

Highlands News

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27th Annual Highlands Flea & Boutique

Our 2 day event is Friday, May 20 from 8 am - 2 pm AND Saturday, May 21 from 8 am - noon.

Highlands Church – it's time for you and your friends to DIG DEEP and part with some of your clean, sellable items! Your donated items may be dropped off at the church Fellowship Hall beginning May 16 & 17 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm AND May 18 & 19 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. If you would like assistance with large items, contact Pat Lehman at 876-1985 to coordinate a pickup of your item(s). Please remember, NO books, magazines, electronics, shoes or clothing!

To complement our annual sale of furniture, household items, tools, linens, collectables, lawn and garden items, we will open our small boutique shop selling elite, fashionable items and accessories like nice and nearly-new purses, scarves, wallets, wraps, unique jewelry, quirky art pieces, quilted items and more! These items are a bit more 'upscale' yet still very affordable!

We will offer everyone's favorite Flea stop - The Coffee Shop!

SIGN UP to Volunteer during this event at the table in the Gathering Area or pick up a flyer with more information. Help us reach out and have fun with the Bella Vista Community! Remember, it's all for local women & children's charities – missions of the Highlands United Methodist Women of HUMC.

Sell Your Own Items for profit by reserving spaces in our parking lot. \$10 for 3 parking spaces, \$15 for 5 spaces. Contact Sue LaHood at 855-0937 to reserve your spaces.

Call Mel Snyder 876-2963 or Beth Williams 619-9317 with any questions.

Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

The faith life, especially after Easter, can be difficult because there's a bit of a "now what?" feeling. But I think we need to break the whole faith life down a little easier. Recently, I have had a series of rants about products. That's right, products. As many of you know, it seems you can't buy anything that lasts anymore. And I don't know about you all, but it makes me more agitated than lemonade without enough sugar. My Preaching Robe has ripped (not beyond repair). Preaching robes don't rip until at least a decade usually, but I tried a new brand. Then think about shoes; they don't hold up (for anyone). Clothes fade if you wash them, and the list goes on and on. It's really all just a series of annoying things. If you think about it, we're really just buying disposable stuff now. It's spiritually dangerous, and I'll explain why.

Now here's where my agitation comes, especially with disposable stuff. A lot of people are fine buying disposable things; I'm not. I'm in that generation that was right before everything started becoming disposable. I was in the generation that could keep a baseball glove through countless seasons if you kept it oiled. Now you buy things that cost multiple times more than a baseball glove, knowing it's going to break relatively quickly.

But there's a lesson here because understanding what allows some material things to last pretty much forever, teaches us about our faith life. For example, years ago that baseball glove was quality leather. Shoes were also made of quality leather. You started with quality products or ingredients and then that leather was stitched together by someone who had stitched together countless gloves and shoes. Finally, when you got the product, you were instructed on its care.

How does that relate to spiritual life? We have quality ingredients coming in... I don't think I need to say more than that. And don't downplay yourself, you were created in the image of God, so you're quality. The second thing is we have grace and the Spirit that stitch our faith together. And the third thing is that we have the Holy Scriptures and teachings of the Church in alignment with the scriptures to preserve and perfect our faith.

I really think that faith life can make more sense if understanding it like that. I can trust and know that good things have gone into my faith life, that my faith life has been constructed by God and grace beyond my understanding. And I understand then that it's my job to do the maintenance and to use the faith. Because faith is there to use: A glove isn't any good if it's not catching baseballs. Shoes aren't any good unless they're taking you where you need to be. And in the midst of all of that, you get rained out in games or knocked down in the dirt. You've got to walk through snow and ice and over muck and mire. But all of those things give purpose to the glove and those shoes. All of those things break-in the glove and shoes and make them beautiful.

I remember something my dad always used to say, "take care of your tools and they'll take care of you." It's the same way with faith life. We have to respect it as a gift and tend to it. Keep it taken care of and prioritized. It's the greatest tool we'll ever have, so let's not find ourselves falling into the trap of a world of disposable things.



Pastor Robert's office hours are:

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

FRIDAY
9AM - NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE

Reason for God—Bible Study

Join Pastor Robert as he again leads the 6-week Bible Study called 'The Reason For God' based on a book by Tim Keller. No book purchase required to attend. The study will address the frequent doubts that skeptics, and even ardent believers, have about religion. Using DVD's, philosophy, real-life conversations, and potent reasoning, the study explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one. It's sure to be thought provoking and exciting! Classes will be held on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. The first week of class will begin May 5 in the John classroom. See the Weekly Update email to sign up online or call the church office to enroll.

Town Hall Meeting

You are invited to an all church meeting on Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We will be discussing the current state of the United Methodist denomination, the future of the denomination, and recent events that have happened. This meeting is an update to the Town Halls many of you attended that were called in the time before Covid over the split in the denomination. Please plan on being in attendance. This will not be a long meeting, but this presentation with question and answer time is vital to understand where we are right now as members of the United Methodist denomination.

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 May 28/29, is your chance to contribute to this Loan Reduction Initiative. Your check in the offering plate designated as 'Fifth Sunday Loan Reduction' is all it takes!

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!

Saturate 72715 is off and running! The weather has improved and it's a great time to get a little outdoor exercise doing the Lord's work! We are adding new routes so check the map in the Gathering Area. Instructions are on the big map and the route bags are in the small office off Fellowship Hall. Please join us in this fun effort to spread the Good News! Thanks to all who have already finished their routes and turned their bags back in! Contact Pam Meyer or Doug Stone if you have questions.



THE HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Hummers May Meeting

The next HUMMERS meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:45 am. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Mike Whited from Arvest Bank. He will be presenting information about the many varieties of 'scams' that are so prevalent in our society. He may be able to help you when that individual from Nigeria wants to be your friend regarding the mega lottery you just won. Please sign up at the Information Station in the Gathering Area.

Blood Drive Award

On April 21, the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks held their Northwest Arkansas Celebration of Life, a banquet honoring CBCO donors and community partners. During the awards ceremony, we were recognized for being their number one church blood drive for 2021! We had a total of 160 successful donations for the year. Special thanks goes to Gene Leonard for all his hard work coordinating the drives and getting donors.



Hummers Blood Drive

Help make a difference in YOUR community by giving blood!

Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm and is organized by our HUMMERS (Highlands United Methodist Men). All donors will receive a FREE t-shirt. Appointments are strongly encouraged to manage donor flow. To schedule an appointment time, visit our website, call the church office, or contact our coordinator, Gene Leonard at 479-381-1039.

Before the blood drive, please take a few steps to ensure that things go smoothly on the day of our blood drive.

1. Drink plenty of water or juice the night and morning before you donate.
2. Eat a well-balanced meal around 2-3 hours before giving.
3. Bring your photo ID - Photo ID is now required for all donors.
4. Bring a mask - Masks are currently required at all blood drives. If you do not have one, one will be provided for you.
5. Expedite your check-in process by visiting cbco.org the morning of the blood drive and click on the 'Donor QuickPass' to get your paperwork done before you arrive.

Give blood. Give back.

Hungry to Help

Blood Drive

Drawing EVERY Weekday! \$150
Winner receives a gift card to a grocery store or restaurant of their choice.

Free T-shirt for donors. While supplies last.

Donut Forget
Give Blood. Save Lives.
COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER OF THE OZARKS

HIGHLANDS CHURCH

MAY 11

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Highlands United Methodist Women



HUMW May Meeting & Potluck Dinner — Hummers Invited

Please Join the Highlands United Methodist Women (HUMW) and the Highland United Methodist Men (Hummers) on Tuesday, May 10 at 5:00 pm as we will have a 'Methodist Potluck'. Please sign up at the Info Station in the Gathering Area. The Program is 'Grand-Parenting From a Distance' (or Aunt-ing and Uncle-ing from a distance); making memories for grandchildren, the art of grand-parenting and grand-parenting in unique circumstances. The speakers for the evening event are Donia Timby, MS/ME and Betsy Garrison, PhD. This should be a very informative talk for all of us and we hope you can make it! Don't forget to sign up by May 7, so we know who is bringing what and how many will attend. For more information please email Kathy Smith at kasmith@uark.edu.

HUMW Book Club

The United Methodist Women's Book Club Book for Tuesday, May 24 at 11:30 am will be *Kisses For Katie* by Katie Majors Davis and Beth Clark. This book is an account of a courageous eighteen-year-old from Nashville who gave up every comfort and convenience to become the adoptive mother to thirteen girls in Uganda. It's a five star book on Amazon.com and has come highly recommended by several women. Please join us for our last book club meeting of the year. We will have a Potluck with ham as the main entree' and discuss this book over lunch. For any and all questions please call Sue LaHood 479-855-0937 or email suelahood@currently.com.

HUMW Outstanding Service Award Nominations

The United Methodist Women of Highlands Church will soon 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 are at the Information Station in the Gathering Area and there is a basket for the filled out ballots. They need to be completed and returned by Sunday, May 1 to be considered. Announcement of the person(s) selected will be made on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8.

HUMW Desserts for a Year

The Highlands United Methodist Women are going to have our delicious raffle again; ticket sales began Sunday, April 10. Twelve of your favorite bakers are back to make YOU desserts for a year, 1 per month! The drawing will 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, call Beth Williams at 479-619-9317.

HUMW April Meeting Report

The United Methodist Women had a great meeting in April with our guest speaker, Karen Kieltmeyer, a renowned and highly respected quilter. Karen brought several of her amazing works of art made out of material, stones and paint. If you missed it, we're sorry. The quilts were beautiful works of art! To the right are a couple pictures showing the artist and people admiring her work.



Office News

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

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY:

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observation of Memorial Day.

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

Thank You

Dear Congregation,
Thank you all for providing a wonderful assortment of food for our Easter Continental Breakfast. Also, for all your help and support for making this event a success. It was all greatly appreciated! And all the flowers for the Cross looked beautiful too!

-The Fellowship Team

Family News

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

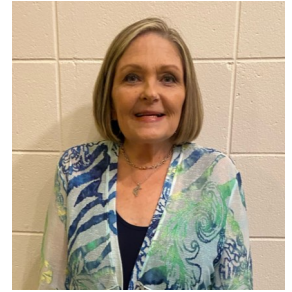
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New Members

Billie Hall became a member in the Traditional Service on April 24. Billie and her husband, David, moved to this area from Charleston, South Carolina in 2018. Billie's husband is a retired physician who served 26 years in the Air Force. He is originally from Gravette and Billie is originally from Ft Worth, TX. They lived in Guam, German, & Turkey and moved back here after being in Charleston, SC to be near family. During her time overseas, she volunteered for the Red Cross and many events to raise money for scholarships and donations thru the Officers' Spouses Organization. Billie is a retired medical / pharmacy technician. They now live on the lake in Bella Vista and enjoy spending time with their many nieces and nephews who also live in the area. Her interests include volunteering, dogs, being with family, and going to the beach. They have 1 son named Clint who lives with them.



Nancy Noyes became a member in the Traditional Service on April 24. Nancy moved to this area from Duncanville, Texas in 2020. While in Texas, she worked as a TV production and broadcast journalism teacher for 25 years.

Currently, she works at Bella Vista Community TV as a producer, host, and trainer. She is also a docent at the Bella Vista Historical Museum. At one time, Nancy traveled to many foreign countries because she taught military children for the Department of Defense in Germany, Turkey, and Japan. Her hobbies include TV, church, water aerobics, history (museum), reading, hiking, photography and crafts. She says she loves people and learning new things. She has a husband, Kevin Hennings, and has 2 grown children who both live in Austin, Texas.



Sunday, May 8

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1– Communion	2	3– Yoga Meets on Tuesdays	4– Fellowship Committee	5– Compassionate Disciples Meeting – Singles Outing	6– Samba Plays on Fridays	7
8– Mother's Day	9	10 HUMW Pot Luck—HUMMERS invited	11– Stitches Blood Drive	12– Trustees Mtg	13	14
15– Town Meeting	16	17– Admin Council Meeting - Library Meeting	18	19– Care Group Leaders Meeting	20– Flea & Boutique	21– Flea & Boutique
22	23	24– HUMW Book Club	25– Stitches	26	27	28– Scrapbooking & Card Making
29	30– Office Closed Memorial Day	31				



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 30 & MAY 1

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SATURDAY CELEBRATION - 5:30 PM

SUNDAY TRADITIONAL - 9:30 AM

SUNDAY GATHERING - 11:15 AM



YOUR

HIGHLANDS CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

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Director of Music Ministries

PAM MEYER

Celebration Worship Leader

JEANNINE WAGAR

Organist

JOYCE SHELDON

Chimes & Bells Director

LAURIE PEARSON

Nursery Worker

Operating Budget Report - March 31, 2022

	YTD Budget	Mar Actual	YTD Actual
Income	135,337	38,080	119,543
Expenses	135,337	41,540	126,145
Net	0	(3,460)	(6,602)

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