

# Highlands News

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## Holy Week Activities

Holy Week contains the most painful and glorious events in the life of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Highlands will be having services celebrating the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday weekend at our regular service times. On Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary, we will have a service of reflection, confession and a commemoration of the Last Supper with Holy Communion. On Good Friday, April 2, also at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary, we will have a service depicting the Stations of the Cross; Jesus' journey to Calvary. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ at our Easter Sunday services at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. As a reminder, the entire Church will be celebrating Easter together on Sunday morning therefore; there will be no Saturday Celebration or Sunday Gathering that weekend.

Saturday, March 27 - Palm Celebration Service - 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday - 9:30 and 11:15 am, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 1 - Maundy Thursday - 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross - 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 3 - No Celebration Service

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday - Traditional 9:30 am, Sanctuary

# Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

I heard a story several years ago from my professor, the Rabbi, about a Rabbi in his death bed a few centuries in the past. The Rabbi in his deathbed was surrounded by people that loved him; he had lived a full life, but there was a hint of sadness. One of his fellow Rabbis asked him what was wrong, to which the Rabbi responded "I will go now to meet God, having lived a wonderful life, but I will not get to study anymore."

The importance of that story is that it tells us there are different ways to experience God. C.S. Lewis even comments on how for some people a prayer book will make them forget how to pray, but exploring a mystery of God in study will have them praying for hours. Maybe some of you know exactly what I am talking about and you have felt unable to pray or even bored with prayer. The reason, I feel, that people get bored with prayer is because they are not honoring the way God made them. And they are not honoring the way that God made them because they were never given permission.

I want everyone to have a full prayer life, but I do not want everyone thinking that their prayer life has to look the same as somebody else's. A lot more people find prayer lives in study than is ever really talked about.

I remember the time in my life when I just figured I didn't have much of a relationship with God because I was interested in all of the typical forms of prayer. Yet, when I studied I felt like God was sitting across the table from me.

I know I have talked a lot about prayer, but remember, prayer is communication. That is what I am after more than anything; is seeing that God's people are regularly communicating with him. Feel free to do what is right for you, because the deeper you go with it, the more wisdom and insight you will have. And that wisdom and insight extend into all areas of your life, especially your life as a church member.

Blessings,  
Robert



# EASTER SUNDAY

## *A Flower for the Cross*

Bring a live flower  
(no silk) on Easter  
morning, April 4.

We will be adorning the small cross near  
the Sanctuary entrance with flowers.



## Care & Share Thrift Store Volunteers Needed

April 27 - May 1



Volunteers from Highlands Church are needed to work at the Gravette Care & Share Thrift Store the week of April 27—May 1 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Online signups will begin soon or contact the church office if you need assistance. If you prefer, you may still contact our coordinator, Connie Kiefer, directly at 876-6324.

## CARE & SHARE TRAILER



**Monday, April 12**  
**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Highlands Church**  
**parking lot**

**Please donate clean &**  
**gently used items**

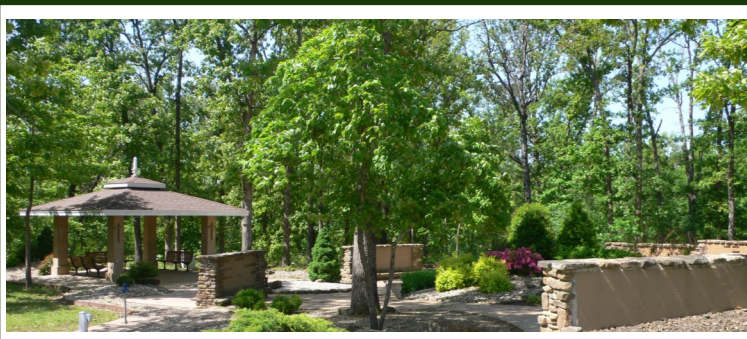
The Care & Share Trailer will be on the church parking lot on Monday, April 12, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Please donate clean, gently used items. Reminder: If you begin your Spring Cleaning at home, keep 'stuff' for the Flea in a couple months!

# Trustee News

A water pipe sprung a leak in the wall between the Fellowship Hall entry way and the Fellowship Hall around the signup desk and was soaking the carpet in both areas. I asked my neighbor, Larry, who had his own air conditioning business before retiring to Bella Vista, to come over and lend a hand. Larry, Dave and I took on the project of trying to find the problem. Our fear was that the leak was somewhere under the concrete slab and we would have to jackhammer a hole in the slab until we found the leak. After moving the signup desk and cutting a hole in the wall, we discovered a hole in the pipe in the wall, probably from a drywall screw when the wall was built. It appeared the hole had been soldered at one time in an attempt to fix it. Larry was able to repair the hole in the pipe, hopefully better than before, and the problem should be solved.



Ken Bloom, Trustee



## Highlands Columbarium and Memorial Garden

Located on church grounds, our Columbarium and Memorial Garden is available for current and former members of Highlands Church and their immediate families. You are welcome to visit this peaceful area, located on the south side of our Ministries Activity Center. Brochures are available on the Information Wall located just outside the office. If you would like more information, please contact a Columbarium Committee member or the church office.

## Finance Office News

### THE YEAR OF 2021

As we look back on the year of 2020, it was just unbelievable. The church closed, the church reopened, we had drive-thru communion, video services, and we still operated as a church. Pastor Robert caught the Covid virus and we still held on. We finished the year of 2020 in a fairly good financial condition. After the first two months of 2021, we are struggling financially. Although our costs are down the first two months, there are staff costs, insurance costs and maintenance costs that continue. With the Easter Season upon us this is a great time of the year to be in church and celebrate that Christ Has Risen. Yes, risen indeed as we beat back Covid-19 and enjoy a great Easter Sunday together on April 4.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on Easter Sunday.

Andy O'Neil  
Finance Chair

Dru Matthews  
Bookkeeper



## Centered in Prayer

Most people think of prayer as an audible activity which calls for the cessation of all other activities. There can also be an inwardness of prayer which does not interfere with other activities and produces no outward, visible indications that it is taking place. There can be a continual prayer of heart and mind which does not interrupt our daily routine. There can be such a profound prayerfulness at the center of our beings that our entire lives are saturated with prayer. We need to rediscover the inwardness of prayer and the miraculous potential for having a continual inner communion with our Lord.

Praying the Name of Jesus by Robert V. Dodd



# THE HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



On Saturday, April 17 at 10:00 am (weather permitting), the Hummers will conduct an expanded road trash pick-up on streets and roadways connecting to Glasgow Rd and Highlands Blvd. As this is written, the conditions in several areas are 'not good'... an understatement. To the right are photos that are indicative of the situation, but do not begin to show the extreme that exists on just one of the streets.



The Hummers will provide sandwiches prepared by Bella Vista's Subway along with a pre-packaged bag of chips, and a canned soft drink after the road pick-up is completed.

We will be following up shortly with an online sign-up sheet via email.



## United Methodist Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION



The United Methodist Women of Highlands Church invite all women to come to our first meeting of the year! All ladies that are members of the church or visitors are welcome. We will meet on Monday, April 12 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee will be provided, but no food yet. Also, please wear your mask! This will be a general meeting to discuss our coming year's activities. Sign up sheets for the UMW Meeting will be on the entrance tables at Saturday and Sunday worship services. Can't wait to see all of you soon!

We are going to have the FLEA this year! When you spring clean, please keep us in mind when you find those gently used items (no clothes or electronics) you would like to donate. Your donations are a wonderful opportunity to support our Northwest AR Missions. Date to be determined, but June is looking the most promising. More on this subject soon.

Also, we have a 'Change for Change' campaign going on for the Arkansas United Methodist Women. If you have some extra change you would like to donate, there is a jar set up when you come to church close to the entrance. We have had great response for the first two weeks and so appreciate you all for your donations!

APRIL 4  
AFTER SERVICE  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



Muffins  
for Missions

# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



**EVERY SUNDAY • 9:30 AM  
MATTHEW CLASSROOM  
CONTACT US FOR DETAILS**

## Family News

### NEW MEMBERS:

None to report.

### OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:

None to report.

### NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

Frank Gorishek - cell phone 512-466-2180  
Maggie Gorishek - cell phone 479-367-6184  
Frank & Maggie's landline is no longer in service

### SPECIAL THANK YOU MESSAGES:

None to report.

### PRAYER CHAIN & MEMBER CARE:

If you know someone in need of prayer, ill or hospitalized, please contact the church office. Please note: If you are requesting prayer for someone who attends Highlands Church, you must gain their permission when submitting the request to the office. We want to respect the privacy of each individual and would never want to release anything publicly without their consent. We need to know that they are okay with not just the request for prayers for them, but also the details you are including in the request. We ask that you let the church office know of any upcoming surgical procedures or need of pastoral care.

# Office News

Amey & Lori: [highlandschurch@humcbv.com](mailto:highlandschurch@humcbv.com)  
Newsletter: [newsletter@humcbv.com](mailto:newsletter@humcbv.com)

### OFFICE HOURS & BUILDING USE:

The church office is open from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Monday-Friday. The office staff will be working from home during the remaining normal business hours and will still be available via email or phone. Please call us at 479-855-2277 if you need to speak to us. If your call goes to voicemail, please leave a message; your message will be forwarded to us so we can return your call.

HUMC groups can meet inside the church but please call to schedule a classroom with the church office in advance.

### NEW NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Amey & Lori, your front office staff, have taken over the responsibility of producing the Highlands News. We have setup a new, permanent email address just for [newsletter submissions](mailto:newsletter_submissions). Please be sure and send any articles for the newsletter to this new address: [newsletter@humcbv.com](mailto:newsletter@humcbv.com)

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

The Deadline for the May 2021 Newsletter is 12:00 (noon) on April 20. Please send all newsletter submissions, comments or questions to this **NEW email address: [newsletter@humcbv.com](mailto:newsletter@humcbv.com)**. We appreciate any input, articles and information you can send. Thanks in advance! Amey & Lori

*Highlands Church*  
**IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A  
VOCALIST FOR OUR CONTEMPORARY  
WORSHIP SERVICE.**  
Experience Required

For more information,  
contact the church office.  
479-855-2277  
[highlandschurch@humcbv.com](mailto:highlandschurch@humcbv.com)

# April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1- Maundy Thursday	2- Good Friday	3- No Celebration Service
4- Easter Service @ 9:30 Traditional No Gathering Svc	5- UMW Board Meeting	6	7	8	9	10
11	12- UMW Meeting Care & Share Trailer	13	14	15- Library Meeting	16	17- Hummers Trash Pick-up Platt Service @ 4p
18	19	20	21	22	23	24- Scrapbook & Card Making
25	26	27- Care & Share Volunteers Begin	28	29	30	

## 1st Annual John Edwards Memorial Golf Classic

The 1st Annual John Edwards Memorial Golf Classic has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 24 at the Highlands Course with a tee-off time of 9:00 am. Application forms will be at all golf courses and the church's information station. The church office will also be sending them out in the weekly update emails we send out on Friday evenings. Questions can be addressed to Norman Mitchell, 479-640-1340.



**Memorial Scholarship:** John Edwards was a founding member of Bright Futures Gravette. He and his wife, Marilou, joined Highlands Church in February of 2000; John passed away in 2019. John had a passion for the children of the Gravette School District and served the district in many aspects. A memorial scholarship has been established in honor of John. The scholarship goes to a GHS graduating senior who plans to attend a trade school or community college and has financial need. To contribute financially, please send your contribution to: Bright Futures Gravette, 25881 Austin Rd, Gravette, AR 72736. For tax deductible contributions, please contact Anne Mairat at 855-4277.



Our Little Free Pantry is located in the rear parking lot of Highlands Church.

*Take what you need, leave what you can.*

Please continue to support this ministry and help fill the Little Free Pantry with non-perishable food items and toiletry donations. There is a bin located in the entry to Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary to drop off your items.

# EVERYONE WELCOME!

5:30 PM SATURDAY CELEBRATION  
9:30 SUNDAY TRADITIONAL  
11:15 SUNDAY GATHERING



YOUR

## HIGHLANDS CHURCH A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

### Church Staff

REV. ROBERT CLONINGER  
*Senior Pastor*

LORI HEALD  
*Office Administrator*

AMEY BURKETT  
*Administrative Assistant*

DRU MATTHEWS  
*Bookkeeper /Treasurer*

JOHN MATTHEWS  
*Director of Music Ministries*

PAM MEYER  
*Celebration Worship Leader*

TBD  
*Contemporary Worship Leader*

JEANNINE WAGAR  
*Organist*

JOYCE SHELDON  
*Chimes & Bells Director*

TBD  
*Children Ministries Coordinator*

TBD  
*Nursery Worker*

### Operating Budget Report - February 28, 2021

	YTD Budget	Feb Actual	YTD Actual
Income	88,978	35,007	81,691
Expenses	88,978	41,901	83,337
Net	0	(6,894)	(1,646)

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tithes & offerings online  
by visiting our website  
[humcbv.com/give](https://humcbv.com/give)

Online giving is a safe and easy  
way to give to Highlands Church.

Contact the church office if you have  
any questions regarding online giving.