

Highlands News

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COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER
OF THE OZARKS
and your health organization

All donors will be entered
to win s'more cool stuff!

Weekly chance
to win!



One lucky finalist will win a
Grand Prize Package worth
more than \$1,200!
See post for more info.



Free T-shirt for all donors!
While supplies last.

HIGHLANDS CHURCH

JULY 21

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Help make a difference in YOUR community by giving blood!

Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm and is organized by our HUMMERS (Highlands United Methodist Men). All donors will receive a FREE t-shirt. Appointments are strongly encouraged to manage donor flow. To schedule an appointment time, visit our website or call the church office.

Before the blood drive, please take a few steps to ensure that things go smoothly on the day of our blood drive.

1. Drink plenty of water or juice the night and morning before you donate.
2. Eat a well-balanced meal around 2-3 hours before giving.
3. Bring your photo ID - Photo ID is now required for all donors.
4. Bring a mask. - Masks are currently required at all blood drives. If you do not have one, one will be provided for you.
5. Expedite your check-in process by visiting cbco.org the morning of the blood drive and click on the 'Donor QuickPass' to get your paperwork done before you arrive.
6. Prizes are being given away! Check it out here... www.cbco.org/smares/

Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

There is a reality in our lives which is that the more things change the more they stay the same. What you see throughout the Bible is the repeated theme that reality has to be changed or trouble is around the corner. The trap we have to watch out for is getting caught up in life and living until the years pass by and we realize we have not grown as Christians. Even during times like Lent, we can start with the best intentions to grow and change and it's not the big things that throw us off that course, it's having to get the day to day things done. And even in such a short time frame as the 40 days of Lent, we can forget about every spiritual goal we started the season with. It happens in our personal lives and it happens in our churches.



This is a teaching that I want to make crystal clear, and certainly hope I have in the past; that our Christian growth gets derailed most often not by obvious things, but the things we take for granted. We take days for granted until we haven't prayed or read our Bible in years. We take Sundays for granted until it can seem like a chore to keep the Sabbath. We can even take God for granted because "He'll always be there." See! This is a dangerous trap because going with the flow of life, bending here, giving there, can lead to the shattering of all 10 commandments and destroy a flourishing relationship with God.

I believe the remedy lies in Christ's teaching to watch and pray. If we keep watch of every minute, and we pray, we are active and ready to flourish spiritually. We keep relationships. We feel like we have enough. We feel like we are loved. This cannot occur in the fast lane of life. If we are looking to just get the day over, then we are choosing a path of pain. And if we cannot find contentment with a simple life of holy living we will create suffering and heartache.

"Jesus Paid it All" was written in the choir loft of a Methodist church and beautifully tells us what we need to do, echoing the words of Christ: "Child of weakness, watch and pray find in Me (Jesus) your all in all."

STARTING JULY 6

Pastor Robert's office hours will be:

TUESDAY - THURSDAY
9AM - NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE
1PM - 4PM ... AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

FRIDAY
9AM - NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE

HUMCBV.COM
NEW SERMON VIDEOS POSTED WEEKLY

4th Annual Highlands Cruise-In & Car Show

A reminder that this year's show will be held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, September 18.

This is Highlands Church's biggest fund-raiser. The proceeds from this event go 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.

We are currently conducting our Sponsor / Donor drive. About half of the show's income comes from area businesses who donate sponsorship money for the event. We have also been seeing increasing income from individuals making private donations. The rest of our income comes from (\$10) lunch ticket sales by the congregation in addition to day-of-the-show ticket sales and donations.

Please let us know if you have a potential sponsor suggestion. Also consider making a personal donation to this great cause!

Contact either Steve Terry (405-222-8727), Ted Lasher (810-360-7434) or the church office if you have a sponsor suggestion 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.

Thanks to our sponsors and donors, this show is free for participants and spectators. The show is open to all types of vehicles - 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.

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

The banner features a blue background with a large orange car wheel on the right side. At the bottom, there are two small images of cars: a blue sports car and a yellow classic car.



SAMARITAN'S FEET

Saturday, July 31, 2021
10:00 am—2:00 pm
Gravette Middle School Cafeteria
607 Dallas St SE, Gravette, AR

See the Weekly Update email for details and the link to the Samaritan's Feet volunteer site! You will need to create an account (if you don't already have one) to sign up as a volunteer. Please note, we will not be collecting shoes at the church this year.

Samaritan's Feet is scheduled for Saturday, July 31, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, where approximately 200 students (K-12th grade) will receive new shoes and socks. The event is located at the Gravette Middle School Cafeteria. Students will have their feet washed, receive encouragement from a community volunteer, and then get their new athletic shoes and socks.

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



THE HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Hummers Meetings

The Hummers are on summer hiatus until Tuesday, September 7 at which time they will have a breakfast meeting with the Superintendent of the Gravette School District (and Highlands Church's own) Mrs. Maribel Childress as our guest speaker. Mark your calendars!

Men's Bible Study & Discussion

Using a provided Bible reading plan, the Highlands men are encouraged to read the New Testament for six months starting on July 5. To help draw greater spiritual growth, the men are having small discussion groups to review and discuss the previous week's readings. The small groups will start meeting the week of July 12 for an hour. Signup sheets and a reading plan are at the Information Station in the Gathering Area. Discussion Groups are available on Mondays 10-11 am in the Luke classroom, Mondays 6-7 pm in the Gathering Area, and Thursdays 10-11 am in the Luke classroom. Prayerfully consider using this opportunity to develop a stronger bond with Christ and fellowship with other Highlands men. For more information, please contact Gary Marshall at 866-2481.



Mowing Volunteers Needed: Many visitors and members have commented on how nice our church grounds look. However, we desperately need help to keep them looking good.

Volunteers are needed to help mow the church grounds, both on a regular and part-time basis. Don't worry if you have never run a riding mower; we will provide training. If interested in being a part of the team that keeps our church grounds looking so nice, please contact Dennis Redenius at 876-5745.

Compassionate Disciples

Hello to all our church family. Yes, the *Compassionate Disciples* group is alive and will begin providing support to pastor Robert. Yea! For those who do not know much about the group, we exist to provide compassionate care to those in need. This is emotional, spiritual, or physical needs. Along with Robert, we contact everyone who has been in the hospital or who has been ill and follow up on them. We also follow those individuals who are home bound, for the most part, or who live in extended care facilities. We work with the care group leaders and pastor Robert, adding an extra bit of loving care.

We are a bit scaled down as far as members go, which is the other reason for this notice. We meet monthly to review the list of individuals we are following. We are looking for church members who truly enjoy providing comfort to others. Remember, you get back so much more when you can provide a few minutes for a phone call or a visit to someone else.

For additional information, or if interested, contact either of the Co-leaders: Linda Virgili (876-1404 or linda.virgili@yahoo.com) or Jane Rowland (855-4607 or jrowland643@cox.net).



United Methodist Women

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Flea & Boutique Report

We would like to thank all the people that donated so many wonderful items for the Flea, as well as all the people who worked long hours setting up, picking up & delivering large items to the church, sorting items, pricing, selling, and cleaning up. Without everyone's help we could not have had such a successful Flea. We made over \$10,000 this year! Start saving now for next year's Flea. Thank you.

Mel Snyder and Beth Williams, Co-chairs

HIGHLANDS CHURCH FLEA & BOUTIQUE

Thank You to all those who helped and contributed!

Over \$10,000 Raised for Missions!



Centered in Prayer



If you are going through a solitary way, read John 17, it will explain exactly why you are where you are—Jesus has prayed that you may be one with the Father as He is. Are you helping God to answer that prayer, or have you some other end for your life? Since you became a disciple you cannot be as independent as you used to be.

The purpose of God is not to answer our prayers, but by our prayers we come to discern the mind of God, and this revealed in John 17. There is one prayer that God must answer, and that is the prayer of Jesus—"that they may be one, even as We are one." Are we as close to Jesus Christ as that?

If we say—"Thy will be done", we get the consolation of John 17, the consolation of knowing that our Father is working according to His own wisdom. Jesus has prayed nothing less for us than absolute oneness with Himself as He was one with the Father. Some of us are far off of it, and yet God will not leave us alone until we are one with Him, because Jesus has prayed that we may be.

From My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers

Loan Reduction Challenge

Four sevens... \$7,777.00. That's the magic number sitting out there to be matched by our membership to help pay down the debt. The challenge is to match the number or go past it. Should we match it by August 31, we would reduce the debt by \$15,554.00.

Our real challenge is to blow past the \$15,554.00. We have until August 31.

Members and friends, "LET'S DO IT".
Thank you, Finance Committee

MATCH THE CHALLENGE

\$ 7,777

\$440K

Family News

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

None to report

NEW MEMBERS:



Michael and Elaine Corwin are originally from Iowa but moved to this area in 2015 from Neosho, MO. Mike worked as a public administrator and in the hospitality industry and is now retired. Elaine worked at GTE and is now retired. Mike served in the Army and likes to golf and play cards. Elaine's hobbies include reading, beading, and playing group games. They have 2 children; a son, Andy, who lives in OKC with his wife and 2 daughters and a daughter, Suzie, who lives in Fairfax, VA with her husband and 3 sons (2 are identical twins!).

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:

None to report

SPECIAL THANK YOU MESSAGES:

None to report

Office News

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

OFFICE HOURS: Beginning July 1, the office staff will return to our normal office hours of Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

BUILDING USE: 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 August Highlands Newsletter is 12:00 (noon) on July 20. Please send all newsletter submissions, comments and/or questions to this email address: newsletter@humcbv.com. We appreciate any input, articles and information you may send. Thanks! Amey & Lori

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observation of Independence Day.

Care & Share Trailer

The Care & Share Trailer will be on the church parking lot on Monday, July 12 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Please donate clean, gently used items.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

EVERY SUNDAY

9:30 AM

MATTHEW CLASSROOM



AN ADULT CLASS • STUDYING THE BOOK OF ROMANS

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3– No Celebration Service
4– Communion & Combined Worship @ 9:30	5– Office Closed Holiday	6	7	8– Trustees Meeting UMW Book Club	9	10
11	12– Men's Bible Study begins this week.	13	14	15– Library Meeting	16	17
18– 3rd Sunday Cookies	19	20	21– Blood Drive	22	23	24– Scrapbooking & Card Making
25	26	27– Care Group Leaders Meeting	28– Choir Rehearsal	29	30	31

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

the weekend of July 3/4

*one service on
Sunday at 9:30 am*



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. Please keep in mind; it is a 'Little' Free Pantry. Items of a smaller size are appreciated; king sized items often don't fit in the pantry. 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

TBD

Gathering Worship Leader

JEANNINE WAGAR

Organist

JOYCE SHELDON

Chimes & Bells Director

LAURIE PEARSON

Nursery Worker

Operating Budget Report - May 31, 2021

	YTD Budget	May Actual	YTD Actual
Income	223,445	35,466	204,755
Expenses	223,445	40,328	210,892
Net	0	(4,862)	(6,137)

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You can give your
tithes & offerings online
by visiting our website
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.