

Highlands News

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Holy Week Activities

Holy Week contains the most painful and glorious events in the life of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Highlands will be having services celebrating the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday weekend at our regular service times. On Maundy Thursday, April 14, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary, we will have a service of reflection, confession and a commemoration of the Last Supper with Holy Communion. On Good Friday, April 15, also at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary, we will have a service depicting the Stations of the Cross; Jesus' journey to Calvary. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ at our Easter Sunday Services at 9:30 am or 11:15 am in the Sanctuary. On Easter morning, enjoy a continental breakfast before services from 8:30—9:15 or 10:30—11:00. As a reminder, the entire Church will be celebrating Easter together on Sunday morning (2 services) therefore; there will be no Celebration Service on Saturday, April 16.

MAKE PLANS TO SPEND THE 2022 LENTEN SEASON WITH HIGHLANDS CHURCH

- **APRIL 9/10** *Palm Sunday Weekend Worship (regular times)*
 - **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*
 - **APRIL 17** *Easter Continental Breakfast at 8:30-9:15 or 10:30-11:00 am*

Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

When I was growing up my dad bought an Oldsmobile 442. Not one of the big time muscle cars, but a small release of more daily driver friendly models. It was special to my dad; my grandfather sold it to him off the lot he worked for and it was a less powerful version of one of his dream cars. However, that dream became a nightmare.

We can start the problem list with the tickets. The car may have been geared to those looking for a fun daily driver, but that doesn't mean the car didn't dare you to ignore speed limits. I remember distinctly hearing that famous question from two state troopers talking to my dad: "do you have any idea how fast you were going?" To be candid though, we both knew how fast my dad was going and they were great bonding experiences. The second problem was that the trim and adornments around the internal door handles came off quickly, leading to arguments about me tearing up door handles. However, my dad ripped his whole door handle off by accident and finally confessed there was a problem. The third problem was my dad got his license plates stolen twice, along with four car stereos. That's not the car's fault, but we lived in a rough neighborhood and didn't have a garage.



The final straw in the 442 debacle was spilt milk. Whoever coined the phrase "there's no use crying over spilt milk", clearly had no sense. Dad had a gallon of milk bust in his trunk when he was going too fast on the way home from the grocery store one night... in the summer. Anyone who rode in that car cried over spilt milk. They probably also got nauseous and vowed to never ride in that car again. Poor dad, no matter how hard he tried, he could not get rid of that smell.

Dad got fed up and he finally went to the lot to get a Cutlass that drew less attention and was easier to clean.

The moral of the story isn't to give up on dreams. The car wasn't even expensive, since it was a version of a version of a 442, so the point isn't not to buy expensive things. The point isn't to park in a garage. No it's none of those things. The point is to have fun in all of the messiness of life. Because that's what life is; it's messy. But it's beautiful.

See, one of the things about the Christian faith for me is that Jesus came, God in the flesh, in the midst of a mess. Sure, there was the mess of good and evil. Jesus conquered evil. But it's also the fact that Jesus stepped into the mess of everything we're born into and he made something out of it. He made friends, had great relationships, brought truth. He brought levity when he'd walk past people who said they were going to stone him or when he knelt down to draw in the sand when the woman caught in adultery was being accused. He embraced life on every level, and we remember him for the big things and the day-to-day things he did in the messiness of life.

For what it's worth, I think Jesus would have liked that 442.

Pastor Robert's office hours are:

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

FRIDAY
9AM - NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE

HAPPY EASTER

EASTER SUNDAY *A Flower for the Cross*

Bring a live flower
(no silk) on Easter
morning, April 17.

We will be adorning the small cross near
the Sanctuary entrance with flowers.



EASTER MORNING CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST



Served 8:30-9:15 or
10:30-11:00
in Fellowship Hall
on April 17.

SIGN UP AT INFORMATION STATION BEFORE APRIL 10



THE HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Hummers Meeting

Join the Hummers on Tuesday morning, April 5 at 7:45 am. We will have breakfast, devotion, speaker and a brief business meeting. You need to hear first hand the impact of a Hummer donation in our community. Listen to the relationships of children with law enforcement through the 'Shop with a Cop' program. Please sign up at the Information Station so that the volunteer cooks can properly prepare for all attendees. See you there!

Blood Drive Success!

We completed our first of five planned Blood Drives for 2022 on Wednesday, March 16, and we are very pleased to report that we had an outstanding donor turnout... 41 successful donations were received. The Drive's donor objective established by the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks was 33. So, a huge 'THANK YOU VERY MUCH' to all the folks that responded to our plea. The need was big and you got the job done in style.

Saturate USA

(or in our case, zip code 72715)

Highlands Church has started a new, long term project to distribute 'Gospel Gifts' to every household in our zip code, which is also our mission field.

Visit our website to find out how you can participate!

All Church Event

The next A-C-E program is scheduled for Sunday, April 24 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a 'Crazy Hat Night' with dinner and entertainment. Signups will begin the weekend of April 9/10. Watch for more information to come. Henkels & Stones (Care Group Coordinators).

ALL CHURCH EVENT
CRAZY HAT NIGHT
APRIL 24 • 5:30 PM
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL





Highlands United Methodist Women



HUMW Meeting

Do you have a hobby? Do you show your hobby all over the country and get books or magazines published with your creations in it? If so, or if not, please join the Highlands United Methodist Women on Monday, April 11, at 9:30 am as we welcome our special guest speaker, Karen Kielmeyer. She started quilting about 45 years ago and has become quite prestigious in her craft. She has won several awards and has had many articles written about her in books and magazines. Please join us to learn more about this very talented woman, have a bite to eat, and enjoy some great fellowship! Sign up at the Information Station in the Gathering Area.

HUMW Book Club

The Highlands United Methodist Women's Book Club will be reading And He Healed Them All: A Day in the Life of the Teacher from Nazareth by Jeffrey McClain Jones. When James Wolfer goes to visit his old friend Walter Schrader in a nursing home, he expects to find his former professor as depressed as the last time he visited. We will be meeting in the Matthew classroom on Monday, April 18 at 10 am. We have one copy of the book in the Library Annex in the UMW section to share or you can buy your own book or get it at the Bella Vista Library on a Kindle or hard copy. We will discuss the book over coffee and treats. For more information please call Sue LaHood 855-0937.



HUMW Outstanding Service Award Nominations

The United Methodist Women of Highlands Church will be presenting their 2022 Outstanding Service Award to a deserving person or couple that have gone above and beyond our expectations as they continue to serve Highlands Church! This is OUR way of thanking the person(s) for their outstanding service. Ballots will be at the Information Station in Gathering Area and there will be a box for the filled out ballots. We will have the ballots out the weekend of April 16/17. They need to be completed and in the ballot box by Sunday, May 1 to be considered.

HUMW Desserts for a Year



The Highlands United Methodist Women are going to have our delicious raffle again with ticket sales beginning Sunday, April 10 after the 9:30 am service. Twelve of your favorite bakers are back to make YOU desserts for a year, 1 per month! The drawing to be held after the 9:30 am church service on Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day. The tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. For more information please call Beth Williams at 479-619-9317.

HUMW Flea & Boutique

The 26th Annual Highlands FLEA will be May 20 & 21. Please start saving your gently used items and watch for more information in the very near future. If you are spring cleaning and need to get rid of 'gently used stuff', contact the church office to make arrangements to store your items. (no clothes, books, appliances, or tv's)

Office News

Amey & Lori: highlandschurch@humcbv.com

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

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY: In observation of Good Friday, the church office will be closed on Friday, April 15.

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

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

Dear Church Family, It is well known how loving the Highlands United Methodist Church is to its followers of Christ, but it is another thing to witness it, and receive the benefits of that charity first hand.

Your kindness, your caring attention, and being the recipient of the Prayer Warriors efforts have sustained both Ernest and me these last three years of uncertainty. There were many days the feeling 'I can't do this anymore' crossed my mind, and then the next morning, I got up refreshed and ready.

More recently, you have shown love to our children and extended family. They believe that we are the luckiest people to be 'part of' your family.

Our appreciation, our gratitude, and our respect for all you do for those you see in need of Agape!

Gloria Febro Grilk

Family News

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

Quintin Brakebill– new cell phone # 479-257-1544

Ken & Bonnie Bloom (as of April 8)
2060 S. Abbeystone Ct, Sioux Falls SD 57110

CONDOLENCES:

Larry Bappe for the loss of his wife, Judy Bappe, on 3/12/22.

Ukraine Donations

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Electronically on Highlands Church's website.
- By check made out to Highlands Church with 'Ukraine' written on the memo line, either mailed to the church office or placed in the offering on the weekend.

One hundred percent of all UMCOR contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.



April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1- Samba Plays on Fridays	2- Communion
3- Communion	4- Safety & Security Meeting	5- Hummers Meet	6- Fellowship Committee	7- Compassionate Disciples Meeting	8- Marathon Bridge Plays	9- Palm Weekend Alpha Gal Support
10- Palm Sunday	11- HUMW Meeting	12- Singles Group Outing	13- Stitches	14- Maundy Thursday Service	15- Good Friday Service Office Closed	16- No Sat Celeb. Service
17- Easter Worship Cont Breakfast	18- HUMW Book Club	19- Admin Council Meeting	20	21- Care Group Leaders Meeting	22	23- Scrapbooking & Card Making
24- ACE Event	25	26- Library Meets	27- Stitches	28	29	30



SUNDAY SCHOOL
EVERY SUNDAY • 9:30 AM
MATTHEW CLASSROOM

AN ADULT CLASS • CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR DETAILS



Join Us For Communion
DURING ALL 3 SERVICES
APRIL 2 & 3

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 - February 28, 2022

	YTD Budget	Feb Actual	YTD Actual
Income	89,558	36,043	81,445
Expenses	89,558	40,848	84,803
Net	0	(4,806)	(3,358)

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