

Highlands news

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HIGHLANDS CHURCH
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3 Steps to Remind Yourself of His Faithfulness

In the midst of hardship, tragedy, and unanswered questions, it's difficult to glimpse God at work. How do we hold onto our faith during these times? How do we trust God is working all things for our good and His glory?

Grab your journal, and take these three steps to remind yourself of God's faithfulness:

1. Write out the date and what's going on to cause you to feel fearful. The Bible says, *"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."* 1 Peter 5:7 For example, a doctor's visit.
2. Next, write out a Bible verse or several, next to your fear to give you hope. If I use the doctor's visit as an example here, a powerful verse is, *"Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures."*

Psalms 119:90

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SERVING US IN SEPTEMBER

Saturday Host/Hostesses

9/7 Jan Lasar
9/14 Virginia Wood
9/21 Ted & Julie Lasher
9/28 Katy McMahon

Sunday Guest Table

9/1 Mel Snyder
9/8 Mel Snyder
9/15 Mel Snyder
9/22 Mel Snyder
9/29 Mel Snyder

Liturgists

9/1 Nancy Johnson
9/8 Donna VanderSchaaf
9/15 Dick Steck
9/22 Bonnie Bloom
9/29 Joyce Sheldon

CPR/AED

9/1 Earl Lehman
9/8 Mel Snyder
9/15 Joan Pehosh
9/22 Pat Lehman
9/29 Ron Blackwelder

Safety & Security: Geary Lynn Manske

Usher Captain: Geary Lynn & Lynn Manske

Trustee for the Month: Jerry Foster

HIGHLANDS LIBRARY

The Highlands library is trying to get organized. We are fortunate to have so many books for our members. Our space is limited, so one criteria we are trying to meet is not accepting books with the copyright before the year 2000. We appreciate all donations; however if books are not accepted they will be given to Care and Share. The library has three locations. The old office (right) for fiction, the old kitchen (left) for non-fiction, Christian books, paperbacks, CDs, and DVDs. The reference library is in the Sunday School hall. The reference library has many interesting Bible Studies. We are offering unaccepted books to members before donating them. They are located at the front door and will be available at the Car show. Monetary donations would be appreciated.

Look forward to exciting library information in the future,
The Library Committee

HIGHLANDS 2ND ANNUAL CRUISE-IN & CAR SHOW

Tickets for congregational sales are now available in individualized envelopes in the church Gathering Area. The tickets are \$10 each, which is a donation to be split between the 3 charities and includes a card that is good for a "free" lunch at the show. Please use the envelope provided to return sales money (or unsold tickets) to the collection box located outside the church office

Volunteers are needed for activities the day of the show. There is a sign-up sheet at the Information Desk in the church Gathering Area. Please consider volunteering!

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to:

The Davis family on the passing of Lowell.

The Maaske family on the passing of Cheryl.

The Fargo/ Ellis family on the passing of Rick.

At this very difficult time, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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.

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

Burris & Beverly Wilson

New e-mail: burriswil43@gmail.com

New home phone: 913-303-3364

Sarah Catherine Davis

New personal e-mail:

sarahcatdavis4@gmail.com

Steve & Amy Terry

New address: 2 Skye Ln.

Bella Vista, 72715

Bob & Charlene Marsh

New e-mail: harley30.rm@gmail.com

New address: 703 Garden Court

Marionville, MO. 65705

SNACK PACKS

Mission Ministry will be packing Snack Packs for the children of Gravette Schools on Tuesday, September 17 at 2:00 pm. If you are interested, please join us at the Samaritan Center, 1211 West Hudson Rd, Rogers. We always pack on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm. Questions, contact Steve Terry 405-222-8727

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

DESSERT FOR A YEAR

This month Ruth Richardson will prepare a heavenly tasting Angel Food Cake with Roasted Strawberry Topping for Chris and Mike. Last month, they shared a dreamy Pineapple Sheet Cake baked by Robyn Wolters. Thank you, ladies, for sharing your gift of baking with others.

COOKIE WALK

We have an need to begin collecting Folgers cans for the Cookie Walk. It will be here before we know it! Folgers cans that make 240 cups of coffee are needed. Empty Folgers cans may be dropped off in the white cabinets inside the entry to Fellowship Hall. Many thanks!



“He will not allow your foot to slip; He
who keeps you will not slumber”

Psalm 121:3

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3. Now the hard part: Leave the third step blank. Believe in faith that God *will* answer your prayer ... but trust it'll happen in His time. And when He does answer it, come back and write it here with a bold red pen! Writing out faith-filled verses, along with your answers to prayer, is the simplest of ways to rehearse God's faithfulness to you, too!

When we remind our forgetful hearts and minds how much God has proven His care for us, a bold trust builds. We can see how God has worked good into our lives and in the lives of others *before*, and we can fully trust He wants to do it again! Remind your heart: What you're facing is a challenge. It isn't defeat, but challenges in life are an opportunity for God to show His faithfulness. I'm ready to see it again. Aren't you?

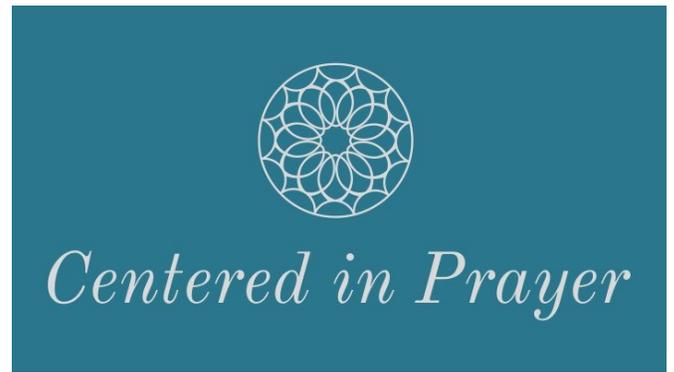
Dear Lord, when life is hard and my confidence is in question, help me remember to look back and see Your faithfulness to me in the past. No matter how I feel, may I remind myself, You will not allow my foot to slip! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

SAMARITAN'S FEET

Thanks to you, the Samaritan's Feet Event in Gravette served 155 children with Back-to-School shoes, socks, tote bags, and treats. It is truly amazing when hearts and hands come together, to serve others in the name of Jesus, what can be accomplished! There are no words to describe the smiles, the joy, the love, and the fun that was had by all on that precious day. Be sure to support this year's Car Show at Highlands Church as it will support next year's Back-to-School Shoe Event. Set your calendars for July 25, 2020.

UMW AFTER HOURS

The Highlands United Methodist Women are doing a new evening retreat of fellowship, spiritual growth, and mission outreach for the women of Bella Vista as well as the women of our church. We are calling it After Hours and we'll be getting together from 6-7 pm on the third Tuesday of every month (September – May). Our first After Hours will be on Tuesday, September 17 from 6-7 pm. Our theme will be "Buzzin' Along – A Taste of Honey" and we'll be exploring how to get more out of your devotional life and prayer time. Plan to join us and feel free to invite your friends!



Read Luke 11:5-13.

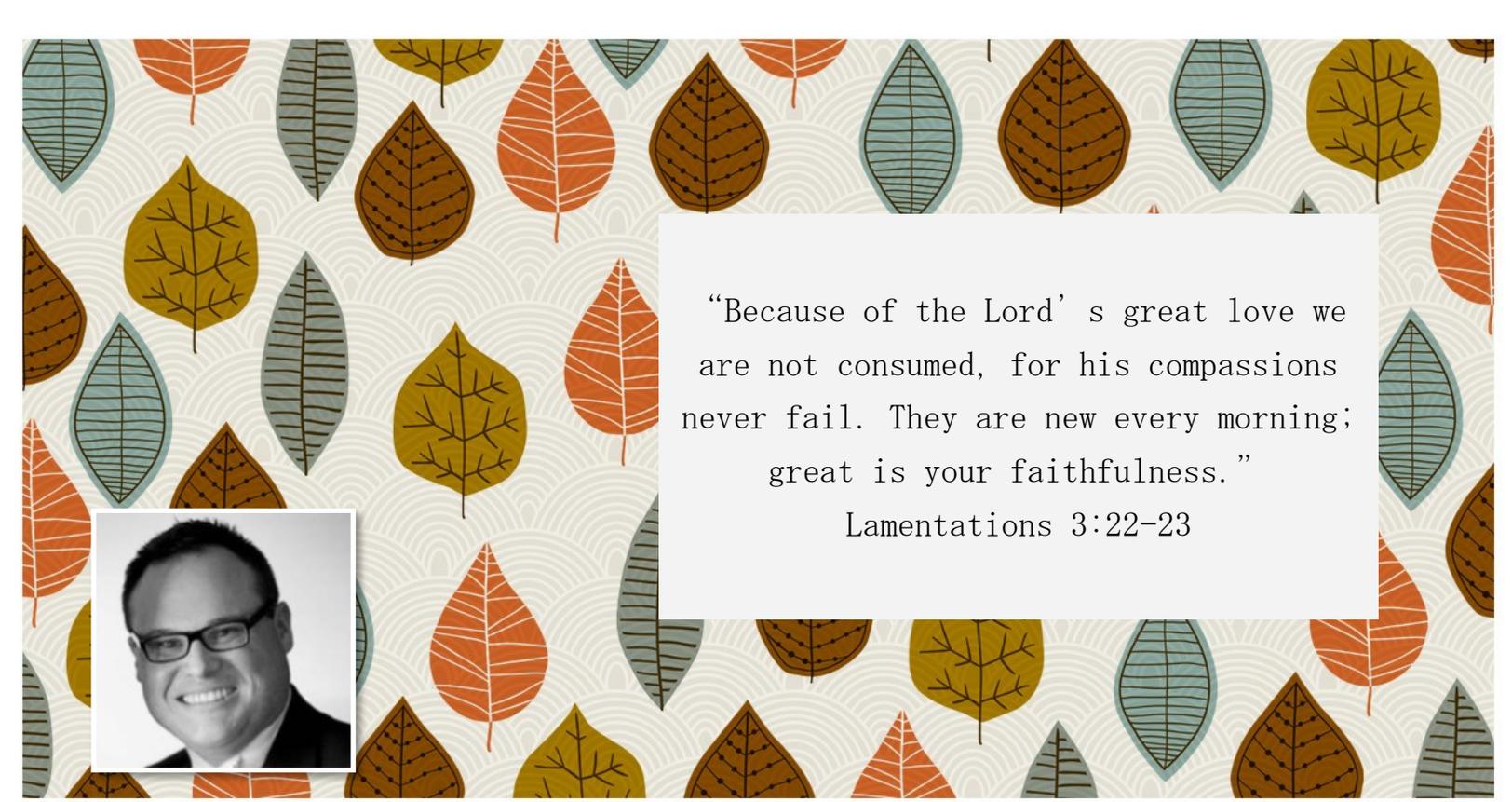
Prayer changes things. We respond as the disciples, "Lord, teach us to pray", but we continue to doubt whether God hears or cares about our prayers. After giving the disciples a model for prayer, Jesus then gives an illustration to emphasize

His teaching and to reassure us that God not only hears but cares and responds.

Prayer is not a superstitious recitation or a blank check to fulfill our wishes. Prayer does not guarantee financial prosperity. Prayer is a discipline. Prayer is asking, seeking, knocking, and waiting. And God, the perfect parent, hears and responds.

Prayer is spending time with God. We can talk with God about relationships within our community, about needs of others, and about ourselves. Sometimes, life overwhelms us and we have no words at all.

Jesus encourages us to pray often and to persevere in our prayers. God is not only high and holy but also close and intimate. God cares more for us than we can comprehend. Jesus reminds us that as much as we love our families and friends, God loves us even more. Prayer changes how we see others and ourselves. From *Disciplines* (Upper Room) by Bo Posser.



“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:22-23



It’s back to school time and I know there’s so much excitement, but for me it was always my least favorite time of year. I never cared much for school and frankly, I don’t think school ever cared much for me. Growing up, I remember everyone continually telling me I needed to get an education and I never seemed to be able to convince them that I didn’t. In fact, I was a bit of a Puritan, because I really only saw the religion class at my Christian school as necessary education. And while that might be strange to think at such a young age, here I am now.

When I went to a public high school, we didn’t have religion class so as you can imagine, I really didn’t see a point in being there. I went so far as to try and drop out of high school. My parents thought when I said that I was dropping out that I was joking with them or trying to rebel and irritate them. They soon found out I wasn’t joking when my principal informed my mother that I had indeed tried to drop out and that he wasn’t going to sign the paperwork. After a long talk with my parents (mostly me listening) it seemed a lot easier to go along with the program, but that didn’t mean I had to like it. When I got out of high school my plan was to drag my feet in college long enough to frustrate my parents into getting their blessing to drop out. That didn’t work out either. After all the complaining and class skipping that I did, I figured my grade point average would be too low to get into a seminary graduate program, but much to my surprise, annoyance, and relief, my GPA was actually good.

When I sat down with my advisor in seminary I noticed that all they offered were classes I wanted to take which led to a strangely fast and smooth path to graduation. I actually kind of wanted to stay longer.

Why am I sharing this with you? Because to me, all of what you just read is a profound story. It’s a story of rebellion, not thinking things through, and being just plain stubborn. I look back on my life and all that I tried to throw away and I realize there was only one factor that got me through. God. I can’t justify it any other way. Sure I had supportive parents. Sure I had a lot of great things in place, but I tried to undo all the good things that I had been given to get my own way. It really was only God that got me through. It really was only God that held everything together and got me to the other side.

So what’s your story? What’s your version of school? What are the events in your life that you look at and realize that it was only God that got you through? Knowing and being able to verbalize those periods of time are more important than you might think, because those stories become the stories that give muscle and bone to confidence in God. Those stories give courage and allow trust.

There are countless events in my life where I didn’t feel like God was anywhere around at the time, but as I look back on those stories I realize that there wasn’t anywhere in them that God wasn’t present. I would encourage you to start writing out those tales of times when God got you through or at least rehearse them in your mind. Reflect on them as much as you can, because by recognizing and affirming God’s faithfulness in the past, we become much less scared of the future.

Blessings,
Pastor Robert



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.



YOUTH GROUP

Equipping 7th—12th grade students to grow together on their journey to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. Sundays 5:00—6:30 pm. For more information, contact Sarah Catherine Davis at (501) 733-3666.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Please help our Student Ministry fill the Little Free Pantry with nonperishable food items and toiletry donations. Getting into the habit of bringing one food or toiletry item to each worship service can go a long way in helping the needy in our community. There is a bin located in the entry to Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary to drop off your items.



8:15 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:15 in the Mark classroom. This is a learning and discussion class. All are welcome to come at any time. Questions, contact Donna VanderSchaaf at 715-6059.

9:30 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Mark classroom. We are using the Standard Lessons Commentary. Each lesson will use scripture with verse by verse explanation of the text with detailed background followed by group discussion. Everyone is welcome. Questions, please contact Gary Marshall at 479-553-7950.

AUGUST 2019 CARE GROUP ACTIVITIES

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ACTIVITY

Hagaman	Taco Party at Hagaman's
Steck/ Moeller	Duffer's
Stone	Wooden Spoon
Krumm/ Potter	Duffer's
Foster/Leonard/Jackson	Martin's Boat Ride & Cookout
Collis	Botanical Garden's & Dinner
Henkel	BV Bar & Grill
Miller	Poppa Mikes
Balzer	Skillet's Dinner
Williams/ Hudec	Wooden Spoon
Manske/ Lehman	Dinner out

September 2019 Calendar

Recurring Events

Sundays

- 8:15 am Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 am Traditional Worship
- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:15 am The Gathering Worship
- 11:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 12:15 pm Gathering Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Student Ministry (7-12 grade)
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting

Mondays

- 7:30 am Flex N' Stretch
- 9:30 am UMW Meeting (2nd Tuesday)
- 3:00 pm Women's Emmaus (2nd & 4th Mondays)
- 5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

Tuesdays

- 7:45 am Hummers Meeting (1st Tuesday)
- 3:00 pm Yoga

Wednesdays

- 7:30 am Flex N' Stretch
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)
- 1:00 pm Stitchers (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)
- 2:00 pm Fellowship Committee (1st Wednesday)
- 4:00 pm Bells
- 6:30 pm Choir

Thursdays

- 9:00 am Kitchen Cleanup (2nd & 4th Thursdays)
- 3:00 pm Library Meeting (3rd Thursday)
- 3:15 pm Sat Celeb Rehearsal (1:30 pm on 3rd Thursday)
- 4:00 pm Care Group Leaders Meeting (3rd Thursday)

Fridays

- 7:00 am Men's Emmaus
- 7:30 am Flex N' Stretch
- 10:30 am Compassionate Disciples (1st Friday)

Saturdays

- 1:00 pm Scrapbooking & Card Making (3rd Saturday)
- 3:00 pm Sat Celebration Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm Saturday Celebration

Other Events and Meetings:

Tuesday, September 3

- 9:30 am UMW Board

Friday, September 6

- 11:00 am Cheryl Maaske Memorial

Thursday, September 12

- 1:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, September 17

- 6:00 pm Admin Council Meeting
- 6:00 pm UMW After Hours

Wednesday, September 25

- 10:00 am Hummers Blood Drive

Thursday, September 26

- 10:00 am Car Show Food Prep

Friday, September 27

- 8:00 am Car Show Food Prep

Saturday, September 28

- 8:30 am Car Show Registration
- 10:00 am Car Show
- 2:00 pm Car Show Cleanup



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

SARAH CATHERINE DAVIS
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

JESSICA COTTON
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 October Newsletter is September 20 at noon. Please email items to **Sarah Catherine Davis** at our new email highlandschurchnews@gmail.com or place in the Newsletter mailbox in the hallway next to the church office.

If you have any comments or questions about the newsletter, please email or call Sarah Catherine Davis directly.

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