

Highlands news

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“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His footsteps.—1 Peter 2:21

PASTOR’S PEN

For some strange reason I’ve always loved to research. In college I majored in History because of my love of research. After college I was persuaded to go to my particular seminary because of their huge library dedicated to theology. All of this research creates problems at times. Basically, I over-research things and from time to time I over complicate matters. Throughout the process of my personal Christian walk I’ve been curious about the faith, prayer, and study life of great Christian thinkers and leaders. A lot of these people that I’ve studied were known to rise early in the morning. John Wesley and George Whitfield, who are both highly influential to Methodists, were known to rise at 4:00 a.m. so that they could pray. George Whitefield was reported to have grooves on his hardwood floor next to his bed because of all of the time he spent kneeling in prayer. That’s pretty intimidating. How can I ever hope to achieve that level of dedication? I’ve also researched the early Church Fathers. Antony of the Desert gave away all of his money, ate a diet of bread and water, and lived in caves in the desert so that he could pray and keep silence. I don’t know that I can keep silence for five minutes, let alone decades. I have also read about the kindness of Francis of Assisi to all living creatures and the zeal of Martin Luther for glorifying God through writing numerous books and preaching six days a week. Again, these guys are hard acts to follow.

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SERVING US IN OCTOBER

Saturday Host/Hostesses

10/5 Ted & Julie Lasher
10/12 Jan Lasar
10/19 Ted & Julie Lasher
10/26 Ruth Richardson

Sunday Guest Table

10/6 Mel Snyder
10/13 Mel Snyder
10/20 Mel Snyder
10/27 Mel Snyder

Liturgists

10/6 Nancy Johnson
10/13 Dave Hagaman
10/20 Claudia Williams
10/27 Bonnie Bloom

CPR/AED

10/6 Pat Lehman
10/13 Earl Lehman
10/20 Mel Snyder
10/27 Angie Hansen

Safety & Security:

Earl Lehman

Usher Captain:

Joe & Debbie Newman

Trustee for the Month:

Mike Maginness

NEW MEMBERS



Richard & Peggy Henault attend the 9:30 Traditional service on Sundays and recently became members. Richard and Peggy moved to Bella Vista in 2009 from New Braunfels, Texas. Richard was in the US Navy and he retired from Walmart. His hobbies are golf and woodworking. Peggy is a retired RN and worked in various locations for 42 years. She enjoys reading, handwork and scrollsawing. Richard and Peggy each have 1 adult child.

Anna Ahlman became a member on 9/8/19 in the Traditional Service. She moved back to Bella Vista from Holiday Island 3 months ago. She and her late husband, Jerry, were members at Highlands Church when they lived here previously. She has 4 children. Anna is a retired Registered Nurse and worked in many different areas including OB, ER and Surgery. Anna sings in our Chancel Choir, plays bells in our Handbells, and is a member of PEO. She also enjoys playing cards, making greeting cards, and spending time with her family. Anna is a great grandmother and gets to see 3 of her great grandchildren often who live nearby.



VETERANS WALL

Veterans wall will go up on Nov. 7. If you would like a picture on the wall please get it to the office by Nov. 4th so it can be printed.

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.



Jean Galloway became a member on 9/8/19 in the Traditional Service. She moved to Bella Vista from Overland Park, KS in November of 2018. Jean retired from Zurich Insurance after 30 years of service then spent 7 years working in a medical office specializing in family practice. She has a passion for adult learning and also taught HR-related courses at the graduate level for 13 years. She loves to volunteer, read and spend quality time with friends and family. She attended Church of the Resurrection for 21 years and volunteered in several areas of the ministry. Jean is celebrating 35 wonderful years of marriage to Dave this month.

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.



HIGHLANDS CHURCH STUDENTS

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. Our current study is the book of Romans. 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.

SEPTEMBER 2019 CARE GROUP ACTIVITIES

CARE GROUP	ACTIVITY
Hagaman	Pizza Party
Metz/ Chapman	Lakepoint
Pinkerton/Ramsey	Dessert at Ramsey's
Krumm/ Potter	Duffer's Breakfast
Foster/Leonard/Jackson	BBQ & Boating
Collis	Chocolate Shop
Henkel	Wooden Spoon
Lasher/Richardson	Men's Chorus/ Dinner at Country Club
O'Neil/Marshall	Duffer's Lunch
Williams/ Hudec	Dinner at Shirley Hogg's
Manske/ Lehman	Haven 55 Dinner

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to: The Stewart family on the loss of Mary Ellen. The Lock family on the loss of Ernie. The Miller family on the loss of Verda. The Steck family on the loss of Bill. At this very difficult time, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



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I made the mistake of holding myself to the wrong standard, but I think a lot of Christians do the same thing. However, if we start with Jesus as our standard for how we live life then we are free to be ourselves. When we are ourselves we get the great privilege of living as authentic Christians. I'm not saying that we don't have a lot to learn from some of the greats throughout church history. What I am saying is that those "greats" can't be the standard we measure ourselves against. The same as true as modern day saints. Some of us look at other Christians, even grandparents and parents, and feel utterly inadequate in our faith life. We think that if we aren't like other Christians who we see as "having it all figured out" then we are failing. Be authentic in your faith walk. If God would have wanted two of your faith heroes then he would have made two of them, but he didn't. He made you.

When I was going through the ordination process we had a retreat one year at Subiaco, which is a Benedictine Monastery right outside of Paris, Arkansas. I was talking to a room full of monks at one point on the retreat and they talked about one monk that lived in the monastery. Apparently, this monk went to bed at 7:30 p.m. so that he could get up before 3:00 a.m. to pray in the middle of the night when the other monks would be asleep. Here's the thing: the other monks slept better because they knew someone was up praying for them. Further, the other monks were more motivated in early morning prayer because the monk who got up early every day was wide awake and energetic by the time morning church rolled around. But if this monk would have been like all of the other monks, maybe even some of his faith heroes, look at what his community would be missing.

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New Contact Information

Geary Lynn & Lynn Manske

No more home phone

Mr. Geary Lynn: (479) 430-4566

Mrs. Lynn: (479) 426-4255

Andy Jackson

New email:

ajacksbv@gmail.com

Gene Leonard

New email:

gleonard4563@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Dear Highlands,

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during my recent medical issues. I've never received so many cards and felt so much love! It feels good to know I can count on you all to pray for me when needed. It's a pleasure to come to work every day and I'm blessed to know the people of Highlands Church. Special thanks to Lori and Dru for covering my work load! Much love to you all!

Amey Burkett

Dear Highlands Congregation,

You visited him in the hospital, you visited him in the Rehab facility, you sent him cards of encouragement at home, you brought him prayer shawls and flowers, you cheered him on when he first got to attend church, you prayed for him many times, you brought your Christian Love to his 90 birthday event, and last night you accepted his WALKING into "CELEBRATION" on his own feet as if that was supposed to happen, of course.

Our daughters and I are grateful to EACH and ALL of you. Yes, we are still our journey, but Ernest Walter Grilk is a fortunate man to have you supporting his efforts, and we thank God Almighty for that!

Gloria Febro Grilk

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Please join the United Methodist Women on Monday, October 14, 9:30 a.m. as we will have a representative from Restoration Village in Rogers as our featured program. They help women and children in crisis to restore their lives. We will also have fellowship, fun and food. Please plan to attend this informative meeting. Hope we see you then!

DESSERT FOR A YEAR

A sweet September was had by Chris and Mike with the delivery of warm-roasted strawberries poured over an angel food cake prepared by Ruth Richardson. Thanks, Ruth! October should officially feel like autumn is in the air – so it is time to go pumpkin. Lori Pinkerton will prepare a Pumpkin Spice Bundt Cake topped with Cream cheese frosting for Chris this month. Do you think she will share?

MUFFINS FOR MISSIONS

Attention all Ladies of the Church – please help us bake and share Muffins for UMW Missions on Saturday, October 26th and Sunday October 27th. Attention Members and Guests - you are invited to stop by our tables, nibble some samples, and take them to go before and after services on that weekend. Your donations will help support outreach to women and children in our NWA community! If you can help, call or text Lori at 479-621-7616.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, Oct 27 from 4:00-5:30 pm we will be having a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot. Please spread the word! Candy donations are Oct 1-24 in the bins located in the Gathering Area. We want to have as many trunks as possible so please volunteer to decorate your trunk! Sign up at the Information Desk. Help spread the word about this family friendly event!



Centered in Prayer

Scripture tells us “the prayer of faith will save the sick”. (James 5:15) Yet all of us can doubtless recall times-many times- when we prayed for healing and it did not occur. Does that mean that God is not listening? that your faith is too weak? or that your prayers have not been fervent enough? I think not, but I also think it is fruitless to try to find why some people are healed and some are not. Much of what happens on our earthly journey will remain a mystery until we get to risen life. I do not think we can never say prayer is wasted. Although prayer may not change a situation and give us what we want, prayer changes us. Through prayer we become more aware of God’s presence. Through prayer we find inner resources and strength we didn’t know we had. Through prayer, we are no longer facing our fears and pain alone: God is beside us , renewing our spirit, restoring our soul, and helping us to carry the burden when it becomes too heavy for us to bear alone. From *Near Life’s End* by Ron DelBene with Mary and Herb Montgomery

FALL DECORATING

The Decorating committee is doing our Fall Decorating at the church on Thursday, October 24 at 9:00 am. If you are available for approximately one hour to help, please respond by contacting Mary Doyle at mdoyle57@cox.net or 479-876-5342.

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When we aren’t authentic our faith community misses out. So what’s different about you? Who are you when you are authentic? Who do you inspire or help sleep better at night? My guess is that your strengths, weaknesses and differences balance out another brother or sister in the church. My other guess is that those people you might be kicking yourself for not being more like don’t have the same spiritual strengths that you do. Embrace what God has given you.

COMPASSIONATE DISCIPLES

We are very happy to have three new members in our group, Dottie Carter, Julie Howe and Virginia Wood. You may have been fortunate to hear from one of these people in the past few months. Dottie has been making hospital visits with Marilyn Makela and Julie is on her own making visits. These individuals are a wonderful addition to the Compassionate Disciples team.

Keep in mind Compassionate Disciples exists to assist Pastor Robert. We are a ministry that reaches out to those in our church family experiencing spiritual, emotional or physical needs. We support individuals and their families’. If you know of someone who could use our services, call the office and they will let us know. Blessings to all, Linda Virgili (linda.virgili@yahoo.com or 479-876-1404)

COOKIE WALK

We need to 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!

October 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:

Monday, October 7

- 9:30 am UMW Board

Tuesday, October 15

- 6:00 pm UMW After Hours

Tuesday, October 15

- 6:00 pm Admin Council

Saturday, October 19

- 10:00 am Mary Ellen Stewart Memorial

Sunday, October 20

- 5:30 pm All Church Event

Thursday, October 24

- 9:00 am Fall Decorating

Sunday, October 27

- 4:00– 5:30 pm Trunk or Treat



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 November Newsletter is October 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.

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



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