

Highlands News

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Join the Summer Choir!

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, it's Summer Choir time once again. Barring any interruptions, we will start our Summer Choir rehearsals on June 1, in the choir room at 6:30 pm. At those rehearsals, we will prepare for the following month's anthems. This is a great time to start singing with the choir on a regular basis or just give us a try for a short period of time. You'll be glad you did!

For those of you who are not familiar with our Summer Choir program, anyone can sing with the Chancel Choir during the summer at our traditional service at 9:30 each Sunday. The music is mostly familiar and always fun to sing. There are no auditions and all are welcome. Even those visiting can sing with us if they would like. We meet on Sundays in the choir room at 9:10 and rehearse the anthem a couple times and then make our way into the sanctuary. We don't wear robes and the choir exits the choir loft after the Offertory Anthem to make their way to the congregation to enjoy the rest of the service with family and friends.

Think about giving the Summer Choir a try. The choir is a loving, friendly, accepting and fun group. We love to praise God with our voices and know that you would enjoy doing that with us.

Here's hoping to see YOU in the Summer Choir!

John Matthews



Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

It's interesting how for the first 18 years of our life we were given summers off. And even if you worked in the summer it was still an incredible sense of freedom. As we come up on summer this year, I can't help but feel that same freedom. There has not been actual freedom now for a couple of decades, but summer just makes us feel different.

Something dawned on me this year though: we start summer officially with Memorial Day. The whole thing says to me there is no freedom without people willing to die for it. So as we have that summer fun, it's important to remember those troops that didn't come home or died of wounds sustained in battle in U.S. hospitals. Our fun, the ability to go places, even having places to go, is thanks to those who fought. And maybe that's why there's that little tug that gives us a feeling of freedom in the summer, because on some level we realize it's bigger than hot weather and car trips. That's what I believe anyway.

The spiritual side to all of this is that we are reminded of Christ's willingness to die for our freedom. We are taught for freedom we have been set free. And in perfect freedom Christ willingly went to the cross to gain our salvation and freedom. No other religion has that.

As Christians I think we view sacrifice in a very powerful way, as we do freedom. And it's all because Christ has been written on our hearts.

I hope you have a fun, safe, and free summer. But enjoy it without complaining because Jesus and the troops died for us to be as free as we are.



Pastor Robert's office hours are:

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

FRIDAY
9AM - NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE

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THE HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Hummers News

The Highlands United Methodist Men will take a hiatus from meeting during the summer and will plan to resume in September. Men- please be thinking of programs and fundraising projects we could do later in the year to help fund contributions to our charitable organizations and various causes. If you are a regular attender of Hummers meetings, please encourage other men in the church who don't attend to join us when we start back up in the fall. Also, we'd like to give a special thanks to all the men in the church who helped the ladies prepare for the Flea & Boutique in May. We had a great turnout and couldn't have done it without your help! Have a great summer break!

Thank you, Earl Lehman, Hummers President

3rd Sunday Cookies will be 4th Sunday for June

The next 3rd Sunday Cookies after the Traditional service will be held instead on the 4th Sunday of the month, June 26 (this month only and due to a conflict). A signup sheet to bring cookies is at the Information Station. We need 5 volunteers to each bring 2 dozen cookies to share. Cookie volunteers will be responsible for setting out the cookies and cleaning up the cookie area when done.

Please note, if you attend the Gathering service, a signup sheet will be passed around before and after that service. No signups required if you attend the Celebration service; Mike and Chris Maginness will provide cookies.

Thanks, Fellowship Committee

Linda Uttley, Chairperson



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! Slowly but surely! So far we've assembled bags for 51 "Saturate 72715" routes covering 2266 homes. Of those, 26 routes, covering 1086 homes, have been checked out, and of those 13 routes (533 homes) are complete. We'll be adding about 5 new routes each week, so keep checking the map. Thanks to everyone for all their help! Contact Pam Meyer or Doug Stone if you have any questions.

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Highlands Church Cruise-In & Car Show



All Proceeds Go To Support:



SAMARITAN'S FEET

We have started our Sponsor / Donor drive for this year's – 5th Annual – Cruise-In and Car Show! We are always looking for more individuals and businesses who would like to support these charities by sponsoring or donating to our event.

Over the previous 4 years, our show has raised over \$56,000 for the three charities. A little over half of the proceeds has come from local business sponsors and individual donors. This money has gone to help Gravette School District children through these charities.

Samaritan's Feet has provided approximately 200 new pairs of shoes and socks each year to qualifying students.

Snack Packs for Kids has furnished food packs for around 100 food insecure students to take home each Friday during the school year to make sure they don't go hungry that weekend.

Bright Futures works to make sure students are able to attend school, have school supplies, don't go hungry, are healthy, and have clean clothes. They have helped families with emergency expenses, holiday snack packs, school supplies, clothing, emergency dental work, and medication expense, to mention just a few of their activities.

Please contact us if you know of a business or individual interested in sponsoring or donating to our event.

Thank you!

Ted Lasher & Steve Terry, Co-Chairs



Highlands United Methodist Women



Muffins for Missions

Muffins for Missions will be back on Father's Day Eve & Father's Day, Saturday and Sunday, June 18 & 19. What a great snack for Dad / Grandpa to go with their coffee, tea or cocoa! Come to church for the service and then see what our bakers whip up on this very special weekend for those very special men in our lives!

We are looking for a few good bakers... We need a few volunteers to help with baking the Father's Day Muffins for Missions. Please contact Beth Williams for more information or to sign up to bake a dozen or two. Email Beth at bvbeth.williams7491@gmail.com or phone 479-619-9317. Please RSVP to bake by Friday, June 17.

Flea & Boutique Thank You

We would like to thank all the people that donated so many wonderful items for the Flea, as well as all the people who worked long hours setting up, picking up & delivering large items to the church, sorting items, pricing, selling, and cleaning up. Without everyone's help we could not have had such a successful Flea. Special thanks to our area leaders: Linda Virgili & Sue LaHood in Jewelry; Nancy Johnson, Kathy Smith & Lynn Manske in Boutique; Cynthia Marshall & Suzanne Evans in Coffee Shop; Pat Lehman, Chris Pulhamus & Flip Smith in Large Items. We appreciate all the many helpers we had in each area! Start saving now for next year's Flea. Thank you.

Mel Snyder and Beth Williams, Co-Chairs

Over \$6,700 Raised for Missions!

Care & Share Volunteers

Volunteers from Highlands Church are needed to work at the Gravette Care & Share Thrift Store the week of June 7-11 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
June 7-11



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 July Highlands Newsletter is 12:00 (noon) on June 20. Please send all newsletter comments, submissions, and / or questions to this email address: newsletter@humcbv.com.

PRAYER CHAIN & MEMBER CARE:

If you know someone in need of prayer, ill or hospitalized, please contact the church office. Please note: If you are requesting prayer for someone who attends Highlands Church, you must gain their permission when submitting the request to the office. We want to respect the privacy of each individual and would never want to release anything publicly without their consent. We need to know that they are okay with not just the request for prayers for them, but also the details you are including in the request. We ask that you let the church office know of any upcoming surgical procedures or need of pastoral care.

Family News

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

Beth Williams' new email address:
bvbeth.williams7491@gmail.com

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:

Louise Ward for the loss of her husband, Steve Ward on 5/30/22.



Thank You

Dessert For A Year: Wilhelmina Munson held the winning ticket for the 'Desserts For A Year' drawing that ended on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8. Congratulations to Wilhelmina (and Mike) who are both sure to enjoy the yummy desserts coming soon! Beth Williams would like to thank all those who contributed to help the Highlands United Methodist Women's mission for helping women and children in NWA. The fundraiser was a huge success!

New Kitchen Microwave: Thank you to Tyra Walker for directing some funds from John Walker's Memorial Fund to the purchase of a new microwave for the kitchen. The microwave will certainly get plenty of use and is appreciated!

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The Gathering Service
Sundays at 11:15 am
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Bella Vista, AR
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June 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------------|-----|-----------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | 1- Fellowship Mtg - Missions Mtg - Summer Choir | 2- Compassionate Disciples Meeting | 3- Samba Plays on Fridays | 4- Communion |
| 5- Communion | 6 | 7- Care & Share Volunteers Begins | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11- Alpha Gal Support Group |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16- Care Group Leaders Meeting - Library Meeting | 17- Singles Group | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25- Scrapbooking & Card Making |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29- Summer Choir | 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
 JUNE 4 & 5

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

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PAM MEYER

Celebration Worship Leader

JEANNINE WAGAR

Organist

JOYCE SHELDON

Chimes & Bells Director

LAURIE PEARSON

Nursery Worker

Operating Budget Report - April 30, 2022

| | YTD Budget | Apr Actual | YTD Actual |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Income | 180,116 | 42,539 | 162,083 |
| Expenses | 180,116 | 45,949 | 172,128 |
| Net | 0 | (3,410) | (10,046) |

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