



# Highlands *news*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | APRIL 2019 – VOLUME 23, ISSUE 4

## Holy Week Schedule & Easter Services

Join us as we journey through Holy Week in preparation and anticipation of Easter morning, when we will celebrate the Risen Lord together!

### **PALM SUNDAY- APRIL 14**

#### **9:30 & 11:15 Services**

Celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem by joining us for Palm Sunday. There will be a Palm Parade for children at the 9:30 am Traditional service.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY- APRIL 18**

#### **Seder Dinner at 6:00 pm**

We will have a Passover Seder Meal and invite you to bring your family. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the meal Jesus was celebrating at His Last Supper. Please sign up by April 7 to let us know you are coming so we can plan accordingly. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four.

### **GOOD FRIDAY- APRIL 19**

#### **Stations of the Cross Service at 6:00 pm**

This service commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary. The Stations Service is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of Himself to us. The service does not require walking.

### **EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST- APRIL 21**

#### **8:30-9:15 am or 10:30-11:00 am**

Easter breakfast will be held before both Sunday services on Easter morning. Join us in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to bring muffins, pastries, sweet bread, or fruit. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area. Last day to sign up is April 14.

### **A FLOWER FOR THE CROSS- APRIL 21**

#### **9:30 & 11:15 Services**

We ask each person bring a live flower (no silk) on Easter morning. Before the morning services, we will be adorning the small cross near the Sanctuary entrance with flowers. As you place your flower in the wire mesh, experience the Cross Coming to Life.

### **EASTER SUNDAY- APRIL 21**

#### **9:30 & 11:15 Worship Services**

#### **No Sat. Celebration Service**

Easter is an encounter with the undeniable love and power of God, so let's celebrate together. Join us on Easter Sunday and bring a friend.

**CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!**



I AM THE  
*Resurrection*  
AND THE  
*Life.*

HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME, THOUGH HE MAY  
DIE, HE SHALL LIVE. AND WHOEVER LIVES AND  
BELIEVES IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE.

JOHN 11:25-26

The week of Easter, Holy Week, will be here this month. On Good Friday, we worship with the Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross has been celebrated over the years through reflecting on 14 different parts of Jesus' last day represented in various paintings or other forms of art.

There are a number of Christian denominations that use this method of worship during Lent such as the Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, Presbyterians, and others. There are a number of different versions of The Stations of the Cross, but they all end with Jesus being placed in a tomb. The version of The Stations of the Cross that we use is a retelling of the scriptural accounts of Jesus' death on that Friday so long ago.

Traditionally, The Stations of the Cross involves walking to station after station which would be in a church. However, we do things differently. The way we do it is we show an image on the screen in the Sanctuary, read the Scripture, and pray. I like to use The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday because I think it is important that we focus on the death of Christ that Friday. The best way to focus on the death of Christ and connect with His suffering is to pray in response to the Scriptural accounts of His death. I believe this to be such an important worship service because if we do not think and pray about the death of Christ, then we would deprive ourselves of more knowledge of the length and depth of God's great love for us. We say that "Jesus died for our sins," but do we ever really think about that death? It is easy to skip to Easter and ignore Holy Week and Good Friday, but that is an incomplete experience. I can tell you that year after year, when I remember Good Friday, Easter is that much more powerful.

I hope you'll join us this year on April 19 in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Robert

## SERVING US IN APRIL

### Saturday Host/Hostesses

- 4/6 Larry and Lois Barrett
- 4/13 Steve and Amy Terry
- 4/20 Ernest and Gloria Grilk
- 4/27 Jan Lasar

### Sunday Guest Table

- 4/7 Mel Snyder
- 4/14 Mel Snyder
- 4/21 Mel Snyder
- 4/28 Mel Snyder

### Liturgists

- 4/7 Bill Williams
- 4/14 Joyce Sheldon
- 4/21 Claudia Williams
- 4/28 Van VanderSchaaf

### CPR/AED

- 4/7 Pat Lehman
- 4/14 Earl Lehman
- 4/21 Mel Snyder
- 4/28 Angie Hansen

**Safety & Security:** Sue LaHood

**Head Usher:** Andy & Joyce O'Neil

**Trustee for the Month:** Bud Henkel

## Our Condolences

To Fred Picht and family on the passing of Sherry.

## Welcome New Members



Frank Lindsey joined during the Saturday Celebrations Service.

Welcome Frank!

## 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 know.



## March 2019- Care Group Activities

Care Group	Check-in
1. Hagaman	Duffer's
2. Metz/Chapman	Brunch at Lakepoint
3. Steck/Moeller	Duffer's/ Love & Laughter Event
4. Pinkerton/ Ramsey	Love & Laughter Event
5. Stone	Love & Laughter Event
6. Krumm/Potter	Lunch- BV Bar & Grill
7. Foster/Leonard/Jackson	Love & Laughter Event
8. Collis	Love & Laughter Event
9. Henkel	John & Elaine Crain's
10. Miller	PaPa Mike's
11. Lasher/ Richardson	Smokin Joe's/ Love & Laughter Event
12. O'Neil/ Marshall	Get Together
13. Balzer/Marsh	Gussano's Pizza
14. Sheldon/ Howe	Love & Laughter Event
15. Williams/ Hudec	Coleman Theater, Miami, OK
16. Manske/ Lehman	Love & Laughter Event

## United Methodist Women

Please join the ladies of Highlands Church on Monday, April 8, at 9:30 am, for our UMW meeting. Suzanne Evans will be giving a talk on Pledge Service. Come and have a bite to eat, lots of fellowship, and enjoy this informative meeting. All women of the church are invited! Hope to see YOU!

### **UMW Dessert for a Year 2018-19**

Thank you Mel for preparing a festive cheesecake for the Chapmans last month! A sweet and tart tasting Lemon Bundt Cake from Cathy Woodburn will certainly wrap up a wonderful year of desserts for Chris and George. The UMW thanks each of the 2018-19 Dessert Divas for sharing their love on a dessert plate to support local missions for women and children.

### **UMW Dessert for a Year 2019-20**

Have we got a "Sweet Deal" for you! A chance to receive a delicious homemade dessert each month for a year to enjoy yourself, give away, or share! Ticket Sales start April 7- \$5 for one ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Drawing will be Mother's Day, May 12- Need not be present to win. ALL ticket sales go to support Highlands United Methodist Women Missions for local Women and Children charities

### **8:15 Adult Sunday School**

8:15 Sunday School meets in the Mark classroom. Join us for a *new* 6 week study beginning Sunday, April 7 through May 19. There will be no class Easter Sunday. We will use a book and DVD with Rev. Adam Hamilton called **Simon Peter; Flawed but Faithful Disciple**. Come study and discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference, *just like Peter*. Sign up in the Gathering Area. Books are \$15 each. Questions, contact Donna VanderSchaaf at 479-715-6059 or at Sunday Traditional service.

### **9:30 Adult Sunday School**

9:30 Sunday School meets in the Mark classroom and uses the Standard Lessons Commentary. Everyone is welcome to attend at any time.

## **2019 Highlands Church Cruise-in Car Show**

We are having a second annual Highlands Car Show on September 28. We need volunteers to help with planning, promotion, and sponsors. Last September, our Car Show was an overall success. We had 47 vehicles whose owners braved the cool, drizzly, rain the entire day. We had games, trivia, hotdogs, hamburgers, and fellowship that made for an amazing day. We had over 300 people in attendance and raised \$11,879 for Bright Futures, Samaritan's Feet and Snack Packs for Kids; all supporting Gravette School students. We will be supporting the same 3 charities with this year's event.

Please sign-up at the Information Station in the Gathering Area if you are interested in helping with the sponsor drive, planning, or promotion of the show.

Contact:

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# HIGHLANDS kids

**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.



## Easter Egg Hunt

We are having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13, at 11:00 am. The Children's Ministry is accepting donations of plastic eggs, individually wrapped candy, and trinkets to fill the eggs. Items may be dropped off in the designated bin located outside the Nursery, in the Gathering Area. Cash or check donations are also accepted and may be placed in the offering or dropped off to the office. Please write 'Easter Egg Hunt' on your check or envelope.



Student Ministry meets Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 6:30 for 7<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

# Confirmation

April 28 at 9:30 am  
Worship Service

## HIGHLANDS CHURCH



## Flea and Boutique



This 25<sup>th</sup> year of the Highlands Flea we are excited to announce a bit of something new! We are now the Highlands Church Flea and Boutique! To complement our annual sale of furniture, household items, tools, linens, collectibles, lawn and garden items – we will open a small boutique shop selling elite, fashionable items and accessories like nice and nearly-new purses, scarves, wallets, wraps, unique jewelry, quirky art pieces, quilted items and more! These items are a bit more “upscale” yet still very affordable! Highlands Church – it's time to tell friends and DIG DEEP to now part with some of your clean, sellable items! Remember it's all for local women & children's charities – missions of the United Methodist Women of HUMC.

Your items may be dropped off at the church Monday, April 22 thru Wednesday, April 24 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. No books, magazines, electronics, shoes or clothing! If you would like to rent an outside space, contact Sue LaHood at 479-855-0937 to make your reservation. Fees are \$10 for 3 parking spaces and \$15 for 5 spaces. SIGN UP in the Gathering Area to help us reach out and have fun with the Bella Vista Community during their city-wide garage sale on **Saturday, April 27 – 8:00 AM to Noon!**

## SNACK PACKS



We are packing for the entire Gravette School System which is over 100 children per weekend. The Highlands Church Outreach also pays for all the food. The snack packs go to children that the school counselors believe to be food insufficient over the weekend. The work is not hard, we play music and have fun. We pack for one hour from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Sam's Club is on the way so if you need something it is a handy stop. We pack at the Samaritan Community Center in Rogers the third Tuesday of the month during the school year. Their address is 1211 West Hudson Rd.

## BRIGHT FUTURES



Bright Futures is collecting gently used or new jeans for children and youth and Gravette spirit wear during the month of April. **Sizes for elementary aged children are especially needed this year.** The jeans and spirit wear will be distributed to the Gravette students during the Back to School Bash in August. Please place donated items in the collection bin by the windows in the gathering area.

## SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army awarded Highlands Church with a plaque, in the Red Kettle Group Award category, for the 2018 Top Group Ringers in Washington and Benton Counties. A big THANK YOU to all who rang bells at Allen's Food Market.

During 2018 our area Salvation Army provided individuals and families with 156,073 meals and 31,987 nights of shelter. Altogether, 5,383 individuals were served to meet human needs, 268 utilities were paid to those who needed assistance, and 121 people transitioned to permanent housing and were helped to get back on their feet. 20 men graduated from the Salvation Army's addiction program and are on their way to recovery.

"Doing the Most Good" helps so many in Northwest Arkansas and all over the world.

## CENTERED IN PRAYER

"The joy that Jesus offers his disciples is His own joy, which flows from His intimate communion with the One who sent Him. It is a joy that does not separate happy days from sad days, successful moments from moments of failure, experiences of honor from experiences of dishonor, passion from resurrection. This joy is a divine gift that does not leave us during times of illness, poverty, oppression, or persecution. It is present even when the world laughs or tortures, robs or maims, fights or kills. It is truly ecstatic, always moving us away from the house of fear into the house of love, and always proclaiming that death no longer has the final say, though its noise remains loud and its devastation visible. The joy of Jesus lifts up life to be celebrated."

From *Lifesigns* by Henri J.M. Nouwen

"Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,  
When hate and division give way to love and peace,  
Till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reigns,  
And Christ shall reign victorious O'er all the worlds' domain."

*O God of every Nation*

By William W. Reid, Jr.

# APRIL CALENDAR

## 1-Monday

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

## 2-Tuesday

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

## 3-Wednesday

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

## 4-Thursday

1:00 pm GriefShare  
3:15 pm Sat Celeb Rehearsal  
6:00 pm The Mustard Seed Lent Study

## 5-Friday

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

## 6-Saturday

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

## 7-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

## 8-Monday

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

## 9-Tuesday

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

## 10-Wednesday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch  
1:00 pm Staff Meeting  
1:00 pm Stitches  
2:00 pm Fellowship Committee  
4:00 pm Bells  
6:00 pm Revelation Bible Study  
6:30 pm Choir

## 11-Thursday

9:00 am Kitchen Clean Up  
1:00 pm GriefShare

3:15 pm Sat Celeb Rehearsal  
6:00 pm The Mustard Seed Lent Study

## 12-Friday

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

## 13-Saturday

11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt  
3:00 pm Sat Celebration Rehearsal  
5:30 pm Celebration Service

## 14-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

## 15-Monday

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

## 16-Tuesday

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

## 17-Wednesday

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

## 18-Thursday

1:00 pm GriefShare  
1:30 pm Sat Celebration Rehearsal  
2:00 pm Library Meeting  
4:00 pm Care Group Leaders  
6:00 pm Seder Meal

## 19-Friday

7:00 am Men's Emmaus  
7:30 pm Flex'NStretch  
9:30 am Membership Meeting  
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross Service

## 20-Saturday

## 21-Sunday

8:30 am Easter Breakfast  
9:30 am Traditional Service  
9:30 am Children's Church  
10:30 am Easter Breakfast  
11:15 am The Gathering Service  
11:15 am Children's Church

7:00 pm AA Meeting

## 22-Monday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch  
9:00 am Flea Setup  
10:00 am Flea Item Drop-off  
3:00 pm Women's Emmaus  
5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

## 23-Tuesday

10:00 am Flea Item Drop-off  
3:00 pm Yoga

## 24-Wednesday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch  
10:00 am Flea Item Drop-off  
1:00 pm Staff Meeting  
4:00 pm Bells

## 25-Thursday

9:00 am Kitchen Clean Up  
1:00 pm GriefShare  
3:15 pm Sat Celebration Rehearsal

## 26-Friday

7:00 am Men's Emmaus  
7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch  
9:00 am Flea Set Up

## 27-Saturday

8:00 am Flea  
1:00 pm Scrapbooking  
3:00 pm Sat Celebration Rehearsal  
5:30 pm Celebration Service

## 28-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

## 29-Monday

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

## 30-Tuesday

3:00 pm Yoga



# HIGHLANDS CHURCH

A United Methodist Congregation

CELEBRATION SERVICE  
SATURDAYS 5:30 PM

TRADITIONAL SERVICE  
SUNDAYS 9:30 AM

THE GATHERING  
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  
*Contemporary Worship Leader*

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](http://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.

**Sarah Catherine Davis has taken over the newsletter duties from Betsy Cloninger.**

Deadline for the May Newsletter is April 20 at noon. Please email items to **Sarah Catherine Davis** at [sarahcatdavis4@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcatdavis4@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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