

Highlands News

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Trunk or Treat

We are excited to announce that Trunk or Treat is back this year! Grab your costumes, candy and decorations and join us on Sunday October 30 from 4:00-6:00 pm in the front parking lot. How can you help?

- **Host a trunk!** We are hoping to have at least 25 trunks filling our front parking lot! Your trunk doesn't have to be elaborate - just fun and have candy! You could even go in on a trunk with a friend. If you host a trunk, please bring your own candy. We will have extra but we don't want to run out! There will be a signup sheet at the Information Station.
- **Grab an extra bag of candy next time you are out shopping.** We will collect extra candy in a bin outside the nursery.
- **Share this free event in our community: your neighbors, friends and your Facebook friends!**

There will be two spooktacular prizes for our church members: the best decorated trunk and the best costume! Text, Call or Email Betsy Cloninger with any questions!



HIGHLANDS CHURCH
FRONT PARKING LOT
OCT 30
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

Frequently now, I recognize the intelligence of people in my life. These people have imparted wisdom that has ceased to fail me in life. I have come to believe that one of the greatest ways in which the grace of God works, is that it pushes a memory to the forefront of our mind when we need it. One particular story always pops into my mind because of its many applications. You see, when my dad was active duty in the Marine Corps he had a friend that was in Force Recon. Force Recon was a unit of men who were the guys that were the "best of the best" in small unit combat in the Marine Corps. They had to be in shape physically and mentally.

My dad's friend, who was at the height of his physical strength, lost his career in Force Recon in a matter of seconds. This man was undone by a laundry basket. All he was doing was taking his freshly cleaned clothes by laundry basket up some stairs when his back went out causing a backwards down the stairs. He got up and could walk, but his days of top level physical performance were over. What happened was what we might suspect: the young man had some injuries from intense training and sports over the years that just built up, and all it took was one wrong step with a little bit of weight to send everything spiraling. So the idea my dad always preached was: beware the laundry basket. In other words, do everything in your power to address minor things before they become major things.

The genius of this, not letting little things build up, is that there becomes a daily maintenance routine to life. I admit, I mess it up all the time. I also admit that I miss months (maybe years) of dealing with certain things in life. But when we realize that it is just that little bit of extra strain that can push us into serious pain of all shapes and sizes, then it makes us look at our day to day differently. I also think it makes us look at the little things we do to heal ourselves and build ourselves up differently. We have to have the courage to do the things we need to do to live lives worth living. It's saying that prayer, reading that scripture, saying I'm sorry, being more grateful, expressing more love, unpacking more of what has hurt your whole life.

At the end of the day we know that the laundry basket is coming. We know there is something that will push our buttons or upset us. So how able are we to deal with it?



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NEW SERMON VIDEOS POSTED WEEKLY

Pastor Robert's office hours are:

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

FRIDAY
9AM - NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE

Ernest Grilk Lecture Presentation

Here I Am!

Encountering God in the Face of the Other

Christians say some remarkable things! We say, the Word of God is a living Word. We say, God is infinite and eternal and manifest in the person of Jesus. We say, holy encounter is available to the seeker through the Holy Spirit, who remains with us still. Yet, often Christians will say, they have not fully experienced this unpredictable or elusive encounter, nor is the concept easy to communicate to non-believing family and friends.

Throughout the entirety of the Holy Scriptures, Old Testament and New, there is a recurrent wisdom teaching we too often miss. There is a holy space of encounter all around, in every moment. It is liminal space in that it belongs to no-one, yet it is space that is available to all. It is a threshold, a moment of encounter in which the Self meets God upon Seeing the Face of the Other and presenting the Self to the Other through the prayer of presence, Here I Am!

We hope you will be able to join us at Highlands United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 22 at 10:00 am for the inaugural lecture in the Ernest W. Grilk Lecture Series. Rev. Cynthia Engstrom, daughter of Ernest and Gloria Grilk, will be the presenting theologian for this first in a series of lectures. Her presentation draws from the life of Christ, scripture, and the teachings of Talmud commentator and Ethicist Emmanuel Levinas, who, like Jesus, looks to the prophets and finds a wisdom of love as primordial and irrevocably, as call.



You may have noticed the unusual use of capitalization above. These words are some of those used by Emmanuel Levinas as descriptive of his First Philosophy, which is an Ethics of love. It may take some getting used to, but Levinas' artful use of common terms, infuses a wealth of meaning into them, such that language itself becomes a means of deeper knowing.

Pastor Cynthia Engstrom (pictured to the left) is currently the Senior Pastor at Travis Park Church, a historic United Methodist Church located in downtown San Antonio, Texas.

New Rehearsal Time for Chancel Choir

Beginning October 5, 2022, the Chancel Choir will begin a new schedule for their weekly rehearsals. They will now meet on Wednesday afternoons at 2:45 pm, in the choir room. It has come to my attention that there are several people in the choir who are finding it a bit difficult to drive at night. This new schedule will alleviate that worry. To those in the congregation who might have shied away from the choir because of that reason, REJOICE! The new schedule will allow you to join our choir family and we will welcome you with open arms. There is nothing better than making a "joyful noise to the Lord!"

The Highland Ringers schedule will not change from their regular Wednesday afternoon rehearsals at 4:00 pm, in the Sanctuary.

Come be a part of this wonderful ministry. No auditions required, just love the Lord! John Matthews



Highlands United Methodist Women



HUMW October Meeting

At the October program for the United Methodist Women, we will welcome representatives from Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter. The Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter is a private, non-profit organization that provides 24-hour residential, emergency triage care for children throughout Arkansas who are victims of abandonment, abuse or neglect. Their mission is to provide these children in crisis with a safe haven, high-quality care and hope for the future. Plan to join us on Monday, October 10 at 9:30 am for fun, fellowship and food. Please sign up at the Information Station by Sunday, October 9.

Muffins to Missions

Muffins for Missions will be back for our pre-Halloween treats on Saturday and Sunday, October 29 & 30. What a great start to go with your pre-Halloween morning 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 ghost & goblins that live with or near you!

We also need a few volunteers to help with baking the muffins for this event. The sign up sheet, to bake a dozen or two, will be at the Information Station in the Gathering Area. RSVP to bake by Sunday, October 24. All donations go to help women and children in the Northwest Arkansas Area. Please contact Beth Williams for more information; bvbeth.williams@gmail.com or phone 479-619-9317.



THE HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Hummers October Meeting

The next Hummers (Highlands United Methodist Men) meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:45 am. Our Guest Speaker will be Gravette School System Superintendent, Mrs. Maribel Childress. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the Gathering Area so we are able to prepare the proper amount of food.

Hummers to Help at Card Party

The Hummers are seeking volunteers to help with setup and tear down of tables in the Fellowship Hall for the Bella Vista Garden Club Card Party (fundraising event). The date for setup is Thursday, October 20 beginning at 8:30 am. The date for tear down is Friday, October 21 beginning at 4:15 pm. If you can help on either of these dates, please sign up at the Information Station. Contact Andy O'Neil at 876-2755 for more information.

All Church Event

Mark your calendars! Join us on Sunday, October 23 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for the next All Church Event (ACE). The theme will be 'Football Frenzy'. Wear your favorite team/s colors or sports attire. Even if you're not a football fan, come for the fellowship and maybe even bring a protest sign! There is sure to be plenty of laughs, entertainment and fun! Dinner will be served, \$3 per person. Signups will begin the weekend of October 8/9 in the Gathering Area. For more information contact, Bud & Katy Henkel at 876-6121 or Doug & Lynn Stone at 876-2260, Care Group Coordinators.



5th Annual Cruise-In & Car Show

A huge THANK YOU to everyone involved in supporting this event – Highlands' single biggest fundraiser for missions. Our group of over 40 volunteers were hosts to well over 500 guests (show entrants and spectators) over the course of the day – around 100 more than our previous highest attendance.

This year we had 34 sponsors (8 first time sponsors) who provided \$8,200; we had congressional ticket sales of over \$7,700 plus over \$4,000 in donations including a \$200 donation from a local car club – Heartbeat of the Ozarks. The event is free to attend, but between free-will donations, extra meal tickets sold, T-shirt sales and a 50-50 drawing, we received \$2,382 the day of the show.

We had about 130 vehicles on display throughout the day; we were entertained by Highlands' own Rick and Gloria Atha; over 500 lunches (brats or hotdogs) were served – including about a dozen taken to the local fire station at the end of the show – and while we are still confirming the final financial results, we know that it will be over \$16,500 that will be distributed between Samaritan's Feet, Snack Packs for Kids and Bright Futures over the next year!

In addition to the vehicles on display (rolling sculptures), Robert Willaby, Gravette High School advisor, coordinated a group of automotive class students who made selections of the vehicles they would most like to have for various occasions:

Vehicle I would most like to have...

to go cruising in – CJ Stephens' 1978 Pontiac Trans Am
as my everyday transportation – Stuart Staggs' 1969 Ford Bronco
as the centerpiece of my dream garage – Mario Olivares' 1969 Ford F100
to drive off-road – Gary Cobb's 1943 Ford-Jeep
to go to prom in – Adam Douglass' 2022 C8 Corvette
to autocross – Mike Kohler's 1971 Chevrolet C10



Representatives for Samaritan's Feet, Snack Packs for Kids and Bright Futures were on hand to explain to guests how their organizations help make sure all students are getting what they need for school life – shoes and socks; weekend meals; clothing and school supplies, etc.

We can not thank everyone enough – the volunteers, the congregation for selling tickets, our sponsors and donors plus everyone that came out in support of the event! It was an incredible day, an incredible event, and incredible results. Again, Thank You to ALL involved! Check out this year's Car Show photos at humcbv.com/car-show.



Snack Packs for Kids

Mission Ministry Opportunity: We are packing Snack Packs the first Wednesday of every month. Our next packing day is October 5, 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!



Care & Share Volunteers

Volunteers from Highlands Church are needed to work at the Gravette Care & Share Thrift Store the week of October 25-29 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.

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

Family News

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

Quintin Brakebill

419 Walnut Hill Ln Apt #5, Cotter AR 72626

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES:

Brian Johnson for the loss of his wife, Jan Johnson on 9/9/22

Nat & Lynn Collis for the loss of their son, Scott Collis on 9/12/22

Loleta Haskins for the loss of her husband, Bill Haskins on 9/15/22

Lynn & Lynn Manske for the loss of his sister, Carol Manske

The family of Larry Bappe for his passing on 9/27/22

New Member



Julie Howe became a member on August 28 in the Traditional service. Julie moved back to Bella Vista after living in Arizona. She is a social worker and in her spare time enjoys reading. She has 2 adult children; Jim & Jessica, who both live in Phoenix, Arizona. Fun fact- Julie was a member from 2017-2021 and reinstated her membership at HUMC once she returned to Bella Vista in 2022.

Thank You!

Dear Highlands Congregation,

Andy loved all the visits and cards he received while at Promenade Memory Care. Thank all of you who provided rides for me to visit Andy. A special appreciation to Pastor Robert and all who made the memorial service so special. My family was really touched by it. Can't forget the Care Group #1 who provided and served the goodies after the service. Your support and love will never be forgotten. God is great and so are you.

Jean Anderson

Highlands Church,

Thank you for all the donations to fill backpacks for students in Gravette. We are so thankful for your generosity. Each student will have a great start to the school year thanks to you.

Bright Futures

We need to thank all of you who offered prayer, sent cards of sympathy, words of condolence for the illness, and, eventually, the loss of our son, Scott Collis. Every prayer, card, email, whispered thought, hug, or pat on the arm has been received in humble thanks. We would be in error not to thank our Pastor for being significantly involved from the late night call in February through the final early morning call in September. It has been difficult..... an understatement..... but, our entire church has been, and done, everything we could have asked. Thank you from our hearts.

Lynn and Nat Collis

Veterans Day Photos

The church office is updating Veteran's pictures that will be used on the wall for the Veterans Day Celebration the weekend before Nov 11. If you haven't turned in a picture to the office, or if you would like to update your picture, please include your name, branch and the date of service and turn in by October 31. Your photos will be scanned in and returned to you.

The Veterans Picture Wall will be available to view in the Gathering Area beginning Thursday, Nov 2 through Nov 7. Make plans to join us on November 5 & 6, the weekend before Veterans Day; we will be serving cake and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after Worship Services to honor our Vets.

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1– Communion
2– Communion	3	4– Hummers Meeting	5– Fellowship Mtg – Snack Packs	6– Compassionate Disciples	7	8
9	10– HUMW Meeting – Care & Share Trailer	11	12– Stitchers	13– Fall Church Decorating	14– Marathon Bridge	15
16	17	18– Admin Council Meets	19	20– Care Group Leaders Meeting – Library Meeting	21	22– Scrapbooking & Card Making – Ernest Grill Lecture
23– All Church Event	24	25– Care & Share Volunteers Begin	26– Stitchers	27	28	29
30– Trunk or Treat	31– Halloween					



Care Group Activities Held in September

1 Snyder/LaHood	Monte Ne
2 Stone	Dock Party at Leonard's/Jackson's
3 Hagaman	Monte Ne
4 Johnson/Pulhamus	-
5 Williams	Mexican Train at Church
6 Henkel	Monte Ne
7 Woodburn	Lunch after Gathering at Church
8 Lehman	Naturals Baseball Game
9 Marshall/O'Neil	Potluck Dinner at O'Neil's
10 Rose	-
11 Foster	Pizza at Manske's

**CARE & SHARE TRAILER
OCTOBER 10
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**



**HIGHLANDS
CHURCH
PARKING LOT**

**PLEASE DONATE CLEAN
& GENTLY USED ITEMS**
(no mattresses or printers)

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
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Custodians

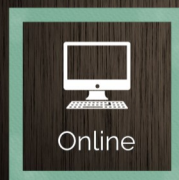
Operating Budget Report - August 31, 2022

	YTD Budget	July Actual	YTD Actual
Income	359,232	42,550	354,473
Expenses	359,232	45,136	341,893
Net	0	(2,587)	12,580

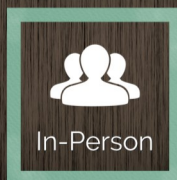
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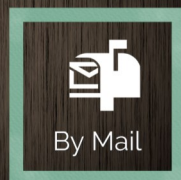
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