

# Highlands News

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## Writing My Last Chapter

**A Seminar for Advance Care Planning to Improve End-of-Life Experiences.**

If you haven't signed up for this special seminar, you still have time! The four sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings, February 15, February 22, March 1, and March 8, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. This seminar is a four week commitment.

We encourage you to mark these dates on your calendar, attend each session, and invite friends and neighbors that might also be interested. Reservations are required and signups have begun at the Information Station in the Gathering Area. You may also call the church office and we will sign you up! For a list of weekly topics, pick up a flyer at the Information Station or see the Weekly Update email.

## WRITING MY LAST CHAPTER

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TO IMPROVE END-OF-LIFE EXPERIENCES*



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**FEBRUARY 15, FEBRUARY 22, MARCH 1, MARCH 8  
6:30 - 8:00 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

# Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

I asked my friend, Nat Collis, to teach our Tuesday Bible Study because I needed to go to my children's preschool for "Super Daddy Night." Super Daddy Night is for dads and their kids to celebrate that bond fathers and children have. Nat said, "of course," and something to the effect of "enjoy these times." I'm certainly sorry if I butchered that, Nat. He gives great advice and the truth is I have every intention of enjoying these times. In fact, I'm trying to enjoy the childhood of Caroline and Bobby in the great times and even in the times they're sick. They won't, as many wise people have said, be little forever. I can't say I'm perfect, but I can say that I'm cognizant of the fact that my children won't be young and at home with me forever and that every single moment should be enjoyed.



We choose how we experience life. I'm convinced of that. No matter who or what has shaped some of our outlooks and attitudes it is still our choice to apply the lens or lenses we have to our life. In fact, I think one of the greatest examples of this is when Jesus celebrates His last Passover with his disciples. He has come into the world with his future shaped by God and this future includes the crucifixion He is about to endure. He knows He is about to die and doesn't want to. He knows He will be betrayed and denied. All of this knowledge is real to Him as He sits at the table and has the Passover feast with His disciples. In that moment He chose not to panic and not to run away and hide. He chose not to fret, but instead He chooses to enjoy the meal and teach. I'm not sure I could have done the same with a future like that in front of me.

But a key takeaway in what Jesus is doing is that He knows of the resurrection and He knows that His death is temporary. Therefore He can rejoice. You see, Jesus has done something for us; He's died for us to remove the prospect of death from our lives so that we might truly live until our last earthly breath. And that's what He wants. He wants that we should live until our last earthly breath, not fearing death. So, live to the fullest for what is to be feared has been dealt with and our lives have been laid open to fully embrace and enjoy.

*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



**The February Hummers meeting will be held at 7:45 am on Tuesday, February 1.**

Our Speaker will be Bella Vista's Fire Chief, Steve Sims.

Chief Sims is a long time Bella Vista firefighter bringing a unique perspective as both a participant in, and an observer of, the City's growth to its current fire safety and health related needs. Additionally, he brings his vision for our City's future requirements as our growth, specifically in the Highlands, accelerates.

Bill Williams will be providing our devotions.

Please sign up at the Information Station in the Gathering Area.

A glimpse into our future meetings show the following scheduled speakers:

March 1, 2022 - Doug Fowler, Bella Vista City Councilman, Ward 3 (our ward)

April 5, 2022 - Sgt. Bryan Bunch, Bella Vista Police Dept. (Shop w/a Cop Officer)

May 3, 2022 - Mike Whited, Arvest Bank Program on Scams (rescheduled from January)

## Join the Stitchers

The Stitchers group will resume meeting this month. We will get together on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 1:00-3:00 pm in the John classroom, beginning Wednesday, February 9. Often we knit and/or crochet to produce prayer shawls and prayer squares which are then presented to those in need. You are also welcome to bring your own projects and join us for fellowship. For more information, contact the church office.

## JOIN THE STITCHERS



Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday  
1:00-3:00 pm • John Classroom

**Begins February 9!**





# Highlands United Methodist Women



## HUMW Meeting

Our February, 2022 Highlands United Methodist Women's meeting will be held on Valentine's Day! How wonderful is it that we will be able to share our love with one another on this special day. To celebrate, this meeting will be centered on "A Mission of Love". Our speaker will be Maribel Childress, Superintendent of Gravette Schools, and she will be talking about how their teachers are navigating the learning experience during Covid. Then, following her remarks, we will each be writing a few notes of gratitude and appreciation to each of the teachers and staff in the four Gravette schools. Maribel said in her email response, "You have no idea how much this support and encouragement, and prayers are needed and will be appreciated!" Please mark your calendars for February 14 at 9:30 am to send some HUMW love to the Gravette schools. Breakfast will be served. Sign up at the Information Station.

## The HUMW Book Club book for February is: *The Stranger in the Life Boat* by Mitch Albom.

What would happen if we called on God for help and God actually appeared? In Mitch Albom's profound new novel of hope and faith, a group of shipwrecked passengers pull a strange man from the sea. He claims to be "the Lord." And he says he can only save them if they all believe in him.

Attention all ladies, The Highlands United Methodist Women Book Club will be on February 21, Monday, at 10:00 am in the Matthew Room. You can either buy your own books or use the books that are found in the Library Annex in the HUMW Section (south wall, first section). We always have fun discussing our book with coffee, water & some kind of treat. If you have friends that would like to join us, by all means bring them with you! The more the merrier. There is a form with questions you can fill out that we will be using for each of our book discussions in the Library Annex as well. For more info or questions call Sue LaHood at 479-855-0937.

## Muffins for Missions

Roses are Red

Violets are Blue

For Valentines Day

HUMW would like to share some Muffins with you!

The HUMW will have Muffins for Missions to share with your Valentine the weekend of February 12 & 13. What a nice way to show you care. We will be in Fellowship Hall before the Saturday service and after the Traditional service on Sunday. Come and have coffee and muffins to celebrate St. Valentines Day with your favorite Valentine. XOXO



# MUFFINS FOR MISSIONS

## FEBRUARY 12 & 13



# Office News

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Newsletter: [newsletter@humcbv.com](mailto:newsletter@humcbv.com)

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

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

**PURCHASING INK AT STAPLES?** 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 your ink purchase on our rewards account and be able to benefit from the ink recycling program. Contact Lori Heald in the office if you have any questions at 479-855-2277.

**MAKING PURCHASES AT OFFICE DEPOT?** In order to recycle ink cartridges at Office Depot, we need to make at least a \$10 purchase each month. If you make purchases at OD and don't take advantage of their rewards program yourself, please bring or email your receipt to the office so we can put your ink purchase on our rewards account and be able to benefit from the ink recycling program. Contact Lori Heald in the office if you have any questions at 479-855-2277.

# Thank You

**HUMC Salvation Army Bell Ringers** collected \$3030.00 in the kettles for our shifts in December 2021. Thank you for helping fund critical services for individuals and families in need. Assistance Programs and much more were provided needed funds as a result. Of particular help was our office staff who managed the online activity. None of this would have been possible without those who volunteered their time.

Thank you!

Donna VanderSchaaf, Coordinator

# Family News

## NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

Greg & Mel Snyder  
9 Hopeman Lane, Bella Vista AR 72715

William & Julie Chernota  
28 Stonehaven Drive, Bella Vista AR 72715

Pat Heald  
317 Concordia Dr, Bella Vista AR 72715

John Harris  
150 Willow Tree Ln, Pottsboro TX 75076

Joe & Debbie Newman  
125 Edison Dr, Calvert City KY 42029

## CONDOLENCES:

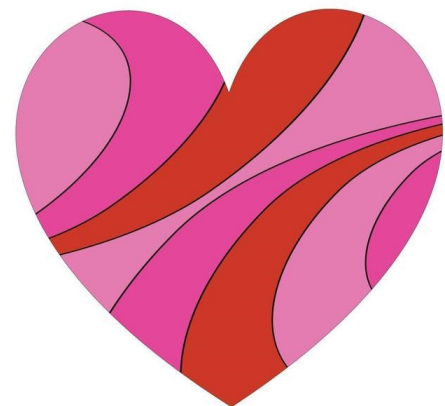
Claudia Williams for the loss of her mother, Virginia Debolt, on 12/31/21.

Marshia Mosena for the loss of her husband, Bruce Mosena, on 1/14/22.

Andy and Jean Anderson for the loss of their son-in-law, Nelson Vaughn, on 1/16/22.

Russ and Arlene Miller for the loss of Arlene's brother, Ivan Wilkons, on 1/26/22.

# Happy



# Valentine's Day

February 14



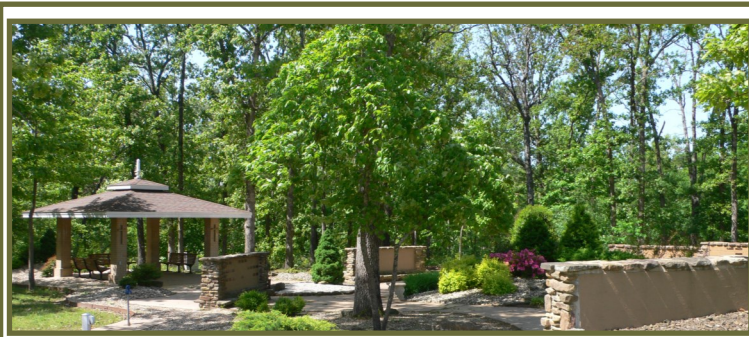
# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1- Hummers Meet Mexican Train	2	3- Compassionate Disciples Meeting	4- Samba Plays on Fridays	5- Communion
6- Communion	7	8	9	10	11- Marathon Bridge Plays	12
13	14- HUMW Meeting	15- Admin Council Meeting	16	17	18	19
20	21	22- Care Group Leaders Meeting Library Meets	23	24	25	26
27	28					



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 EVERY SUNDAY • 9:30 AM  
 MATTHEW CLASSROOM

**AN ADULT CLASS • CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR DETAILS**



### 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.

# 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 - December 31, 2021**

	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Income	534,877	501,814
Expenses	534,877	497,036
Net	0	4,777

Thank you for your continued support.



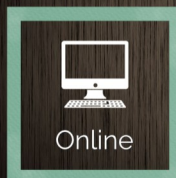
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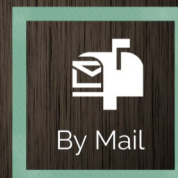
to Highlands Church



Online



In-Person



By Mail

for details visit... [humcbv.com/give](http://humcbv.com/give)





Our Little Free Pantry is located in the rear parking lot of Highlands Church.

*Take what you need, leave what you can.*

*Please take all donations directly to the Pantry.*

THE POWER OF  
**ONE**

*Drop a folded dollar into the offering plate to support our Mission Ministry*



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The Gathering Service  
Sundays at 11:15 am

**HIGHLANDS  
CHURCH**  
*Bella Vista, AR*



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Join Us For  
Communion  
DURING ALL 3 SERVICES

**FEBRUARY 5 & 6**

