

# Highlands News

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## School Supplies Needed

There is always a need for school supplies and items for the students in the Gravette Schools. A collection box is in the Gathering Area, near the Nursery entrance, until August 14. Contact Sara Sherman at [sarasherman@att.net](mailto:sarasherman@att.net) or 870-550-0339 with questions.

Below is the School Supply lists (suggested items) for this year. Any donations are greatly appreciated but some items the students seem to need more of:

- 3 Prong Folders- blue plastic (poly)
- 3 Prong Folders- orange plastic (poly)
- Black Expo Markers
- Clorox Wipes
- Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Graph Paper
- Headphones
- Highlighters
- Index Cards
- Kleenex
- Markers
- Pencil Box
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Red Pens
- Scientific Calculators
- Scissors
- Sharpies
- Storage Bags (like ziploc - all sizes)



# Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

When I was in college, John Mayer was at the height of his popularity as a musician. And to be honest, he really annoyed me. What you have to know about me is that one of my rebellious streaks runs right through taste in music. If a group or artist get too big, I refuse to listen to their music, with the exception of James Taylor. That being said, a John Mayer song came through a playlist one weekend night and I gave the guy a chance. I heard these lyrics, and they really hit me where I was at the time. The lyrics were to Mayer's song "3x5" and he's talking about ditching his camera for total immersion in life experiences. Mayer says, "Didn't have a camera by my side this time. Hoping I would see the world with both my eyes. Maybe I will tell you all about it when I'm in the mood to lose my way with words."



I get that you might be wondering why this matters. Well, don't you ever feel like you're just going from one thing to another and you've been doing it for years? Whole chunks of our lives have been the day to day that we've ignored, waiting for more excitement or something to change. I might be wrong, but I do not see God giving us time to throw away. And the realization that gets stronger and stronger over the years is that we are now living what *will be* memories.

To be clear, I'm not against taking pictures. I think you should take lots of pictures. I also think life should be lived deliberately, committing beautiful moments to memory. Here is where it gets tricky: some of our most beautiful moments cannot even be realized in the moments when we live them. Those mundane moments, or the day to day grind, I guarantee contain flares of incredible beauty that will make themselves known someday when you're looking back.

So often we talk about being good stewards. Time, treasure, and talents. You know those three. There's more to time than scheduling it well and using it productively though. We have to get all we can out of the small things. We have to get all that we can out of time because Christ died that we might have it and he's living this life with us. And on top of that we will at some point, if we haven't already, regret wasting time. We won't regret not getting more done; we'll regret not being present with Christ in more of our days with those we love.

*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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# Highlands Church Ice Cream Social

Make plans to join us on Sunday, August 21 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for an Ice Cream Social hosted by the HUMC Fellowship Committee. We will have ice cream with toppings, melted chocolate for dipping goodies, along with entertainment and games. Sign up at the Information Station in the Gathering Area beginning the weekend of July 30/31.



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

*August 21 - 5:00 pm  
in Fellowship Hall*

## Flex n' Stretch

Flex 'N Stretch is a wellness program of activities which provides a higher quality of life thru responsible movement that is pain free and possible for all participants. Our Mission is to challenge, encourage and promote better health through physical exercise.

This well-organized exercise program teaches all participants how to do the exercises easily and safely, including seniors. Benefits include increased range of motion, coordination, strength, balance and agility, all of which improve the quality of life and lead to longer independent living.

The next 10 week session starts Monday, September 5. We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30 am - 8:30 am, in the Peter classroom at Highlands Church.

You can attend 1 lesson, all 30 lessons, or even somewhere in-between... Whatever works for you!

\$45.00- 30 Sessions or \$30.00- 15 Sessions. Signups are not required and payment can be made a first session.

Come, join the fun and experience the benefits! Newcomers are welcome to stop by and give it a trial run! For more details, contact Donna Williams at 479-659-2658.



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BEGINS SEPTEMBER 5

# Columbarium / Memorial Garden Ministry

The Memorial Garden Columbarium committee would like to ensure that Highlands' Church membership is aware of the special place on the church grounds set aside to honor deceased church members and their families. The naturally wooded surroundings provide a special place for meditation and spiritual renewal.

We have two options available to church members:

- Members ashes may be interred in one of the niches of the Columbarium
- Members may choose to memorialize a deceased member or friend on the Memorial wall

Because of rising costs of conventional cemetery burial, cremation is becoming an increasingly popular alternative and we believe the not-for-profit status of this ministry provides a low-cost alternative for our church membership.



## Current Columbarium Pricing (July 2022)

\$500 Individual Niche (\$1000 for 2) – Includes perpetual maintenance

\$350 Large Bronze Plaque (contains last name and first name of 1st passing family member)

\$150 Companion Plaque (attached when second person passes away)

\$250 Individual Bronze Plaque

\$500 Memorial Wall cost which includes plaque for each individual.

\$185 Large urn created by artisan Steve Beacham in Eureka Springs, Arkansas

\$45 Small keepsake Vessel

Please take the time to walk out and view the Memorial Garden and Chapel in the wooded area at the south area of Highlands Church.

If interested in learning more about this alternative, please feel free to contact Doug Fowler (214) 402-4657 or Dave Hagaman (479) 855-1431.

In Christ's Service, Columbarium Memorial Garden Committee.



## THE HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



### Hummers in September

Our next Hummers meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6. This be an evening meeting... 6:00 pm. Our menu will include hamburgers cooked out on our grill, cole slaw, potato chips, dessert, iced tea, etc. Tom Judson, BV POA's Chief Operating Officer, will be our guest speaker. Bella Vista will be in the midst of a voting period that starts on August 1 and ends on Oct 4 that will address the POA's proposal to increase our POA fees by \$3.00/month. That will, of course, be Mr. Judson's primary topic for discussion. This will be a very important meeting and we hope you will make plans to attend! A signup sheet will be available at the Information Station beginning the weekend of August 27 & 28.

### Hummers Blood Drive Results

The Hummers conducted the third of five Blood Drives for 2022 on July 22. We had 42 volunteer donors. 35 were cleared to donate and did so. A huge "Thank You" to all that responded to our urgent need. Our next Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 10:00-3:00 in our Fellowship Hall.

# Highlands Church Cruise-In & Car Show



All Proceeds Go To Support:



SAMARITAN'S FEET

**-- Saturday, September 24, 2022 --**

While we are more than happy to accept sponsor donations at any time, we are now at the cut-off point for including businesses to be advertised in our meal tickets. Late sponsors can still be added to ad banners for the day of the show.

**We need your help with meal ticket sales.** By mid-August we will mail meal tickets to members of the Highlands congregation – 4 for individuals, 8 for families. Tickets can be sold (\$10 each) to your friends, neighbors and relatives; or some members prefer to just buy the tickets and pass them out. Money for tickets, and any unsold tickets, may be returned to the church in the envelopes provided. We will use the unsold tickets the day of the show.

**This is Highlands' biggest charity fundraiser.** Over the previous 4 years, this event has raised over \$56,000 for the three charities listed below that help children in the Gravette school district:

**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.

**Volunteers will be needed.** Starting in late August, we will have sign-ups for volunteers for the day of the show. We will need help with parking cars, helping spectators getting to and from the show area, and of course preparing and serving lunch.

Thank you! Ted Lasher & Steve Terry, Co-Chairs

## Snack Packs for Kids

**Mission Ministry Opportunity:** We will begin packing Snack Packs the first Wednesday of every month beginning September 7, 10:00 am—12:00 pm, at Samaritan Community Center, 1211 W. Hudson Road, Rogers. Snack Packs are distributed to food insecure Gravette School students each Friday. If you are interested, please join us! No signups required. Contact Sara Sherman at 870-550-0339 if you have any questions!



## Office News

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**Newsletter:** [newsletter@humcbv.com](mailto:newsletter@humcbv.com)

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

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

**LEAVE A NOTE:** If you are dropping something off in the office, or somewhere else in the building, and there is no one there to receive the item, please include a note letting us know what it is, who it is from, and what you would like us to do with it. Be sure and write legibly, so we can contact you if we have any questions.

**EQUIPEMNT CHECKOUT PROCEDURES:** Did you know we have a variety of equipment available for loan? If you need something for a medical issue or simply have company coming to town, we may have just what you need! The list of items include: medical equipment and supplies such as wheel chairs, walkers, shower seats, and bedside commodes. We also have high chairs, booster seats, a baby swing, playpens, a fold-away cot and more.

These items can be found in the lower level Storage Room. If you would like to checkout any equipment, please look for the clipboard with the bright pink cover sheet sitting on the table near the door. Read the Liability Waiver at the top of the sheet and then sign-out your equipment. If you would like assistance, the office staff will be happy to help... just ask!

## Trustee News

Over the last several days, you may have noticed a problem with our LED sign that is located near the road on Glasgow. Initially, the west side of the sign malfunctioned. As of yesterday, that side of the sign is inoperable and has been turned off until a solution can be found. The Trustees and office staff are investigating how we can have it repaired. We hope to have it back in working order soon.

## New Members



Pictured left to right, Parker Pittman, Liam Pittman, Palmer Pittman, Celia Chernota, and Paxon Chernota, who all became members on July 10 in the Traditional Service.



## Family News

### NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

None

### OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:

Mike & Chris Maginness for the loss of his father  
Paul & Helen Bickford for the loss of his daughter

## 9:30 Sunday School

The 9:30 Adult Sunday School class will be taking a short break during the month of August. We will resume classes the weekend after Labor Day, September 11. Contact Gary Marshall at 479-866-2481 with any questions.

# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2– Yoga meets on Tuesdays	3– Fellowship Meeting	4– Compassionate Disciples Meeting	5	6– Communion Singles Brunch & Brouhaha
7– Communion	8	9	10	11	12	13– Alpha Gal Support Group
14	15	16– Admin Council Meets	17	18– Care Group Leaders Meeting – Library Meeting	19	20
21– Ice Cream Social	22	23	24– Bells & Choir Resume Practices	25	26	27– Scrapbooking & Card Making
28	29	30	31			





# 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*

### FINANCE NEWS

At the printing of this Newsletter, our July figures were not available. We have one more Sunday to match the challenge for our shortfall. Reports will be made available in Worship Bulletins and the Weekly Update email.



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