

Highlands News

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MAKE PLANS TO SPEND THE 2022 LENTEN SEASON WITH HIGHLANDS CHURCH

- March 2** Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 pm.
- April 9/10** Palm Sunday Weekend Worship on Saturday evening at 5:30 or Sunday morning at 9:30 or 11:15.
- April 14** Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 pm.
- April 15** Good Friday Service at 6:00 pm.
- April 17** Easter Worship on Sunday morning at 9:30 or 11:15.

JOIN US AS PASTOR ROBERT LEADS US IN A
SERMON SERIES TITLED “TREK TO THE RESURRECTION”

Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

Ash Wednesday begins on March 2 this year. As we receive the Sign of the Cross in ashes on our foreheads, we mark the start of our Lenten season. For years I have been writing on Lent and the importance of observing a holy Lent. Yet, this year I thought it was time to do something different with my suggestions. Bishop Will Willimon offered a view of Lent that I think is worth repeating. In his book on Baptism, Willimon talks about the formation of Lent in the early Church and how it was a time of preparation for people that would become new members of the Church through Baptism to grow and learn. It was also a time when people would rededicate themselves to Jesus. Keeping these things in mind I think instructions on how to keep a holy Lent start to become clear.

When it comes to Lent we simply need to examine what we need to stop and start to become more like Christ during Lent. For example, chocolate is often given up for Lent, but the question on that is why? Giving up soda is another one that is often given up, but again, why? I think the answer to those questions are actually often subconscious ones; we feel like we need to give up extravagant foods during a time when we remember Jesus in his poverty. If those things help, then go with it.

Whatever it is that you decide to give up, look at the reason behind it and examine whether or not it's actually going to bring you closer. I think ideas for fasting that help us keep a clear head for prayer and study are always great. It is not just fasting though, taking on disciplines is just as important. It isn't one or the other, fasting goes hand in hand with taking up new disciplines. Just as I said, giving up things for Lent that help you keep a clear head help you to follow your disciplines. Again, the question though is, "will this discipline make me closer to Jesus?"

I believe that life shouldn't change much after Lent. The things we gave up should be those things that were distracting us from or dulling us in the pursuit of Christ. And those disciplines we take on should continue, as they drew us closer to Christ. The time thereafter we build on what we have already done.

Lent is a wonderful opportunity to make life better. We do it primarily to honor Jesus, but we leave with more joy, contentment, and peace. I'm praying for you and your Lenten journey this year.

Blessings and peace,
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



Our March breakfast meeting hits us right out of the box on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:45 AM.

Our speaker will be Highlands Church member and Bella Vista City Councilman for Ward 3 (our Ward), Doug Fowler. Doug was elected to Council in 2016. He has been involved in, and witness to, the significant growth rate of our city over the past few years... now emphasized here in the Highlands by the finalization of Interstate 49, the Bella Vista Bypass. His experience and observations afford us unique opportunities to get a better feel for both our city's and neighborhood's future. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the Information Station in the Gathering Area so we are able to prepare the proper amount of food.

On March 16, 2022 from 10:00 AM 'til 3:00 PM, the Hummers, in conjunction with the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks, will conduct our first of five Blood Drives planned for the year in our Fellowship Hall. You will be able to schedule in advance through the CBCO.ORG portal now, or by signing up directly at the table in our Gathering Area for the two weeks in advance of the Drive. Please contact our coordinator, Gene Leonard, for details, questions, or assistance.

As we determined at our December 2021 meeting, the office of President of the Hummers will be served by four past Presidents on a quarterly basis in 2022. Effective April 1, 2022, Earl Lehman will assume the leadership position and will serve through June 30, 2022. Please afford Earl the support that he, our organization, our community, and our church need and deserve.

And.... a personal note. Thank you to all the men and women of our church who have enabled, aided, and abetted the works (and occasional mischief) of the Hummers for the past 2 1/4 years. Your support in accomplishing many service projects and helpful deeds during the pandemic, though not broadly advertised, was outstanding and greatly appreciated. Thanks, folks! Nat Collis

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HIGHLANDS CHURCH

MAR 16

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Safety & Security Team

The Safety and Security Team is looking for a few men and/or women to join us and help with protecting the church during our 9:30 am service. Volunteers will also take night time calls (as necessary) from our Electronic Security Company one month out of the year. If interested, please contact Sue LaHood at 479-855-0937.

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Highlands United Methodist Women



HUMW March Meeting

The United Methodist Women's Meeting for March will be on Monday, March 14, at 9:30 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Jo Lisa Blossom from Into the Light, Ending Child Sex Trafficking, Bringing Hope to Survivors. All services provided by Into The Light are designed to foster trauma-informed, long-term relationships with children whose lives have been impacted by the trauma of the sex industry in Arkansas. The vast majority of the children we serve are Arkansans, though we serve any child regardless of where their trafficking occurred. We are committed to seeing an end to the sex trafficking of children, no matter the cost. Breakfast will be served, fellowship will abound and we will learn a lot. We hope to see you on the 14th!

HUMW February Meeting Report

On Valentine's Day, 44 ladies attended the Highlands United Methodist Women's meeting to hear Maribel Childress (Superintendent of the Gravette School District) speak on the impact Covid has had on the school district, and in particular teachers. After her talk, each of the ladies wrote notes of encouragement and appreciation to every employee in the school district. A total of 270 cards were handwritten, 107 to non-teachers (like support staff, cafeteria workers, custodians, school nurses, administration, etc.) and 163 cards were written specifically for teachers. It was a great day and this Mission of Love was a huge success!

Maribel said that teachers were impacted the most as they had to redesign their lesson plans to accommodate classroom as well as on-line learning, which actually doubled their efforts. Students had the choice of either attending class in person or via video at home; about 22% of their student population preferred the online option.

The completed cards were sorted into a box for each of the four Gravette schools and were delivered, along with Valentine's Day chocolates, to the principal of each school. Doing this on Valentine's Day was just the perfect time for our Mission of Love to the Gravette School employees. We all had a great time!



Care & Share Thrift

Volunteers from Highlands Church are needed to work at the Gravette Care & Share Thrift Store the week of March 15-19 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 contact our coordinator, Connie Kiefer, directly at 876-6324.

Care & Share Thrift Store
Volunteers Needed
March 15-19



Hummerettes

A group of women who enjoy golf for FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP

JOIN US! We always welcome new players! We play on Tuesdays all year long. We have 6 tee times set up through the golf office. Players sign up each week if they can play; you do not have to get a substitute if you cannot play. You don't need to have a handicap and there are no prizes or contests. A player can choose to play either 9 holes or 18 holes. Sometimes the group will decide to play a scramble. Quite often we decide to go for a bite to eat after we finish playing. Dining out is optional and we make the decision on the day of play.

For more information or to get on the email list, please contact Susan Brumbaugh at 479-282-6155 or brumbaugh.susan1@gmail.com or Gail Storm at 661-331-1069 or gljnstorm@gmail.com



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LIVE Streaming

The Gathering Service
Sundays at 11:15 am

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MARCH 5 & 6



Office News

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

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

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

THANK YOU TO THE STAPLES INK PURCHASER! In February, we happened to check our Ink Rewards and saw someone purchased ink from Staples on January 20 and put their purchase on our rewards account. Thank you so much! We are now able to recycle ink cartridges at Staples and earn rewards money to spend on office supplies through the middle of July.

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.

Family News

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

Andy and Jean Anderson are no longer using email.

Bob & Jackie Warren
6319 Tall Oaks Loop S., Springdale AR 72762
(479) 334-5052

CONDOLENCES:

Gloria Grilk for the loss of her husband, Ernest Grilk 2/9/22.

Tyra Walker for the loss of her mother, Betty Dale, on 2/12/22.

Thank You

We wish to thank all of you who sent sympathy cards and expressed sympathy for the loss of our son-in-law, Nelson Vaughn. What a compassionate congregation! God bless all of you!
Andy and Jean Anderson

Muffins for Missions Success!

The United Methodist Women had 16 ladies sign up to bake muffins for our recent Muffins for Missions project. You wonderful people of Highlands Church donated over \$600 on our two days, Saturday night and Sunday morning services. That was our best day ever for this mission project! Thank you all so much for your generosity! We did have quite a few muffins left over and Beth Williams delivered the remaining muffins to Fire Station #1 in Bella Vista on Valentine's Day! (pictured below) THANK YOU ALL for a great Valentines Weekend!



March 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | 1– Hummers Meet | 2– Ash Wed. Service Mexican Train | 3– Compassionate Disciples Meeting | 4– Samba Plays on Fridays | 5– Communion |
| 6– Communion | 7 | 8– Women’s Bible Study Begins | 9– Stitches | 10– CPR Training Trustees Meet | 11– Marathon Bridge Plays | 12 |
| 13– Daylight Savings Time Begins | 14– HUMW Meeting Am. Legion Meets | 15 | 16– Blood Drive | 17 | 18 | 19– Ernest Grillk Celebration of Life |
| 20 | 21– HUMW Book Club Outreach Meeting | 22– Care Group Leaders Meeting Library Meets | 23– Stitches | 24– CPR Training | 25 | 26– Scrapbooking & Card Making |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |



SUNDAY SCHOOL

EVERY SUNDAY • 9:30 AM
MATTHEW CLASSROOM

AN ADULT CLASS • CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR DETAILS

Save the Dates!



Flea & Boutique • May 20 & 21

Car Show • Sept 24



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 - January 31, 2022

| | YTD Budget | Jan Actual | YTD Actual |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Income | 44,779 | 45,402 | 45,402 |
| Expenses | 44,779 | 43,954 | 43,954 |
| Net | 0 | 1,448 | 1,448 |

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