



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | HIGHLANDS CHURCH  
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# ACE = ALL CHURCH EVENT OCTOBER 4 4:00 PM HIGHLANDS CHURCH



## What would YOU do for a FREE Klondike bar?

- Attend a FREE gospel concert on a lawn?
- Social distance at Highlands Church?
- Bring your own lawn chair?
- Be ready to hear great music presented by our own "S-N-C Group"?
- Indulge in a yummy Klondike bar?
- Join us on Sunday afternoon, October 4 at 4:00 pm?

We are ready... bet you are too!  
Please RSVP or ask QUESTIONS to:  
Stones: dlystone@cox.net - 876-2260  
Henkels: katycruise@cox.net - 876-6121

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Celebrations Service

Saturdays 5:30 pm  
(casual atmosphere)

### Traditional Service

Sundays 9:30 am

### Gathering Service

Sundays 11:15 am  
(contemporary worship)

## Highlands Church

A United Methodist Congregation  
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Bella Vista, AR 72715  
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# Pastor's Pen

Highlands family,

It seems like only a short while ago I was writing letters to our congregation about our procedures in the early stages of the Covid outbreak. I remember thinking at that time that everything would be over in a couple of weeks and then everything would be back to normal. The good thing is I am not a weatherman, because I got that prediction entirely wrong.



Pastor Robert Cloninger

The point in me saying this is that worries can change so quickly. Plans can change so quickly. And I admit that I was worried about a lot of things in the early stages of the pandemic and for a while after it; I even worried about being worried. That does not matter now, my faith is stronger because of it. What does matter is how we have hung in there as a church family. No, things are not the way they used to be, but we have come so far and we have still managed to be a sign of hope to the community.

The car show that we had was just the icing on the cake. People came out to support it in droves. Social distancing was maintained and you still got to see people having a great time. You might not realize it, but the community needed that. I commend everyone who worked on the car show for raising the money that they did and organizing such a successful event, but I am also very thankful to them for putting on an event that showed the community that Christ's Church was still up and running and that there is plenty of hope to be found.

The thing I have learned the most so far about church life is that nothing ever goes as planned, but when God is in the mix it comes off better than we could even imagine. So thank you all for your support. Thank you for taking care of each other. Thank you for loving your church. And thank you for loving Jesus. You have encouraged my heart in a way I cannot explain and I am so proud to be called your pastor.

Blessings,  
Robert



# HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Due to the pandemic and the current policies in place at the church, we will not have a Hummers meeting in October. Let's look forward to a meeting to happen in November.

We have under consideration, a Glasgow Road trash pick-up for a later Fall date yet to be determined.



## United Methodist Women

Faith • Hope • Love in Action



Please join The United Methodist Women on Monday, October 12, at 9:30 am, in Fellowship Hall as we resume our regular meetings. Our guest speaker will be Jackie Ramos. Jackie will tell us her fascinating story working for Mercy Ships, a Christian organization that began their mission of providing hope and healing to those in need in 1978. These floating hospitals bring safe, sterile operating rooms and hospital beds directly to people in hard to reach areas around the world. Bring your coffee, wear a mask and enjoy this talk. You will be blessed! Sign up sheets will be at the check-in tables for the church or RSVP to [suelahood@currently.com](mailto:suelahood@currently.com). Can't wait to see you all again!

## Family News

### NEW ADDRESSES:

**Sue LaHood email:** suelahood@currently.com

**Lee & Alice Balzer**, 2302 W University, Siloam Springs AR 72761

### OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY :

**To Jenny Montgomery** upon the recent loss of her husband **Dick Montgomery**, September 11, 2020.

To the family of **Betty Fellows**, who passed away Tuesday, September 22., 2020. Cards may be mailed to her son, David Fellows, 11512 West 152nd, Overland Park, KS 66221.

### 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.

Golfers: if you are interested in a Top Golf benefit tournament for Nicole's House a one-year Christ-centered transitional living program for women coming out of addiction (see Facebook or ask me for details), contact Bev Puckett @ 479-855-7122 or bkpuckettmemories@juno.com. Three hours of unlimited golf with a pro golf coach, and food and beverages in your own private bay for 6 golfers.



## Centered in Prayer

"I am with you always."

This is the eternal source of our daily life of prayer. This is no technique. We are in deep waters of the most intimate of all possible relationships that flow to us—forever fresh and new—from minute to minute. And, as with all that lives, our relationship with the ultimate Person is organic, open-ended, unexpected, asymmetrical, and unfolding...

You might think of or picture yourself walking with Jesus, or sitting across from him. Ask him as you would a beloved friend, "What can I do each day to respond from my heart to your presence? What is best and most real for me?" You may wish to ask these questions of the living Jesus Christ each day. "How can I best experience your transforming friendship today?" How do you feel like responding at this moment?

It may appear that each day will differ. Or you may feel the inner suggestion to have one main way of prayer for a period of time. Whatever suggestion surfaces will be in rhythm with the type of person you essentially are—because that is the person God created and loves.

from Feed My Shepherds by Flora Slosson

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*Breathe on me Breathe of God  
Fill me with life anew,  
So I may love what thou has loved  
And do what thou wouldst do*

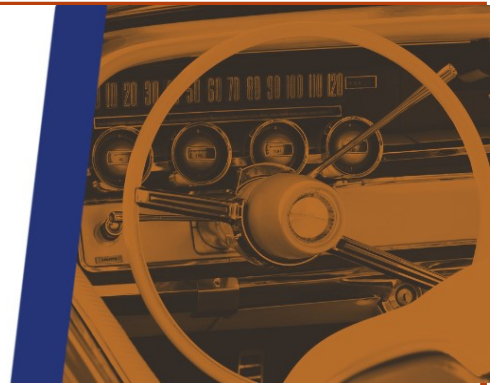
Edwin Hatch 1835-1889



# HIGHLANDS CHURCH

## *Cruise-In & Car Show*

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



I want to thank all of our volunteers and members who served & bought tickets to our car show 2020. This event has grown from 50 cars to 160 cars, tractors & engines during the past 3 years. These events were set up to replace our Tour of Homes event as a fundraiser for Outreach. The past 3 years Outreach has given over \$20,000 annually to our children's charities in the Gravette School District. Around 75% of our giving has been income from the Car Show. Through our donations we have been able to support around 100 children weekly with snack packs, around 150 pairs shoes and many other items through Bright Futures. In addition to the dollars contributed there have been countless numbers of hours of volunteer work dedicated to our charities. It has been an honor to serve our charities thru HUMC and to work with all of our congregation. A special thanks to our car show leadership group, Ted Lasher, Mike Maginness, Greg Snyder and Flip Smith for countless hours of work, preparation and organization. I hope we continue to have the support we need to keep this event going. Please keep this event in mind when you sign up for Go & Serve 2021.

Thanks

Steve Terry, Outreach Chairman

**NORTHWEST  
ARKANSAS  
FOOD  
BANK**



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generosity as it will go a long way toward helping us meet the demand for good, nutritious food in our community. More than 65,000 people face hunger every day in our communities.

I am grateful for your partnership in helping neighbors in need to access affordable food in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Your gift of \$4,575 to Northwest Arkansas Food Bank makes a real difference in the lives of hungry families, and helps them gather around their tables for a wholesome meal.

I invite you to stop by and see firsthand how your support is making a positive impact in our community.

Because of you, someone will eat today.

Gratefully,

Kent Eikenberry, President & CEO

## Guidelines for In-Person Worship at Highlands Church — Phase 2.5

We are now in Phase 2.5 which allows us to increase attendance and still practice distancing. The Sanctuary capacity is increased to 122. Fellowship Hall capacity is increased to 72. You are asked to sign in when you enter to allow for contact tracing, should it be needed.

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.



### 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-August 31, 2020

	YTD Budget	Aug Actual	YTD Actual
Income	366,742	38,192	343,965
Expenses	366,742	40,077	313,756
Net	0	(1,885)	30,209

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have an item for the next newsletter, please email it to **Dru Matthews** at **dru@humcbv.com** Deadline is October 20.

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



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[facebook.com/humcbv](https://facebook.com/humcbv)

### 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.