

# Highlands News

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HAPPY fall

## Coffee with the Pastor

If you don't have a church family, are looking for a church home, or are interested in becoming a member at Highlands Church, we'd like to invite you to join us on Sunday, October 10, from 2:30 – 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a special event called 'Coffee with the Pastor'. Pastor Robert will share a bit of the church's story, you'll hear about what it means to be a follower of Christ, and you will be able to connect with fellow Highlands Church worshipers. This will be an inspirational gathering where you'll have the opportunity to ask questions in an informal setting. We'd love to see you there, and we'd be thrilled to welcome you into the membership of the church. See the Weekly Update email to sign up online or call the church office to RSVP.

JOIN US FOR

COFFEE

WITH THE PASTOR

OCTOBER 10 • 2:30 PM



# Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

I want to thank you, Church, for all that you do. And I want to tell you how proud I am to be your pastor. On one hand, I know I shouldn't brag. However, since I am bragging on all of you, I feel I can brag all that I want. The Car Show is behind us and it was another absolutely outstanding year. I would say it was off the charts successful and brought many community members together. In this day and age, when we can get a community together to work for something bigger than themselves and have fun doing it, all while having Jesus present, we've really achieved something.

Earlier in the week, we took a long look at the rest of the year. This church does a lot. The Car Show is a lot on its own. The Cookie Walk is a lot on its own. And so are the Flea and the Angel Tree. And yet in the grand plan of the year, we do all those things and even more. And we do it all to bring Jesus to our community and help neighbors when they need it.

It can be so easy not to count our 'wins'. And some might even think they shouldn't count their 'wins'. But we really need to take a good look at what we're doing and where we're heading. There is such mission momentum built up that it can be hard, but I would encourage everyone to take a minute and pat yourselves on the back. You all are breaking your necks for the Kingdom and the community and you do it on a non-stop basis. I was warned that this congregation would be hard to keep up with, and that warning was accurate.

One of the things I am most proud of, though, is that this church expects nothing for all that they do. You just want to see people taken care of in the community. Please remember how unique you are for this. People serving, exactly how Jesus said, is beautiful to watch. So thank you for what you do and thank you for letting me serve with you at Highlands Church.



*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

# Highlands Car Show Report 2021

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 is in the books and it was quite successful. We hosted 132 vehicles and served about 400 lunches and, as of this writing, cleared **over \$13,900 for the charities**. The weather was beautiful (if warm!) as were the cars. We recommend you read the article by Rachel Dickerson in the September 22 Weekly Vista and note what several of our participants had to say about our show.

Something new we tried this year was to have Gravette High School students come over and select their favorite vehicles in 6 categories. The winners were given one of our car show tee-shirts. The students and their selections were:

1. Vehicle I would most like to go cruising in  
Thomas Reed: 1970 Pontiac GTO - Mike Maginness, owner

2. Vehicle I would most like to have as the centerpiece of my dream garage  
Thomas Reed: 1957 Chevrolet BelAir - Mike Banks, owner

3. Vehicle I would most like to drive off-road  
Serenity Howard: 1977 Ford Bronco - Bob Johnson, owner

4. Vehicle I would most like to have as my everyday transportation  
Harrison Reed: 2004 Chevrolet Silverado - Mike Pulhamus, owner

5. Vehicle I would most like to autocross  
Harrison Reed: 2007 Cadillac XLR-V - Terry & Mike Karnes, owner

6. Vehicle I would most like to go to Prom in  
Serenity Howard: 1966 Ford Thunderbird - Tina Hoepner, owner

A special thank you to Maribel Childress and the Gravette automotive class instructor, Mullen, for helping make this possible. Thank you also to all the Highlands Church members who bought and sold tickets along with everyone who came out to enjoy the event. And finally, an extra special THANK YOU to all the Highlands' volunteers that made the day a success.

Steve Terry, Chair  
Ted Lasher, Co-Chair



Harrison & Thomas Reed



Serenity Howard



Meet Sonny Jackson of Rogers, at 90 years young, he was our oldest entrant.



# CARE & SHARE TRAILER OCTOBER 11 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM



## HIGHLANDS CHURCH PARKING LOT

PLEASE DONATE CLEAN  
& GENTLY USED ITEMS

## Fifth Sunday Loan Reduction

One of the most successful programs used to reduce the principal amount of our building loan is the special offerings by our membership and friends on the Fifth Sunday weekends throughout the year. The weekend of October 30/31 is your next chance to contribute to this Loan Reduction Initiative. Your check in the offering plate designated as 'Fifth Sunday Loan Reduction' is all it takes!

## Veterans Day Picture Wall

The office is updating Veteran's pictures that will be used on the wall for the Veterans Day Celebration the week of Nov 11. If you haven't turned in a picture to the office, or if you would like to update your picture, please include your name, branch and the date of service and turn in by Nov 2. Your photos will be scanned in and returned to you.



The Veterans Wall will be available to view beginning Thursday, November 4 through Veterans Day in the Gathering Area. Then, mark your calendars for the weekend of November 6 & 7, the weekend before Veterans Day; we will be serving cake and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after Worship Services to honor our Vets. Hope you can join us!

## Join Us For Communion

DURING ALL 3 SERVICES

# OCTOBER 2 & 3



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



# THE HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



## The Highlands United Methodist Men Meeting

The next Highlands United Methodist Men's meeting will be on Tuesday, October 5 with a 7:45 am breakfast meeting. Our Guest Speaker will be Tom Judson from the Bella Vista POA. Sign up sheets are at the Information Station in the Gathering Area or call the church office to be added to the list.



# Highlands United Methodist Women

Faith · Hope · Love in Action



## The Highlands United Methodist Women Meeting

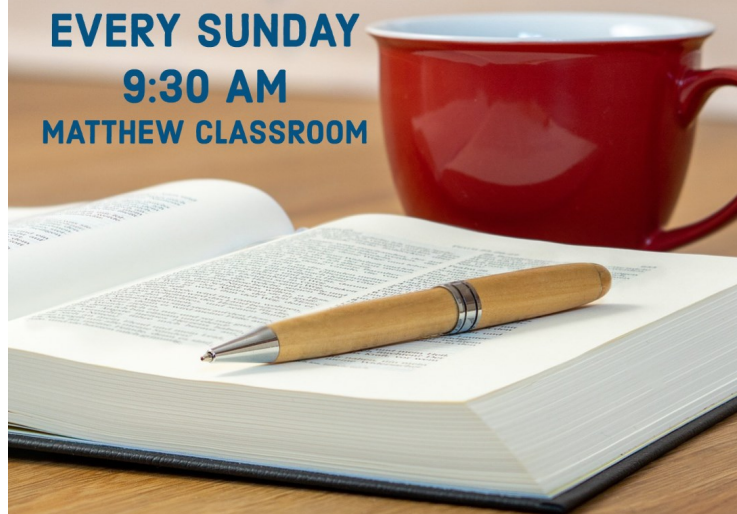
Please join the Highlands United Methodist Women on Monday, October 11 at 9:30 am for our meeting with guest speakers Gina Richburg and Sandra Warmack as they talk about Nicole's House, a Northwest Arkansas transitional housing for women coming out of addiction. As a faith based non-profit, they are dedicated to helping women transition back into their community while they recover from drugs and addiction. All women of Highlands Church and friends are invited to join us for our program, breakfast, devotional and fellowship. We hope to see you ALL there! Please sign up at the Information Station in the Gathering Area to RSVP. Blessings!

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

EVERY SUNDAY

9:30 AM

MATTHEW CLASSROOM



AN ADULT CLASS · STUDYING THE BOOK OF ROMANS

# facebook

**LIVE** Streaming

The Gathering Service  
Sundays at 11:15 am

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*Bella Vista, AR*



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# Loan Challenge

## Simply Stated "Outstanding"

Without a doubt, this was a great response by our members and friends of Highlands Church.

Loan Balance June 1, 2021	\$438,822
Monthly Payments June - Aug	-8,952
Challenge Gift	-7,777
Matching Donations:	-23,530
<b>Loan Balance September 1, 2021</b>	<b>\$398,563</b>

As noted, we exceeded the Challenge by three times. Thank you!

Andy O'Neil, Finance Chair

# Office News

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

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

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** The Deadline for the November Highlands Newsletter is 12:00 (noon) on October 20. Please send all newsletter submissions, comments and/or questions to this email address: [newletter@humcbv.com](mailto:newletter@humcbv.com).

**EQUIPEMNT CHECKOUT PROCEDURES:** Did you know we have a variety of equipment available for loan? If you need something for a medical issue or simply have company coming to town, we may have just what you need! The list of items include: medical equipment and supplies such as wheel chairs, walkers, shower seats, and bedside commodes. We also have high chairs, booster seats, a baby swing, playpens, a fold-away cot and more.

These items can be found in the lower level Storage Room. If you would like to checkout any equipment, please look for the clipboard with the bright pink cover sheet sitting on the table near the door. Read the Liability Waiver at the top of the sheet and then sign-out your equipment. If you would like assistance, the office staff will be happy to help... just ask!

# Thank You Messages

**Just Wanted Our Church To Know** that they donated 236 pairs of socks from the All-Church-Event's 50's Sock Hop! They have been sorted and distributed to The NW Arkansas Children's Shelter, The Women's Shelter, and The Veteran's Home in Fayetteville. All three organizations were very appreciative and we wanted to pass on their words... "Thank You, Kind People" - "We are Most Grateful" - "Your Church is Awesome"  
Thanks to all of you, we can make a difference!  
Henkels & Stones, A-C-E Coordinators

**To Our Church Family:** Thanks so much for the cards, prayers, & dinners delivered to Jim & I during our very hard times with illness during July & August. We are on the mend & appreciate your kindness. May God continue to bless this church with such a caring congregation.  
Susan and Jim Couto

**Just Wanted to Thank the Congregation** and all of our great volunteers for another successful Car Show. This was our 4th Highlands Car Show charity event and each year they continue to get better. The past 2 years, we filled up the parking area and had an overflow onto the grass. Because of all of you, our Missions will be able to continue to support our children's charities in the Gravette School District for another year.  
Thank You so much!!! Outreach/Missions

# Family News

## NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

Sue LaHood – new cell phone 479-644-4369

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Burris Wilson for the loss of his wife, Beverly, on 8/27/21.

Family and friends of Art Schlosser who passed away on 9/3/21.

Maggie Gorishek for the loss of her husband, Frank, on 9/24/21.

# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28– Yoga Meets on Tuesdays	29– Staff Meeting on Wednesdays	30	1– Samba Plays on Fridays	2– Communion Weekend
3– Communion Weekend	4	5– Hummers Meet Mexican Train	6– Fellowship Committee	7– Compassionate Disciples Meeting	8– Marathon Bridge Plays	9– Alpha Gal Support Meeting
10– Coffee With The Pastor	11– UMW Meeting American Legion	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19– Admin Council Meeting	20	21	22	23– Scrapbooking & Card Making
24	25	26– Care Group Leaders Meeting Library Meets	27	28	29	30
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**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.

## 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 - August 31, 2021**

	YTD Budget	Aug Actual	YTD Actual
Income	356,912	46,592	327,187
Expenses	356,912	40,128	332,504
Net	0	6,464	(5,317)

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