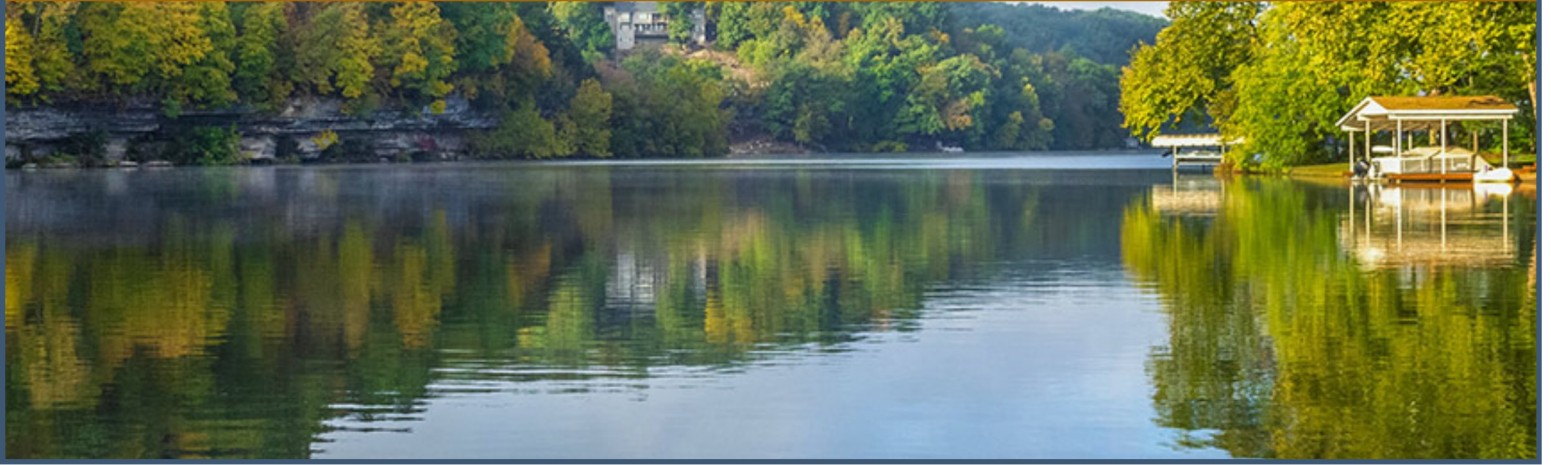


# Highlands News

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Highlands Cruise-In & Car Show

**Meal tickets** to be purchased, sold or returned, have been mailed out for the Highlands Church 4th annual Cruise-In & Car Show fundraiser to support Bright Futures, Snack Packs for Kids and Samaritan's Feet for Gravette School District children. Nearly half of the money we raise from the car show comes from congregational sales of these meal tickets in addition to day-of-the-show sales and donations.

Money from ticket sales and/or unsold tickets may be placed in the marked collection box in the envelopes in which the tickets were provided. The collection box will be available when attending any of the weekend services or can be found in front of the Church office during the week. Returning unsold tickets is appreciated since they may be used for sales during the show.

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*Highlands Church 4th Annual Cruise-In & Car Show*

*September 18, 2021*



**All Proceeds Go To Support:**



# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Highlands Cruise-In & Car Show (cont.)

**Volunteers** are needed for the day of the show. We will need help greeting and parking people displaying their vehicle; facilitating spectator parking - including transporting spectators from our back parking lot and the Village Baptist Church lot across the street to the main HUMC lot; preparing and serving the lunch; selling meal tickets at the show and monitoring show activities. You may sign up online by clicking on the link in the church Weekly Update email, or you can contact the church office and the office staff will get you signed up. Volunteer meetings to review responsibilities and assignments will be noted in the church Weekly Update email and service announcements.

**The Show** will be conducted much like last year; activities, including lunch service, will be conducted outside. However, we do plan to have the Fellowship Hall and Gathering Area available for relaxation.

**Thank You** to everyone who helps make this event possible, whether through sponsor recruitment, donations, ticket sales or volunteering for the show! With your help we have raised over \$42,500 for the 3 charities in 3 years.

Steve Terry, Chair  
Ted Lasher, Co-Chair

## Outreach/Missions

Please support the upcoming Car Show by donating or selling Car Show meal tickets at \$10 per ticket. Your support goes directly to Snack Packs, Bright Futures and Samaritan's Feet. We recently completed the Samaritan's Feet event and your generosity during last year's Car Show made it possible for us to donate \$4,000 of shoes for the children at Gravette Schools.

Several of you have asked about when we will resume packing Snack Packs and I was just about ready to put our group back together when Covid hit us again. I will let everyone know when we feel it is okay to resume packing again.

We have a replacement for Anne Mairet for this year's Angel Tree event. Patsy Whiting will be coordinating this event; please give her your support.

Thanks,

Steve Terry  
Outreach/Missions

## Care & Share

Volunteers from Highlands Church are needed to work at the Gravette Care & Share Thrift Store the **week of September 28 - October 2 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 still contact our coordinator, Connie Kiefer, directly at 876-6324.



Care & Share Thrift Store  
**Volunteers Needed**  
September 28 - October 2

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



# Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

I have been giving something a lot of thought for a while now. It goes without saying that one of my passions in the ministry is encouraging others to walk the daily walk, particularly through time spent with God via prayer and Bible study. However, there are many other ways to supplement these two areas to increase one's spiritual life. I have worked with my own spiritual directors and have come to learn that various methods and disciplines are good, but for me, life changes. And it changes often. I have spent two decades reading books and learning from various teachers on this topic. The entire catalog of the human experience is dealt with, for most people, by the time they bid the world goodbye. With that being said, I want to practice what I preach and equip people to live their lives in step with God. This isn't always easy, nor is it best done alone. Therefore, starting immediately, I would like to open up several hours per week to meet with whomever might need spiritual direction.



This is not a counseling situation, nor is it a situation that only people going through hard times should engage in. Instead, this is to help you draw closer to God in your daily life. There are several situations I can think of where you might want to work with me. One of those is simply, "Where do I start? What do I do?". I can help you with that. Another situation might be grief, anger and even disinterest in the spiritual life altogether. I can help in those places as well.

All you have to do is email me or contact the church office and set up an appointment. We can review your current spiritual life, make some goals, and chart out a plan to get you to those goals. I will be teaching more Bible studies, but I would like this opportunity to get to work and study with those interested in one-on-one spiritual guidance.

*Pastor Robert's office hours are:*

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

FRIDAY  
9AM - NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE

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NEW SERMON VIDEOS POSTED WEEKLY

# EXTREME Adventure

GO  
give blood!



COMMUNITY  
BLOOD  
CENTER  
OF THE OZARKS  
not-for-profit organization



FREE T-shirt for  
all donors.  
While supplies last.

HIGHLANDS CHURCH

SEPT 22

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

## Help make a difference in YOUR community by giving blood!

Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22 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, call the church office, or contact our coordinator, Gene Leonard at 479-381-1039.

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](http://cbco.org) the morning of the blood drive and click on the 'Donor QuickPass' to get your paperwork done before you arrive.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

EVERY SUNDAY

9:30 AM

MATTHEW CLASSROOM



AN ADULT CLASS · STUDYING THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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## Centered in Prayer

Wait a little, my soul, wait for the divine promise, and you will have more than enough of all good things in heaven. If your appetite for present things is excessive you may lose eternal and heavenly ones. Use the things of the world, but long for the things of eternity. You cannot be fully satisfied by material possessions, for you are simply not made to enjoy them. Even if you owned every good thing in the world you would not be happy and blessed, for your blessedness and joy is in God, who created all those things. Your happiness is not in what is seen and admired by others but in what the good and faithful followers of Christ seek. Your happiness is in what the spiritual and pure of heart, those whose citizenship is in heaven, sometimes experience in this life, though it is meant for the next.

From *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas a' Kempis



# THE HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



## The Hummers Meetings

The Hummers will reconvene on Tuesday, September 7 with a 7:45 am breakfast meeting. Our Guest Speaker will be Gravette School District Superintendent, Mrs. Maribel Childress. Signup sheets are at the Information Station in the Gathering Area.



# Highlands United Methodist Women

Faith • Hope • Love in Action



## The Highlands United Methodist Women Meeting

On Monday, September 13 at 9:30 am the Highlands United Methodist Women will welcome Jill Werner, 'The Jammer,' who will share over 45 years experience making jams to benefit the Bella Vista Museum.

Please join us for this informative talk, meeting, food and of course fellowship! You can RSVP at the Information Station in the Gathering Area. It will be so fun to see everyone again!

# The Gathering Service Sundays at 11:15 am

**LIVE** Streaming  
**ON facebook**



The Gathering Service is now streaming LIVE on Facebook every Sunday morning at 11:15. Find us on Facebook by searching 'humcbv' and make sure you FOLLOW our page to get notifications from Highlands Church!

We will continue to record our Saturday Celebration service and email a video link on Sunday mornings for those preferring that option.



# Family News

## NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

Dick Mairet

Email: richardmairret1@gmail.com

Dale Morrisett– Cell phone: 702-931-2049

Dee Morrisett– Cell phone: 702-302-8649

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:

Russ and Arlene Miller for the loss of his Aunt on 8/13/21.

# Thank You Messages

Highlands Church, thank you for your generous school supply donations. With our help, **Bright Futures** provided over one hundred K-6th grade students with school supplies for this year. Thank you for your love and support. **Missions Team**

The 6th Annual **Samaritan's Feet** Back-to-School Shoe event in Gravette turned out to be a very successful day despite the last minute Covid restrictions put into place just days before. Enough money was raised to purchase **205 pairs of shoes this year**. We had 180 kids registered and gave away 144 pairs of shoes / socks and Hope Totes. Since the event, 22 pairs have been given out and the remainder of the shoes and socks will be kept with the school. There are plans to set up a Shoe Locker for ongoing needs. A big THANK YOU to Highlands Church for their prayers and financial support! We want to recognize **Gary & Cynthia Marshall, Mike Pehosh, Suzanne Evans, Carla Lemmeyer, Bev Marten, Lynn Stone, Linda Virgili and the Pinkertons** for their hands-on love and support!! We also thank **Alicia Morrow** for taking such good care of our children, volunteers and coordinating food, drinks and snacks with other donators including CVS Grocery, Granny's Simple Blessings, Grand Savings Bank and Harps. Bright Future's set up a blue jean / leggings give-away which turned out to be a huge hit! All praise to God for opportunity to pray over the precious feet going off to school this year! Thank you, Lori Pinkerton

# Office News

Amey & Lori: highlandschurch@humcbv.com

Newsletter: newsletter@humcbv.com

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:00pm.

**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 October Highlands Newsletter is 12:00 (noon) on September 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

**LEAVE A NOTE:** If you are dropping something off in the office, or somewhere else in the building, and there is no one there to receive the item, please include a note letting us know what it is, who it is from, and what you would like us to do with it. Be sure and write legibly, so we can contact you if we have any questions.

*The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day.*

# New Member

D.D. Dunagin became a member on August 1 in the Traditional Service. D.D. moved to the Bella Vista area from Fayetteville in 2019. He retired from Merck as a Pharmaceutical Representative. His interests include golf, travel, Disney world (Walt Disney), history, and volunteer work. Although his first name is actually Donald, he prefers to be called D.D. Fun fact... his father, Al Dunagin, is also a member at Highlands Church.



# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		31– Yoga meets Tuesdays	1– Staff meets Wednesdays	2– Compassionate Disciples Meeting	3– Samba plays Fridays	4– Communion
5– Communion	6– Office Closed Holiday	7– Hummers Meeting Mexican Train	8	9– Trustees Meeting	10– Marathon Bridge	11
12	13– UMW Meeting American Legion	14	15	16	17	18– Car Show
19	20	21– Admin Council Meeting	22– Blood Drive	23	24	25– Scrapbooking & Card Making
26	27	28– Care Group Leaders Meeting Library Meeting	29	30		



## Changes for Little Free Pantry



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. We are no longer accepting donations into the church building. Please take all donations directly to the pantry and organize by groups if possible. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

# 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*

JEANNINE WAGAR  
*Organist*

JOYCE SHELDON  
*Chimes & Bells Director*

LAURIE PEARSON  
*Nursery Worker*

### **Operating Budget Report - July 31, 2021**

	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>July Actual</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>
Income	312,423	33,614	281,095
Expenses	312,423	40,856	292,376
Net	0	(7,242)	(11,281)

Thank you for your continued support.



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YOUR  
TITHES &  
OFFERINGS**

You can give your  
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.