

Highlands News

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Let's Celebrate Highlands Church!



During the month of July, let's Celebrate Highlands Church with Volunteer Appreciation! Highlands is known throughout the area for its outreach to the community through Samaritan's Feet, working at Care and Share, ringing the bells for the Salvation Army, Highlands Flea, Blood Drives, Cookie Walk, Car Shows and many, many other such events which go toward the missions of our church. This month let's celebrate the volunteers who make all these things and more happen inside and outside Highlands' walls.

Each Sunday this month we will focus on an area of participation and ask those people to stand and be recognized and appreciated for giving their time. It will be amazing to see that nearly everyone in our congregation will be able to stand and be recognized for their participation.

As we completed the first six months of the year, you have probably noticed that financially we have a shortfall of more than \$10,000. A member of the Finance Team has received an email from someone in our congregation who would like to be part of a solution for our current shortfall. They would like to match other members' donations up to the amount of \$5,000 in giving above and beyond your regular pledge. To participate in this challenge, write your check to Highlands Church and put 'Budget Challenge' on the memo line. You may also donate on the website by entering your donation into the 'Other' line and indicating 'Budget Challenge' in the description.

Let's use the month of July to "Match the Challenge & Clear the Shortfall!" We can surely get the Operating Budget back in good standing and be able to start fall programs in CELEBRATION rather than Concern.

Thank you, Finance Team

Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

I have some exciting news. I would like everyone who can be in attendance to come to Traditional Worship on Sunday, July 10. During that service, we will be confirming five students who have worked hard in the Confirmation process and deserve our support.

For those that don't know what Confirmation is, it is the time when young adults publicly profess their faith in front of the congregation and take the vows to become members of the congregation and support it. Each of these Confirmands had to undergo a rigorous educational process. And we cannot forget their families who have raised them in the faith, set an example, and kept them involved in church to get to this point.

The students have had to work through six weeks of curriculum and spiritual formation with me. There are parts of the education process that are interesting, but not all of it. As I told them, "some of this we just have to get through to learn." But they never complained. We got through education what a profession of faith means. And we also looked at topics like the Trinity. There was education in the history of Christianity and how individual United Methodist Congregations work. And on top of that we discuss where we are different from other denominations and our place in the timeline of events that is the Christian story. Most of all, we tried to get all of their questions answered. The students have all made it through with flying colors and are ready to go before the congregation.

Let us take a more in-depth look at what this process means. It means the Confirmands are making profession of faith in addition to making a profession of commitment to this church. The intense curriculum has led them through an education of local church function, committee function, theology, and a thorough acquaintance with the Book of Discipline. Part of going through the process of going through Confirmation is coming to the understanding that they are responsible for the church too.

I hope you will join us to watch this major event in the life of the church and in the lives of the Confirmands and their families. Further, I hope you will be in prayer now, and continue to be in prayer for these students and their life in the church and community.



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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NEW SERMON VIDEOS POSTED WEEKLY



THE HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Help make a difference in YOUR community by giving blood!

Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20 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. 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.

COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER OF THE GEARKES
HIGHLANDS CHURCH
JUL 20
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Free T-shirt for all donors. While supplies last.

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.

Columbarium / Memorial Garden Ministry

Over the past several years, participation in the Highlands Church Columbarium Team has declined, so we are looking for volunteers to join us in this vital ministry.

The Columbarium Team is responsible for the management and operations of the Columbarium, in addition to attending occasional Columbarium meetings. The team members participating in the management duties will meet with families interested in utilizing the Columbarium, keep the rolls of the Columbarium roster current, and order the plaques for the niches as they become occupied. The team members participating in the operational duties will keep the Columbarium presentable (including occasionally spraying for weeds), set up for interments (attendance during the service is not required), and attach new plaques to the niche face plates. These operational team members would need some simple tools and flexibility with their time, of which, not much is typically required.

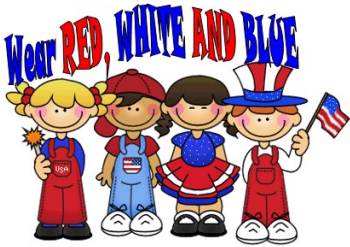
If you have an interest in working with the Columbarium team, please contact Dave Hagaman, Andy O'Neil, or myself. We look forward to having you become a part of our team!

In Christ's Service,

Doug Fowler, Chairperson, Columbarium Memorial Garden Committee. (214) 402-4657



All Church Event = ACE



Join us on Sunday, July 24 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for the next All Church Event. The theme will be Red, White & Blue. Event specifics and sign-up information will be posted in the Weekly Update email soon!

Thanks,
Henkels and Stones, Care Group Coordinators

CARE & SHARE TRAILER
JULY 11
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM



HIGHLANDS
CHURCH
PARKING LOT

PLEASE DONATE CLEAN
& GENTLY USED ITEMS

(no mattresses or box springs)

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Care & Share Thrift Store
Volunteers Needed
July 26-30

SEE THE WEEKLY UPDATE EMAIL TO SIGN
UP ONLINE OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE!

(signups begin next weekend!)

HUMC Library

If you are not familiar with the Church Library, allow me to introduce it to you!

For many years our church members have enjoyed borrowing and donating books. The library is located next to the main sanctuary.

We have a great selection of Christian fiction and non-fiction, Children's and young Adults, as well as secular books from many popular authors; Tom Clancey, Olive Cussler, James Patterson, just to name a few. We also have an extensive collection of DVDs.

We welcome you to come in and browse, and I am sure you will find a great book to enjoy.

As always, we appreciate donations of 'newer' books in good condition. Any questions, please contact Joyce O'Neil or Cynthia Marshall.



Outreach Opportunities

Samaritan's Feet Volunteers: Mark your calendars for the Samaritan's Feet shoe giveaway event happening on Saturday, July 30 from 11:00 am—3:00 pm at Gravette Middle School Cafeteria. Volunteer opportunities will be available for Highlands Church. This year's feet washing will be allowed which is a blessing for both the children and volunteers. An online volunteer registration link is available in the Weekly Update email or on our website; humcbv.com. After registering online, the coordinator will email you to see what hours you want to volunteer that day. You do NOT have to work the entire 8-4 day. The actual distribution is 11a -3p, but they will also be looking for volunteers to assist with setup and teardown. For an alternative way to sign up, visit the Information Station where you will find a form to fill out where you can indicate your preference of afternoon or morning shift. Leave your completed form in the basket on the Information Station and the coordinator will enter your information. You will receive a confirmation email that your signup is complete. We hope you will make plans to attend!

Bright Futures School Donations: There is always a need for school supplies and items for the Gravette School children and/or teenagers. A collection box will be placed in the Gathering Area, near the Nursery entrance, beginning July 1 through August 14. A list of needs will be updated at a later time but all donations will be greatly appreciated by the students and teachers of Gravette Schools.

Snack Packs Volunteers: Beginning in August, we will again pack Snack Packs for the Gravette School district children at the Samaritan Community Center in Rogers. Highlands Church will be making plans to volunteer as a group once per month. The dates/time for packing will be announced in the Weekly Update email when info is available.

Care & Share Thrift Store Volunteers: Our church volunteers as a group at Care & Share Thrift Store in Gravette. There will be a link to sign-up to volunteer in the Weekly Update prior to each scheduled date. Upcoming dates for the remainder of the year are: July 26 – 30, September 6 – 10, October 18 – 22, and December 6 – 10. We volunteer from 8:30 am—1:00 pm daily during our scheduled week. For more information, contact our coordinator, Connie Kiefer.

Cruise In & Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm in the parking lot of Highlands Church. Proceeds support Bright Futures, Samaritan Community Center Snack Packs and Samaritan's Feet. Watch for more information and volunteer opportunities to be published in our Weekly Update emails. If you have questions about this event, contact our Car Show chairpersons, Steve Terry or Ted Lasher.

Power of One: Wondering what the folded lengthwise dollars in the offering plate are for? They are going to a special mission fund called The Power of One. Those 'ones' add up and do marvelous things to support local needs, like helping children in need in the Gravette School District by providing financial support to Bright Futures, Snack Packs, and the Samaritan's Feet ministry.

If you have questions about any of these ministries, contact our Mission/Outreach Chairperson, Sara Sherman, sarasherman@att.net.

Office News

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

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

OFFICE CLOSED HOLIDAY: The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observation of Independence Day.



Happy 4th of July!



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

Judy Beaman—Cell Phone: 479-721-0107
Allen Beaman—Email: beamanallent9@gmail.com
Dee Morrisett—Cell Phone: 702-931-2049
Jack & Judy Schaible, 110 Salen Lane, BV, 72715
Linda Stafford—Email: staffordlinda338@gmail.com

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:

Sheldon Bearrood, for the loss of his wife, Anina Bearrood, on 6/5/22.

Bill Williams, for the loss of his brother, Bob Williams, on 6/6/22.

New Members

Brad & Wanda Krug became members on June 5 in the Gathering Service. They moved here from Colorado in 2021. While in Colorado, Brad worked from home and enjoyed running on the trails in the foothills



of Pikes Peak. Now, he works from home here in Bella Vista as a software engineer. He served 4 years in the Air Force. Brad enjoys photography, painting, woodworking, fishing, hiking, swimming, cooking and travel. He was born in New Hampshire and lived in New Mexico and Florida while in the Air Force. Wanda recently retired from teaching at Academy International in Colorado Springs, where she taught 4th grade French immersion. From 1985 -2000, she served as a missionary in France working in Christian education with children's programs and small groups. She enjoys all things Francophone, gardening, hiking & outdoor activity, singing, nutrition & creative cooking, and travel. Wanda and Brad have a blended family of 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

Allen & Fran Lovell

became members this past weekend in the Traditional service. They moved here from Alexandria, Virginia in 2014, when they both retired. Before moving here, Allen was a



negotiator of international agreements for the Department of Defense and Fran was an assisted living inspector for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Allen served with the US Army from 1974-1994 and was later pastor of several United Methodist Churches in North Carolina. Their hobbies include travel, cooking, walking, and hiking. They have 2 adult children and a granddaughter named Leia who attends church with them some Sundays.

July 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2– Communion |
| 3– Communion | 4– Office Closed 4th of July | 5 | 6– Fellowship Meeting | 7– Compassionate Disciples Meeting | 8 | 9 |
| 10– Confirmation | 11 | 12– Women’s Bible Study Potluck | 13 | 14– Trustees Meeting | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20– Blood Drive | 21– Care Group Leaders Meeting – Library Meeting | 22 | 23– Scrapbooking & Card Making |
| 24– All Church Event | 25 | 26 | 27– Summer Choir | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 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
JULY 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 Staff

MIKE & JUDY PAYNE
Custodians

Operating Budget Report - May 31, 2022

| | YTD Budget | May Actual | YTD Actual |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Income | 224,895 | 38,453 | 200,535 |
| Expenses | 224,895 | 41,401 | 213,529 |
| Net | 0 | (2,948) | (12,994) |

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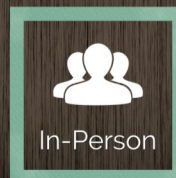


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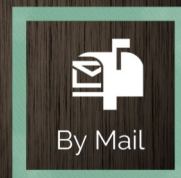
to Highlands Church



Online



In-Person



By Mail

for details visit... humcbv.com/give