

Highlands News

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Loan Reduction Challenge

FORTUNE STRIKES AGAIN. Soon after our article on Fifth Sunday Loan Reduction appeared in the May issue of Highlands News, a good friend of Highlands Church contacted the Finance Committee with a challenge to match the following:

\$7,777.00

The goal to Highlands members is to **'MATCH THE CHALLENGE'** by August 30 of this year. As a reminder, the annual loan payment is 10% of our annual budget. Should you decide to help meet this challenge, please indicate on your check 'Debt Reduction'.

Thank you, Finance Committee

**MATCH
THE
CHALLENGE**

\$ 7777

\$440K

Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

There must be other people out here that feel the same way I do about the month of May. For many of us it is always when milestones felt achieved. We would graduate to the next grade, or graduate from a specific school. New chapters of life would be started because walking off that stage away from high school in May, meant we had the freedom that we were looking for.... we just did not always know what to do with it. And then the realizations as the years go on, all point back to the same thing; we still have no idea what we're doing. Somehow chapters close and new ones start, and we must figure something new out. The good news is that we somehow seem to figure things out. In other words: for as inexperienced for different things as we might be, we are awfully resilient as human beings.



When the Bible says, "Jesus looked at them and had pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd," it helps me a lot. The truth is that it should help us all a lot regarding acting more like Jesus because the reality he noticed was that we are all, for the most part, just doing the best we can. I believe when we look at the world like that and view people as doing the best they can, it helps us to be a lot more loving, forgiving and compassionate. We can't forget, though, that it's the same way we should view ourselves. Some people are quick to beat up on themselves and take the blame for everything. I think there's very little point in that; the reality is sometimes we don't want to have a messy life or have messed this or that up, but we have done these things because we didn't know how to do better.

The long and the short of it is that we must think more of ourselves than we do. Indeed, part of being a Christian is not to become a perfect person. Rather, it's to model for others what it looks like to have a grace filled life while navigating thing as best as we can. We're not expected to be perfect people, but we are expected to model for people that very truth. So, at the end of this school year may we live honestly, boldly, and humbly.

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4th Annual Highlands Car Show

On Saturday, September 18 of this year we will be holding our 4th cruise-in style Car Show to raise funds for the Outreach Committee to support Bright Futures, Samaritan's Feet and Snack Packs for Kids for Gravette school district students and their families that need a little extra help.

The show is free for participants and spectators. All types of vehicles are welcome and we have hosted street rods, customs, antiques, exotics, late model cars, projects and everyday drivers plus motorcycles and even tractors and other farm equipment. Everyone entering a vehicle receives 1 free lunch ticket.

We fund this event with the help of area business sponsors, individual donations, and congregational sales of \$10 lunch tickets. We also receive day-of-the-show donations and have additional lunch tickets available in return for \$10 donations.

We are currently conducting our sponsor drive. We promote our area business sponsors with listings on the lunch tickets, on banners at the show and in our show announcements. Please contact either Steve Terry (405-222-8727), Ted Lasher (810-360-7434) or the church office if you have potential sponsor suggestions or if you or someone you know would be interested in providing a private donation.

While we will happily accept donations before, during and after the show, we have a cut-off of the end of July for area sponsors to be listed on the tickets and banners so we can complete the layout and printing of tickets for sale by congregation members in August and early September.

Watch for updates on the show in the upcoming weeks.

Steve Terry, Chair
Ted Lasher, Co-Chair

HIGHLANDS CHURCH *Cruise-In & Car Show*

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

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**



SAMARITAN'S FEET

COMING SOON

Approximately 200 students (K-12th grade) will receive new shoes and socks at this fun event! Students will have their feet washed, receive encouragements from a community volunteer, and then get their new athletic shoes and socks.

Space is limited, so please register by going to SamaritansFeet.org/Gravette731 or scan the QR code on the right.

For additional information or assistance, please contact Lori Pinkerton at 479-876-7465.

Saturday, July 31, 2021

10:00 am—2:00 pm

Gravette Middle School Cafeteria
607 Dallas St SE, Gravette, AR



More information about how YOU can volunteer coming soon!



THE HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



June Hummers Meeting

A Hummers meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, June 1 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This will be our first meeting since March 2020. Our guest speaker will be Ken Kendall; a Partner at Oak Crest Wealth Management, our church's financial advisors on investments. He will discuss the changes in current financial events in our nation and their effect on all of us. We have a barbecued baby back ribs dinner with all the trimmings planned. To make this happen, we need your signup as early as possible to assure that we buy enough ribs, etc. A signup sheet is on the Information Station in the Gathering Area.



Centered in Prayer

Shared prayer adds power to the work of intercession. Christians dare to believe that God needs and wants our prayers, our compassionate intercession for one another and for the world. Through our prayers for one another, circumstances are changed and the work of the kingdom is done. An individual may feel overwhelmed by the needs of the world, or even in the needs of a single congregation, but there is strength in numbers. Individuals gain courage for the task of intercession, when the community prays together, aware of Christ's presence among those gathered in His name. And the person for whom prayers are offered feels the added force of multiple prayers.

From *Praying Together* by Martha Graybeal Rowlett

Care & Share Volunteers

Volunteers from Highlands Church are needed to work at the Gravette Care & Share Thrift Store the week of June 15-19 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. See the Weekly Update email to sign up online or contact the church office if you need assistance.

If you prefer, you may contact our coordinator, Connie Kiefer, directly at 876-6324.



Care & Share Thrift Store
Volunteers Needed
June 15-19

SEE THE WEEKLY UPDATE EMAIL TO SIGN UP ONLINE OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE!

Summer Family Choir

During the months of June, July and August, the Chancel Choir welcomes anyone to join them in singing on Sunday mornings in the Traditional Worship service. We will have one rehearsal centering on the music for each month on the following dates. For June, the rehearsal will be on Wednesday, May 26. For July, the rehearsal will be on June 30. And for August, the rehearsal will be on July 28. All rehearsals will be in the choir room at 6:30 pm. We will gather on Sunday mornings in the choir room at 9:10 am. We will then proceed to the choir loft and remain until the anthem is sung during the Offering. The choir will then make their way to the congregation during the Doxology. We will not be wearing robes during the summer months. Casual attire is encouraged.

Everyone is invited to sing in the Summer Family Choir; visiting friends, relatives or those itching to try their skills in praising God through singing! The anthems during the summer are usually very familiar to most and will be easy to pick up without much rehearsal time. This is a great time to give the Chancel Choir a try. They are so welcoming and encourage you at every opportunity. You will be blessed in so many ways!

See you in church - hopefully in the choir loft...
John Matthews



United Methodist Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION



UMW 26th Annual Highlands Flea & Boutique

2 Day Event! Friday, June 11 from 8 am - 2 pm AND Saturday, June 12 from 8 am - noon.

Highlands Church – it's time for you and your friends to DIG DEEP and part with some of your clean, sellable items! Your donated items may be dropped off at the church Fellowship Hall beginning June 7 & 8 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm AND June 9 & 10 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. If you would like assistance with large items, contact Pat Lehman at 876-1985 to coordinate a pickup of your item(s). Please remember, NO books, magazines, electronics, shoes or clothing!

To complement our annual sale of furniture, household items, tools, linens, collectables, lawn and garden items, we will open a small boutique shop selling elite, fashionable items and accessories like nice and nearly-new purses, scarves, wallets, wraps, unique jewelry, quirky art pieces, quilted items and more! These items are a bit more 'upscale' yet still very affordable! We still offer our favorite Flea stop -- The Coffee Shop!

If you would like to rent an outside space, contact Sue LaHood 855-0937 to make your reservation. Fees are \$10 for 3 parking spaces and \$15 for 5 spaces.

SIGN UP in the Gathering Area to help us reach out and have fun with the Bella Vista Community! Remember, it's all for local women & children's charities – missions of the United Methodist Women of HUMC.

HIGHLANDS CHURCH FLEA & BOUTIQUE

JUNE 11 • 8 AM – 2 PM *and...* JUNE 12 • 8 AM – NOON

UMW Desserts for a Year! We're back... ticket sales begin June 11/12.

Twelve of your favorite bakers are back to make YOU desserts for a year, 1 per month! The United Methodist Women are going to restart this delicious raffle. The drawing will be held after the 9:30 am church service on Sunday, July 4. The tickets are still \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Buy with confidence as YOU just might be our next winner! Ticket sales will start the weekend of June 11/12 and end on July 4. A Big Thank You to Anne Mairet who delivered the final dessert to 2019 winners Chris and Mike Pulhamus on April 24, 2021. It was actually due from her in April 2020 but with covid overtaking our lives it was kind of delayed for a while. So, no matter what happens, we always deliver the 12 desserts!!! Good Luck!

Change for Change Fundraiser Success!

The UMW fundraising initiative 'Change for Change' began the first Sunday in March and, because of each one of you, has been very successful. In the past couple of months we have collected over \$500 in change (plus a few bills and checks) that will be used to support the women and children in our area who are in need of assistance. Together we will make our change count! The last weekend of the month, May 29/30, will finalize this campaign. Thank you for your support, United Methodist Women (UMW)

Family News

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

Merlyn & Connie Kiefer
47 Highland Parkway
Bella Vista AR 72715

Jane Krumm
315 N. LaGrange Road #702
La Grange Park, IL 60526

Marilou Edwards
marilouedwards53@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS:



Glen & Patsy Whiting became members on May 16 in the Traditional Service. They moved here in 2018 from Los Lunas, NM. They are both retired. Patsy's career was with World Vision and Glen's was with Sandia National Lab in Albuquerque. Glen served in the Air Force from 1952-1956. They both enjoy golf and gardening and Patsy enjoys cooking. Together they have 8 children, 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:

Doreen Williams passed away on May 7, 2021
(twin sister of Donna Williams)

Rene Pardue passed away on May 15, 2021

SPECIAL THANK YOU MESSAGES:

I want to thank everyone for your prayers, cards and well wishes this past year. I am doing much better, and I attribute that to God's care and directing me to research solutions to my medical situation.

Thanks again,
Bob "BJ" Johnson

Happy Father's Day on Sunday, June 20!

Office News

Amey & Lori: highlandschurch@humcbv.com
Newsletter: newsletter@humcbv.com

OFFICE HOURS: 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.

BUILDING USE: The Admin Council has agreed to return to our earlier policy of allowing non-HUMC groups to use the building as long as the trustees give their permission for that use. That policy states: 1.d.i. Groups not associated with HUMC will not be permitted to use the building without special permission from trustees. HUMC groups can meet inside the church but please call to schedule a classroom with the church office in advance.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The Deadline for the July Highlands Newsletter is 12:00 (noon) on June 20. Please send all newsletter submissions, comments and/or questions to this NEW email address: newsletter@humcbv.com. We appreciate any input, articles and information you may send. Thanks in advance! Amey & Lori

SUNDAY SCHOOL

EVERY SUNDAY

9:30 AM

MATTHEW CLASSROOM



AN ADULT CLASS · STUDYING THE BOOK OF ROMANS

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1- Hummers Meeting	2	3	4	5
6	7- Flea Item Drop-off	8- Flea Item Drop-off	9- Flea Item Drop-off	10- Flea Item Drop-off	11- Flea & Boutique	12- Flea & Boutique Bud Davis Service
13	14	15- Donna Keehn Service	16	17- Library Meeting	18	19
20- Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26- Scrapbooking & Card Making
27	28	29	30- Summer Family Choir			



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!

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



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

PAM MEYER

Gathering Worship Leader

JEANNINE WAGAR

Organist

JOYCE SHELDON

Chimes & Bells Director

LAURIE PEARSON

Nursery Worker

Operating Budget Report - April 30, 2021

	YTD Budget	Apr Actual	YTD Actual
Income	178,956	43,095	169,289
Expenses	178,956	45,260	170,564
Net	0	(2,164)	(1,275)

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YOUR
TITHES &
OFFERINGS**

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tithes & offerings online
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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.