to draw closer to God by believing and living the teachings of Jesus Christ.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

1-Friday

7:00 am Men's Emmaus
7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch
1:00 pm Compassionate Disciples

2-Saturday

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

3-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

4-Monday

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

5-Tuesday

7:45 am HUMMERS
10:00 am Revelation Bible Study
3:00 pm Yoga

6-Wednesday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch
2:00 pm Fellowship Committee
4:00 pm Bells
6:00 pm Revelation Bible Study
6:30 pm Choir

7-Thursday

12:30 pm GriefShare
3:15 pm Sat Celeb Rehearsal
6:00 pm The Mustard Seed Study

8-Friday

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

9-Saturday

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

10-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

11-Monday

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

12-Tuesday

10:00 am Revelation Bible Study
3:00 pm Yoga

13-Wednesday

7:00 am Flex 'N Stretch
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Stitchers
4:00 pm Bells
6:00 pm Revelation Bible Study
6:30 pm Choir

14-Thursday

9:00 am Kitchen Clean Up
12:30 pm GriefShare
2:15 pm Sat Celeb Rehearsal
6:00 pm The Mustard Seed Study

15-Friday

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

16-Saturday

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

17-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

18-Monday

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

19-Tuesday

10:00 am Revelation Bible Study
3:00 pm Yoga
6:00 pm Admin Council Meeting

20-Wednesday

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

21-Thursday

12:30 pm GriefShare
2:00 pm Library Meeting
3:15 pm Sat Celebration Rehearsal
4:00 pm Care Group Leaders

22-Friday

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

23-Saturday

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

24-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
5:30 pm All Church Event
7:00 pm AA Meeting

25-Monday

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

26-Tuesday

10:00 am Revelation Bible Study
3:00 pm Yoga

27-Wednesday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch
1:00 pm Stitchers
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
4:00 pm Bells
6:00 pm Revelation Bible Study
6:30 pm Choir

28-Thursday

9:00 am Kitchen Clean Up
12:30 pm GriefShare
3:15 pm Sat Celebration Rehearsal
6:00 pm The Mustard Seed Study



HIGHLANDS CHURCH

A United Methodist Congregation

CELEBRATION SERVICE
SATURDAYS 5:30 PM

TRADITIONAL SERVICE
SUNDAYS 9:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
SUNDAYS 11:15 AM

Church Staff

REV. ROBERT CLONINGER
Senior Pastor

LORI HEALD
Office Administrator

AMEY BURKETT
Administrative Assistant

DRU MATTHEWS
Bookkeeper

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Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator

JOHN MATTHEWS
Director of Music Ministries

JAMES HENDRIX
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PAM MEYER
Celebration Worship Leader

JEANNINE WAGAR
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 March Newsletter is February 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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