

# Highlands News

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## 2022, Here We Come!

Highlands Church has been very blessed to have dedicated leaders who prayerfully and carefully guided our church through this very unusual pandemic. These leaders made very careful, thoughtful decisions that were always mindful of the safety and well-being of our congregation. We appreciate Pastor Robert Cloninger for his constant prayerful leadership.

As we enter the new year 2022, we appreciate the leadership of Greg Snyder as chair of the Administrative Council, Oscar Hansen as chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, and Steve Terry as chair of the Outreach Ministries. These three will be passing their leadership roles to George Chapman, Jeff Hale, and Sara Sherman, respectively, in 2022. We also appreciate the continued leadership of Dave Hagaman as Trustee chair and Andy O'Neil as Finance Chair and the many others who continue to guide the ministries of Highlands Church.



*Happy New Year*

# Highlands Church 2022 Leadership Teams

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

Chair: George Chapman (2022)  
Council Secretary: TBD  
Member-at-Large 2024: Nancy Johnson  
Member-at-Large 2023: Cathy Woodburn  
Member-at-Large 2022: Mike Maginness  
Staff Parish Relations Chair: Jeff Hale (2022)  
Trustees Chair: Dave Hagaman  
Finance Chair: Andy O'Neil  
Church Treasurer: Dru Matthews  
Lay Leader: Bill Williams (2022)  
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Russ Miller (2017)  
Alt Member to Conference: Andy O'Neil (2017)  
Mission Ministry: Sara Sherman  
HUMMER President: Nat Collis  
HUMW President: Jean Galloway  
Pastor: Robert Cloninger

## **COLUMBARIUM / MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Chair: Doug Fowler (2012)

## **FINANCE**

Chair: Andy O'Neil (2017)  
Committee Members:  
2024 – Kathy Wine  
2023 – Jim Kuhn  
2022 – George Chapman  
Treasurer: Dru Matthews  
Financial Secretary: Donna Hagaman  
SPRC Chair or Rep: TBD  
Trustees Rep: Bud Henkel  
Pastor: Robert Cloninger  
Admin Chair: George Chapman  
Lay Leader: Bill Williams  
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Russ Miller

## **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Rev. Robert Cloninger  
Committee Members:  
2024 – Jim Goodwin  
2024 – Anna Ahlman  
2024 – DD Dunagin  
2023 – Jeff Hale  
2023 – Lorna Pumphrey  
2023 – Greg Snyder  
2022 – Carmen Alessi  
2022 – Bill Williams  
2022 – Cathy Woodburn  
Lay Leader: Bill Williams

## **SECURITY and SAFETY**

Chair: Sue LaHood (2019)

## **STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS**

Chair: Jeff Hale (2022)  
Committee Members:  
2024 – Don Woodburn  
2024 – Mike Pehosh  
2023 – Linda Pumphrey  
2023 – Dale Simpson  
2022 – Pam Hudec  
2022 – Deb Metz  
Pastor: Robert Cloninger  
Lay Leader: Bill Williams  
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Russ Miller

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Chair: Dave Hagaman (2016)  
Committee Members:  
2024 – Andy O'Neil  
2024 – Mike Maginness  
2023 – Ken Bloom  
2023 – Lynn Stone  
2022 – Dave Hagaman  
2022 – Bud Henkel

## **FAITH MINISTRY AREAS**

Children Ministry Coordinator: TBD (Staff)  
Education Coordinator: TBD  
Membership Growth & Development: TBD  
Nursery Staff: Laurie Pearson (Staff)  
Worship – Celebrations: Pam Meyer (Staff)  
Worship – Gathering: Robert Cloninger (Staff)  
Worship – Traditional: John Matthews (Staff)

## **FELLOWSHIP AREAS**

Care Group Coordinators:  
Bud & Katy Henkel, Doug & Lynn Stone  
Compassionate Disciples:  
Linda Virgili & Jane Rowland  
Fellowship Coordinator: Linda Uttley  
Flex 'N Stretch: Donna Williams  
Library Coordinator: Joyce O'Neil  
Loving Hearts: Pat Lehman  
Medical Equipment: TBD  
Singles Group: Marilyn Bullock  
Stitchers: TBD  
United Methodist Men: Nat Collis, President  
United Methodist Women: Jean Galloway, President

## **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

Mission Ministry: Sara Sherman

# Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

The idea of a "New Year" has fascinated cultures for more years than we can count. There is some part of us that needs to mark time to have something to move forward from so that our lives are not just a blur. My best guess as to why, is that life is overwhelming and we need to break it up somehow to make it more manageable. To give an example of the need for breaks of time: some of the most important advice you can give any Christian is just to take it one day at a time. All you have to do is live one day as a Christian and then the next and the next, but you deal with those days on their own and not life as a long chunk. So then I go back to my original topic; how do you live life? One day at a time and then one year at a time.

When my grandfather (father's father) had his first major stroke, he applied the lessons of his life to recovering. My grandfather had one of the hardest lives of anyone I have ever known, but he was tenacious. Nobody could surpass my grandfather in dogged determination. The way he did it, from what we all observed, was to set his mind to the fact that there was no other option. The second thing he did was to celebrate every victory, no matter how small. So when he had his stroke and was undergoing rehab, he put those tools into play.

In our years on this earth we need to say some things and really accept them. We need to say we have to live life; this is a given. We need to say we have to live life as Christians; another given. We need to say these things can only be done on a day by day basis. And lastly, we need to say that we will celebrate victories along the way. That's a steady and doable plan for living the Christian life.

So with 2021 coming to a close, think of everything you can celebrate. Maybe it doesn't feel like much. However, I would argue that we have made it through the continuation of having our world flipped upside down by Covid. Further, we have had many opportunities in various parts of the year to quit the faith out of frustration or hurt, but we've dug in even deeper. So if you've lived a year through Covid's changes and you're continuing to keep the faith, then the reality is that you've achieved quite a bit. Tell yourself that though. Don't let the little wins pass you by, because in the grand scheme of life those are the biggest wins.

Blessings,

Pastor Robert



*Pastor Robert's office hours are:*

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

FRIDAY  
9AM - NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE



# THE HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



## HUMMERS Outreach Highlights for 2021

Your Highlands United Methodist Men, the HUMMERS, increased and added to their Outreach efforts in 2021. Working with a record final gifting amount of \$22,300.00, we re-introduced gifting to the BV Courtesy Van, Micah House, and "Bella Vista specific" Meals on Wheels. We significantly increased our gifting to HUMC's Angel Tree, Gravette School System's "Bright Futures" program, Care and Share, NW Arkansas Abused Women, and the Salvation Army. We added new beneficiaries including Bella Vista Police Department's "Shop with a Cop", and a similar program within the Bella Vista Fire Department. We recognize that 2021, and the generous work efforts of a few of our members, presented us with an abundance to administer. Our objectives were to put that abundance to work, as locally as reasonably possible, impacting organizations that could be understood and supported church-wide, with open, questioning, and creative minds as we made the recommendations that allowed our members to approve these selections.

## HUMMERS January 2022 Meeting

The HUMMERS first meeting in 2022 will be held on Tuesday, January 4 at 7:45 am. Our guest speaker will be Mike Whited of Arvest Bank. His subject of discussion will be the multitude of 'scams' that have invaded the banking industry, our computers, and our everyday lives. Who knows... perhaps he'll be able to explain that constant concern about the warranty expiring on your 1976 Chevy Vega. Please sign up at the Information Station in the Gathering Area.

## Outreach/Missions 2021

I would like to thank everyone who donated their time & guidance to Outreach and Missions during 2021. We took in \$14,802 from the car show, \$1,378 from the power of one and \$4,950 from other donations for a total of \$24,574. We also were able to donate \$22,575 to local charities this year. Below is a breakdown of our charity donations.

Gravette School Fund	2,000
Snack Packs for Gravette Schools	11,000
Bright Futures Gravette Schools	5,500
Samaritan's Feet	3,200
NWA Food Bank	875

Please keep in mind that the power of one money goes to Missions and is much needed for 2022. You can simply fold a \$ bill longways, put in the offering plate and it will be directed to Missions. You can fold any size bill that you would like to donate and it will go to a good cause.

This is my last year to chair the Outreach/Missions Committee and Sara Sherman will take over as the chair for 2022. Anyone who would like to be a part of this committee please contact Sara.

Again, thanks to everyone for the work you have done the past 4 years!  
Steve Terry





# Highlands United Methodist Women



## **HUMW Outreach Highlights for 2021**

Highlands United Methodist Woman (HUMW) had a very busy, but fruitful, year with our fundraising efforts that support our 10 women and children's charities in Northwest Arkansas (Benton County Single Parent Scholarship, Children's Advocacy Center, Havenwood, Hub of Hope, Nicole's House, Into the Light, NWA Children's Shelter, Restoration Village, Saving Grace, and Sunshine School and Development Center).

Due to the Pandemic, we weren't sure that we would be able to hold our two major fundraisers in our building so we started the "Change for Change" program, the concept being that all change can help bring change in an individual's life. We simply asked the congregation to drop loose change in our container each week. This quickly became a fun way to collect funds for our charities, with many of us participating.

Then, it was approved that we would be able to host our first major fundraising event of the year, the Flea, which was held in Fellowship Hall in April. This event kicked-off our year and helped us set our goal of giving at \$1,500 to each of our 10 charities in 2021.

We also had great success with Muffins for Missions sales on Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Halloween. All of the money raised from muffins sold on Mother's Day was given to Samaritan's Feet with the remainder going into the general fund to be paid out to the our 10 charities listed above at the end of our year.

Another fundraiser, Desserts for a Year, added to the general fund with the money from ticket sales for the drawing. Donna and Van VanderSchaff were the lucky winners and will be presented with a yummy dessert each month for a year. The drawing was held on Mother's Day and desserts will continue to be delivered by each preparer through April, 2022.

This year, HUMW assumed responsibility for the Cookie Walk and Angel Tree. The Cookie Walk was held the first Saturday in December and funds for the event will give us a great start going into 2022. The Angel Tree brought in gifts for 5 Gravette families with a total of 24 children. The bigheartedness of this congregation is overwhelming, and I promise that each child /family was blessed by your generosity this Christmas.

I want to say a special Thank You to the many wonderful leaders and volunteers that made all of this happen! Our tremendous success this year couldn't have happened without YOU! Your efforts made a huge impact into the lives of others as we work together for the Glory of God.

Jean Galloway, HUMW President

## **HUMW January 2022 Meeting**

Happy New Year from Highlands United Methodist Women (HUMW)! Let's all pray that this year is better than the last two! Kicking off our new year, and our first meeting, will be a program by our very own Pastor Robert! Join us as Robert gives a talk on Methodism, also called the Methodist movement, which derives its doctrine of practices and beliefs from the life and teachings of John Wesley. George Whitefield and John's brother, Charles Wesley, were significant early leaders in the movement. Breakfast will be served, fun and fellowship will be had by all. See you on Monday, January 10 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up at the Information Station in the Gathering Area.

## **Return Clean Folgers Coffee Cans**

We are now accepting your CLEAN Folgers Coffee Cans to use at next year's Cookie Walk! Please save the Folgers cans, 30.5 oz. Bring the empties with lids (washed and dried) to church and leave them in the white cabinet just inside the Fellowship Hall doors. You are also welcome to return the homemade Can Covers. Questions, contact Mel Snyder at 876-2963.

# 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 February Highlands Newsletter is 12:00 (noon) on January 20. Please send all newsletter submissions, comments and/or questions to this email address: [newletter@humcbv.com](mailto:newletter@humcbv.com).

**GIVING ENVELOPES:** If you make your contribution to Highlands Church by cash/check and like to use the special envelopes provided by the church, they are available for pickup from the counter in the Gathering Area. Special note--these envelopes are not numbered because our software no longer uses special numbers. Please be sure to write your name on the envelopes when giving cash.

**INK RECYCLING:** In order to recycle ink cartridges at Staples, we need to purchase at least \$30 in ink or toner every 6 months. If you purchase ink or toner at Staples, and don't take advantage of their rewards program yourself, please bring or email your receipt to the office, so we can put it on our rewards account. Contact Lori Heald in the office if you have any questions at 479-855-2277.

# Thank You

## Cookie Walk Success

The dust, flour & sugar is all cleaned up by now  
The church back to normal, whatever that means

In a flash the cookies were gone,  
As were rolls, crafts, and candy

The men worked in their fast and efficient way  
Up went the tables, then down went the tables,  
all in record time

The greatest & most generous group of people  
on the planet made the 32nd Cookie Walk  
successful once again!

The Glory to God for HIS blessing once more!

Highlands Church is the best - because of YOU!  
Cookie Walk Total - \$9600

A Big Thank You from me,  
Sue LaHood, Cookie Walk Chairwoman.

# New Members



Steve & Vickie Mulder became members on December 12 in the Traditional service. They moved here in 2020 from Klamath Falls, Oregon. Steve is currently an I.T. manager for a company called Jeld-Wen; they sell doors and windows to Lowe's and Home Depot. He's been with the company since 1976! Due to his job, they have lived in 5 different states before moving to Arkansas. They started out in South Dakota then moved to Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois and Oregon. Vicki is now retired. Their hobbies include golfing, boating, fishing, and car clubs. They have 2 children and really enjoy spending time with family and their 4 grandchildren.



James and Vicki moved to Bella Vista from White Hall, Arkansas in 2009. Before retirement, James was in manufacturing management and Vicki was a kindergarten teacher in the White Hall school district. James served in the Army National Guard for 8 years. James enjoys golfing and playing the guitar as a self-entertaining strummer. Vicki enjoys traveling and camping. They have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

# Family News

## NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

New Address:  
Steve & Sandy Larsen  
1 Highlands Crossing Dr #213, Bella Vista AR 72715

## CONDOLENCES:

Tyra Walker for the loss of her husband, John Walker, on 12/16/21.  
Doug Stone for the loss of his brother, Ralph Stuart Stone, on 12/29/21.

# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					31– Office Closed (holiday)	1– No Celebration Service
2-- Combined Worship at 9:30	3	4– Hummers Meet Mexican Train	5– Fellowship Committee	6– Compassionate Disciples Meeting	7– Samba Plays on Fridays	8
9	10– HUMW Meeting Care & Share Trailer	11	12	13– Trustees Meeting	14– Marathon Bridge Plays	15
16	17– Office Closed (holiday)	18– Admin Council Meeting	19	20	21	22
23	24	25– Care Group Leaders Meeting Library Meets	26	27	28	29
30	31					



**Did you know Highlands Church has a Library?** Located next to the Sanctuary entrance, the Library has a very large selection of popular author books, including Christian fiction and non-fiction, and we also have a nice selection of Bible study materials, DVD's and audio books on CD's. We don't have a time limit on how long you can keep the materials; just be sure to return them when you are through with them so others may enjoy them also. Stop by and take a look at all we have available!

**Do you personally have books you would like to donate to our Library?** We would love to receive your donations of new or used books! Please drop them off in the Library. Just inside the door of the Library, to your right you will see a box/bin for you to place the donated materials.

**Do you love books and/or do you enjoy organizing?** We are looking for more volunteers to help organize and do inventory of our materials. The Library Team meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 3:00 pm, but you can volunteer at other times as well (once you are trained), if you prefer. Please contact Joyce O'Neil at 479-876-2755 or Cynthia Marshall at 479-553-7950 if you are interested in volunteering.





# 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 - November 30, 2021**

	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Nov Actual</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>
Income	490,379	46,616	453,435
Expenses	490,379	41,711	449,763
Net	0	4,905	3,672

Thank you for your continued support.

A note of thanks to all members and friends of Highlands Church for your loyal support throughout 2021. We will close the year in excellent financial condition and your support of the "Challenge" was simply outstanding. Please do everything you can to get your pledge cards to the church for the year 2022.

Happy New Year,  
Andy O'Neil, Finance Committee Chair

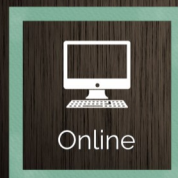


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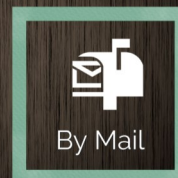
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