

Highlands News

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Highlands Church 5th Annual Cruise-In & Car Show Saturday, September 24, 2022

Car Show Meal Tickets:

- Everyone should have their allotment of car show meal tickets by now. Please let us know if you have not received your tickets or if you need additional tickets.
- As you are able, buy or sell your tickets (\$10 each) for promoting show attendance with your friends, family and neighbors.
- Note that over half of the people that attend our event are spectators who have bought or received meal tickets from our congregation!
- Nearly half of the money we raise for our 3 charities from the car show comes from congregational sales of meal tickets in addition to day-of-the-show sales and donations.
- Money from ticket sales and/or unsold tickets may be returned to the church in the envelopes in which the tickets were provided (mailed in). Envelopes may be placed in the wooden collection box. Note that the collection box is moved to the hallway in front of the church office during the week.
- Returning unsold tickets is appreciated since they may be used for sales during the show.

Volunteers:

- We will need help the day of the show with greeting and assisting people parking their vehicles for display; facilitating spectator parking - including transporting spectators from the back lot and Baptist lot to the main HUMC lot; preparing and serving the lunch; selling meal tickets at the show and monitoring show activities.
- An online signup is available on the church website (or see the Weekly Update email). A paper signup sheet is also available at the Information Station in the Gathering Area.
- There will be a number of meetings scheduled with volunteers where we will confirm assignments and show plans.

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Cruise-In & Car Show Cont...

The 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 over 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.
- Over the previous 4 years, this event has raised over \$56,000 for these three charities that help children in the Gravette School District.

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



All Proceeds Go To Support:



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 at first session.

Come, join the fun and experience the benefits! No signups necessary, just show up! 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

Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

It was the first day of Kindergarten for Caroline and the first day of preschool for Bobby this past week. Of course, many of you know, it's always a little sad watching your kids as they grow. And then there are the mixed feelings of just being so proud of them because of what they do as they grow up. Common mixed feelings, everybody has them, I get it. So why am I talking about them? Because what I noticed in myself when presented with those mixed feelings and worries of safety etc. etc. was the need to control. It became apparent though, that I was actually very much out of control. I can't teach my children the curriculum, be there with them, or teach them just the right social skills in every situation. All I can do is parent to the best of my ability.

Important lesson learned last week: we don't have that much control in this life and we have to learn to let God be God or we are going to have a very hard journey. Think about it, so many frayed relationships, horrible feelings, and resentments come down to feeling that lack of control. We want to be able to control everything. When we can't control everything we become angry and defiant, we throw logic out of the window, and worst of all.... we quit working on what we actually have control over.

In the Christian life you only have control over so much. You can't make anybody else a Christian. You can only present the Gospel and be there for them, but God has to make the conversion work in the person. You also can't buckle down and just try really hard to be like Jesus. You can work at it, but God, through grace, makes it happen. You can't prevent death or illness in people, you can only provide comfort. So all in all, if you're going to be the controlling type then you're going to have a very hard time being a Christian.

One of my favorite complaints that I've heard literally since the beginning of my professional ministry is when it comes to advertising and inviting. People will be livid because the church has advertised events and worship in multiple ways. Individuals have invited people to events and worship. Yet, sometimes it just doesn't work. The idea is that if we "advertise it, they will come." If that was a reality then there would be nothing but megachurches everywhere and everyone would believe in Jesus. Yet, the reality is we don't have that control. And sometimes our ads and invitations prime somebody to go to another church.

I understand that this news can be upsetting to people, but nowhere else in life do things play out the way people think they should and it's all simply because we don't have the control we want to have. Yet, if we did have the control and power we wanted, why would we depend on God and how long could we bear that weight? In other words, the control and power some people want would destroy their relationship with God and crush them. I believe a much better way to live is to attend to what we can control and leave the rest in God's hands. That's the way it appears God seems to want it and frankly, it's the only thing that works.



Pastor Robert's office hours are:

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

FRIDAY
9AM - NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE



Highlands United Methodist Women



HUMW in September

Highlands UMW will be meeting on Monday, September 12, at 9:30 am. Our speaker will be Betsy Cloninger and she will be sharing her experiences while living and teaching in Rwanda. Pastor Robert will be delivering a devotional on Discipleship and what it means for us as individuals and for our church. Please bring your Discipleship Challenge pamphlet to this meeting. If you don't have one we will have plenty of extras available at the meeting. Please signup in the Gathering Area by end of services on Sunday, September 11, so we can ensure there is plenty of breakfast for everyone. We look forward to seeing you as we kick off our fall schedule.



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, coleslaw, 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 10 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 is available at the Information Station. Please sign up so we can plan accordingly for food.

Help make a difference in YOUR community by giving blood!

Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28 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 PLUS two Dickerson Park Zoo tickets! 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 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 arrival.



SCAMMER WARNING

Please remember Pastor Robert is not going to text or email you a request to purchase gift cards or place an order online for him. Please contact the office staff if you have any questions about the validity of a message you receive that appears to be from Pastor Robert.

Care & Share Volunteers

Volunteers from Highlands Church are needed to work at the Gravette Care & Share Thrift Store the week of September 6-10 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. See the Weekly Update email to sign up online or contact the church office for assistance. If you prefer, you may contact our coordinator, Connie Kiefer, directly at 876-6324.

Care & Share Thrift Store Volunteers Needed September 6-10



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!



Little Free Pantry



During the Administrative Council meeting last week, a decision was made to remove the Little Free Pantry from our rear parking lot. This decision is due to a lack of interest in supervising the pantry, among other health and safety concerns. We appreciate the support given to this ministry over the years. In the future, it is recommended that those wishing to donate food to help local families, do so by donating to one of the Bella Vista indoor food pantries.

Marathon Bridge

Highlands Church Ladies Marathon Bridge Club is looking for new members for the season beginning in September. The group meets on the 2nd Friday of each month, September through April. Any ladies in our church, and friends, are invited to join us. If you have questions or would like more information, please call Cathy Woodburn at 620-688-1156.



Office News

Amey & Lori: highlandschurch@humcbv.com

Newsletter: newsletter@humcbv.com

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

OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

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

Thank You!

Thank you church family for the school supply donations for Gravette School students! They didn't have to worry about having school supplies and helped them have a great first day of school.
Sara Sherman, Missions Ministry Chairperson

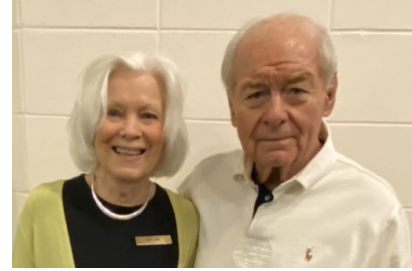
Robert, Highlands Staff & Members,

I just wanted to write a note thanking you all for the beautiful service you gave my dad. Dad and Mom loved this church family! You can feel God's love here. What a blessing you all are!
Much love, Susan Stazzoni
(in memory of Gene & Cheryl Maaske)

Our church family's prayers, notes, and cards regarding my wife, Helen's, sickness helped so much and were very appreciated. Helen is now better and able to walk and attend church, now and then. Also, it was heartwarming to receive many cards from church family regarding my youngest daughter's passing. Thank God she is now resting in a peaceful loving place.
Thank you, Paul Bickford

Thanks to all of you that sent me get well wishes after my hip operation. They were so appreciated and I think those prayers and well wishes helped me to hardly have any pain or need of pain medications. I was truly blessed by God and all your prayers! Love you all!
Thank you, Suela LaHood

New Members



Avery & Dar Long became members on August 21 in the Traditional Service. Avery & Dar moved to Bella Vista from Los Cruces, New Mexico six years ago. Avery served in the military as a US Captain for 4 years and then was honorably discharged. Now, Avery and Dar are both currently retired. They enjoy reading, traveling, decorating, and their yard. They have 3 grown children.



Garry & Kathy Benedict became members on August 21 in the Traditional Service. Garry & Kathy relocated to Bella Vista from Tennessee in 2020. Although now retired, Garry was once a package engineer. Kathy, also now retired, had several career paths including; banking, retail, and domestic engineering. Garry enjoys hunting and playing games. Kathy's interests include card making and playing games. They have 2 grown children and 3 grandchildren.

Family News

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

Jim & Bev Wescott: bjwescott674@gmail.com

Van VanderSchaaf- cell phone: 479-372-0403

Donna VanderSchaaf- cell phone: 479-372-0402

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES:

To Julie Howe for the loss of her father, Gene Maaske, on 8/3/22.

To Lynn & Lynn Manske for the loss of her sister, Carol Klaus, on 8/5/22.

To Jean Anderson for the loss of her husband, Andy Anderson, on 8/9/22.

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1– Compassionate Disciples Meeting	2	3– Communion
4– Communion	5– Flex n/ Stretch Begins – Office Closed	6– Hummers Meeting	7– Fellowship Meeting – Snack Packs	8– Trustees Meeting	9– Marathon Bridge Begins	10
11– 9:30 Sunday School Resumes	12– HUMW Meeting	13	14– Stitches	15– Care Group Leaders Meeting – Library Meeting	16– Singles Event	17– Scrapbooking & Card Making
18	19	20– Admin Council Meets	21	22	23	24– Car Show & Cruise In
25	26	27	28– Blood Drive – Stitches	29	30	



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 - July 31, 2022

	YTD Budget	July Actual	YTD Actual
Income	314,453	65,828	311,922
Expenses	314,453	39,629	296,757
Net	0	26,199	15,165

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