



# Highlands News

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## September Highlights

### Communion Schedule

(Please refer to Pastor's Pen on page 2 for details)

Celebrations Service, Saturday, September 5, 5:30 pm

Traditional Service, Sunday, September 6, 9:30 am

The Gathering Service, Sunday, September 6, 11:15 am

Drive Through Communion, Sunday, September 6, 4:00 pm

**UMW & HUMMERS Joint Meeting**, Monday, September 14, 9:30 am

**Car Show**, Saturday, September 19, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

**Blood Drive**, Wednesday, September 23, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### Celebrations Service

Saturdays 5:30 pm  
(casual atmosphere)

#### Traditional Service

Sundays 9:30 am

#### Gathering Service

Sundays 11:15 am  
(contemporary worship)

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# Pastor's Pen—Holy Communion

I am so thankful for this congregation being understanding and flexible during a time when we have to figure out how to do things in a new way. One of the hardest things about dealing with COVID-19 is trying to navigate through what used to be simple decisions that are now a series of decisions. Celebrating Holy Communion used to be relatively easy. As a church body, we had bread and juice, we prayed and consecrated the bread and juice, and we partook of the bread and juice. Now, between social distancing and the virus, we have to make changes to the way we celebrate Holy Communion.



Beginning this weekend, September 5 & 6, we return to celebrating Communion together on the first weekend of every month. However, the process will be a little different.

If you feel comfortable attending church, then you will receive communion as part of the service. We will still be using the individual packets that contain both the bread and the juice. At the end of each worship service, I will consecrate the elements and take them to a table near the exit. You will be dismissed and as you leave worship, you will be handed that individual packet of elements in a ziplock bag. The bags will be packed and distributed by a church volunteer in gloves and a mask. I know some will ask why we cannot just do this in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall but going about it that way would force us all to remove our masks, which would be against state and denominational health advice.

If you do not feel comfortable coming to church yet, or you are an individual at risk, you will still have the opportunity to take Communion through the drive through like we have done before. The drive through service will take place Sunday, September 6 at 4:00 pm under the awning to the Fellowship Hall. You will drive under the awning where I will hand you an individual packet of bread and juice. I will have consecrated these elements prior to this drive through Communion Service.

Remember, we have an open table because it is the Lord's Table, not our own. Any guest who wants to know Christ more is welcome to participate in these options for Holy Communion.

I look forward to celebrating this sacrament with you this weekend.

Grace and peace,

Robert



# HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



## United Methodist Women

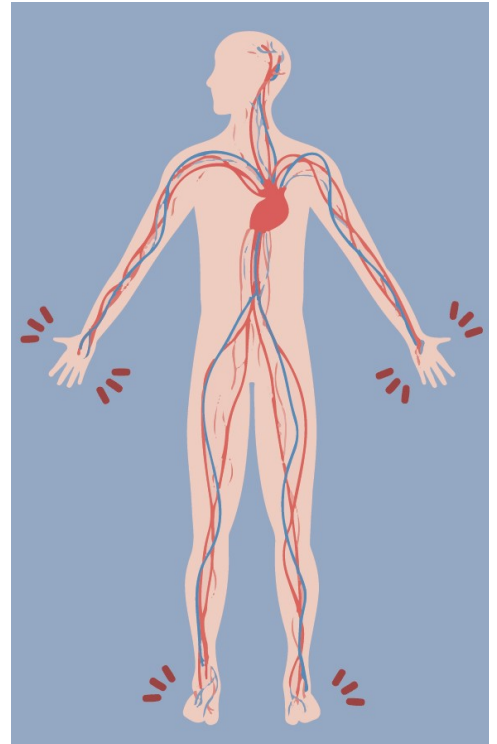
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### Attention all Hummers and UMW members!

There will be a joint meeting on **Monday, September 14th, 9:30 am** for the first 50 members of the church! This is a special combined meeting with our guest speaker, Dr. Freeman.

Dr. Freeman has been in private practice for more than 10 years and is board certified in chronic pain and neuropathy. During his chiropractic internship, he took a mission trip to the inner islands of Fiji. While there he treated hundreds of men, women and children. This experience helped him to learn how to care for a wide variety of ailments such as asthma, foot pain, indigestion and sleeplessness. He is passionate about educating his patients on nutrition, exercise and chiropractic so they can live a high quality of life.



(We will NOT be having any food or drink. Sorry. Wear your mask, sanitize once here and enjoy this informative talk.) **Please sign up** when you come to church anytime between now and the 13th when you enter the building or call the church, 855-2277, or email [highlandschurch@humcbv.com](mailto:highlandschurch@humcbv.com).

Hope to see you on the 14th! Blessings to you all!

### Guidelines for In-Person Worship at Highlands Church

We advise you to continue to worship via online platforms at home if:

- You have had a fever of 100.4°F or higher in the past 2 days.
- You have cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell or other symptoms typical of virus.
- You have had known exposure to someone with Covid-19 in the past 14 days.
- You have young children who are unable to adhere to physical distancing guidelines.
- You may wish to refrain from entering our building if you are 65 or more years old or have underlying health conditions including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, severe obesity, asthma or immune-compromising conditions, because you are at higher risk for severe illness if infected by Covid-19.

Face masks are required for entrance (except for children under 10 years old) and must be worn at all times.



## Family News



### NEW MEMBERS:

**Jerry & Carole Snyder** moved to this area from Plymouth, MN in October 2019. They have a blended family of 6 children, 13 grandchildren and 2 great-

grandchildren. They are both retired. Jerry enjoys woodworking and Carole enjoys gardening and scrapbooking.

### NEW ADDRESS :

**Lynne Snodgrass** email-Lsnod123@yahoo.com

### OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY :

To former associate pastor **Michael Callahan** upon the loss of his wife Rita, August 21, 2020; Memorials may be sent to Rita Callahan Memorial Piano Fund, c/o Harmon United Methodist Church, PO Box 760, Tontitown, AR 72770

### THANK YOUS:

To my church family.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for the many prayers, cards & food/goodies that have been sent my way. I am finally getting back to being normal again. My knee is so much better. I can drive again & eat. Thanks to all of you who have helped me along this road to recovery. Blessings & hugs, **Marilyn Makela**

This "thank you" is long overdue. My husband, Rich Ellis went home to be with the Lord June 3rd. I have been blessed to receive so much help through these difficult months. God has used you to help me through my grief. Please keep my family and me in your prayers. May God bless you all. **Robin Ellis**

### 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.



## Centered in Prayer

Romans 8:26,27 *In the same way, the spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit, himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.*

You are reading the paper or watching TV. You see or read something terrible that lands with an impact. You give a deep sigh; you groan or grieve inside yourself.

Paul tells us that when we groan like that, we may actually be participating in the Spirit's groaning over sin and evil in the world, for the Spirit prays for us in "sighs too deep for words." Or perhaps you're dealing with a really frustrating situation, and you go to bed discouraged but having turned over your situation to God, the next morning you feel renewed resilience, maybe even a new idea. "The Spirit helps us in our weakness," declares Paul.

Paul speaks frankly about the fact that we don't really know how to pray "as we ought." So why pray? Regular prayer, even in our ignorance, can open us to those deeper sighs and yearnings that get buried in our daily busyness.

Prayer serves to put us into the flow of the Spirit, not to find satisfaction for our superficial desires. Prayer is time alone with God, openness to God, a time for relationship, a regular connection. Spirit-life flows from that relationship.

As we bring our gratitude, thanksgiving, honest confession of our needs, and frank assessment of both our mistakes and our successes into the flow, the Spirit can begin to shape our desires for ourselves and the world. God can awaken and stir up yearnings for goodness, justice, humility, courage, patience, self-control, kindness and compassion which are the many faces of Christ.

from **Disciplines** by Robert Morris, Episcopal priest.

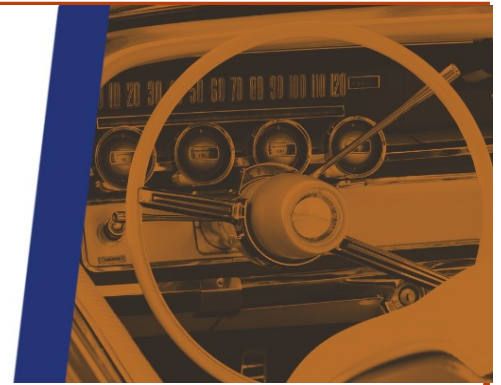
# HIGHLANDS CHURCH

## *Cruise-In & Car Show*

*Highlands Church Parking Lot • 371 Glasgow Rd, Bella Vista, AR*



**SEPTEMBER 19, 2020**  
**10:30 AM - 1:30 PM**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** This year's event will be greatly simplified, but we still need a few volunteers to help with set-up / clean-up, parking, grilling and placing lunch items on serving tables, selling additional lunch tickets, monitoring the church door for one-at-a-time use of restrooms and driving the last car while in communication with the leader on either of the 2 drives around the area. Sign-up sheets are at the sign-in tables by the church entrances, or you may call the church office.

**Tickets:** Meal tickets have been mailed out to the congregation for purchasing or selling at \$10 each. Ticket money or unsold tickets may be mailed back or dropped off at the church. The collection box will be at the check-in table during Saturday & Sunday services and will be by the sign-in table at the church office entrance during the week. Please let us know if you have not received your tickets.

**Attending the show:** As previously noted, this year's event will be entirely outdoors. Please bring your own lawn chairs. Show vehicles will be spaced further apart and everyone attending will be asked to social distance or be wearing masks - including when going through the lunch line.

**Charities:** This event is our fundraiser for Bright Futures, Samaritan's Feet and Snack Packs for Kids for Gravette School children. This year is especially challenging for area school children. Please help as you are able in our effort to support these charities. Thank you. For more information or questions, please contact Steve Terry at 405-222-8727.



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**Highlands Church | Sept 23 | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

*Welcome Home to*  
**HIGHLANDS CHURCH**

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NEW SERMON VIDEOS POSTED WEEKLY

If you have an item for the next newsletter, please email it to **Dru Matthews** at [dru@humcbv.com](mailto:dru@humcbv.com)  
Deadline is September 20.

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



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**FROM THE FINANCE TEAM:**

We want to thank you for continuing to give to your church during this very unusual time. Because of your faithfulness, your church is doing well, and able to meet our basic expenses of mortgage, utilities, insurance and payroll. Please continue to give as God has given us so that our church will continue to do well.

**Operating Budget Report-July 31, 2020**

	YTD Budget	July Actual	YTD Actual
Income	321,274	31,527	305,774
Expenses	321,274	33,758	273,678
Net	0	(2,231)	32,096

Thank you for your continued support.

**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.