

Highlands News

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November is Stewardship Month

“Focus Your Finances on a Sure Foundation”

Christian Stewardship refers to “the responsibility that Christians have in maintaining and using wisely the gifts that God has bestowed.” As we begin preparations for the church finances for 2023, there is so much uncertainty in the world around us. However, when we build on a Sure Foundation of Christ, we can withstand whatever comes our way. When a foundation is based on the true meaning and spirit of the word of God, it produces steadfast faith and life.

Pastor Robert’s stewardship messages will help to “Focus Your Finances on a Sure Foundation” in these troubling times.

You will receive your Stewardship Packet by US mail later this month. Stewardship refers to giving your tithes and offerings to God, but it all refers to volunteering your time as well. Please take time to read the material and complete your financial commitment card and your service record for 2023.

Stewardship Weekends are November 19/20 and November 26/27. Please bring your commitment card and service record to one of these worship services. The commitments will be dedicated to God as a part of worship. Let us thank God for our wonderful church as we look forward to an awesome 2023.

Dear Church *family,*
It's time for a New Directory!



Have you scheduled your photography appointment? If you consider yourself part of the Highlands church family, we want to include you in our next Church Family Album! You do not have to be a member to participate. Photograph dates are scheduled for November 17-19 and November 21-22 at the church. See the Weekly Update email for instructions on how to signup online. Or, contact the church office for assistance in making, changing, or canceling your appointment. If you will be out of town or are unable to participate in our pictorial directory, please call the church office, M-F, 8:30-4:00 pm.

Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

Later this month, I will be going on a week-long spiritual retreat. I bring this topic up because I think it is important to go into some explanation about my own religious life to encourage others. People hear the word retreat and think that it means relaxing by the beach or sitting in a cabin in the woods watching lots of TV, thus retreating from the world. That is not the kind of retreat I will be doing. In fact, the type of retreat I am going on in many ways, frightens me because of the intense self-reflection and prayer involved. I'll be spending the week going through the Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This style of retreat has happened for centuries and has consistently changed lives. I have personally wanted to do this retreat for years, but have not found the time to do it.



St. Ignatius was initially a soldier, and his method of spirituality was as intense and regulated as military life. There are certain days for certain reflections. There will be long meetings with a spiritual director and at least five hours in prayer a day. In short, the retreat is a thorough bootcamp that works intensely in a short amount of time.

The importance of this retreat for me is that I feel spiritually exhausted and a bit stale. I read the Bible, I pray, and I have devotional reading, but something has been missing for a while now. Honestly, I am not even sure what that something is, but I do know that it has a lot to do with silence. I love being a pastor, a husband, and a father, and yet I am keenly aware that to do all of those things I have to give up some silence and stillness. I have never mastered the balance of being able to find silence and listen to God deeply while being in the world, so the best plan for me is to take this time to get out of the world for a while to find that silence and spend some time listening.

The reason I feel the importance of this retreat now is that I am keenly aware that the world is shifting and changing so quickly. I must bump up my spiritual life to be the type of leader, father, and husband that I want to be and that God has called me to be. To get that bump, it's going to take more dedication in a new way and I am ready to learn and further commit.

We are all called to this life of being in the world. We also have to be ready with new ideas and a heart of love to carry out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sometimes that means we have to do new things to grow and learn. I would urge you to always push yourself to grow spiritually, no matter the level of discomfort. It will ultimately create greater joy in your life and help others.

Hopefully I will have lots of stories for you, and you will notice a difference in me soon.

Pastor Robert's office hours are:

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

FRIDAY
9AM - NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE

All Saints Day 2022

At each service of worship on All Saints Weekend, November 5 & 6, we will remember the many loved ones lost since last year's All Saints Day. In our worship services, as each name is read, a chime will sound and a candle will be lit. We will miss the dear loved ones of our Highlands Family.



Glenda Redenius

Ernest Grilk

Anina Bearrood

Jan Johnson

John Walker

Judy Bappe

Gene Maaske

Bill Haskins

George Chapman

Bruce Mosena

Steve Ward

Lowell 'Andy' Anderson

Larry Bappe



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS & Animal Adoption

November 20 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Free
Community
Event!



*Adoptions
provided by...*

**I'm Your
Huckleberry
Rescue**

Join us on Sunday, November 20, between 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm on the church grounds, near the front parking lot, for a Blessing of the Animals. We encourage everyone to bring pet/s to be blessed and invite your friends to do the same. Event flyers are available at the Information Station in the Gathering Area; please share them with neighbors & fellow pet-lovers. If you don't own a pet or just want another, we will have Animal Adoptions available through I'm Your Huckleberry Rescue. This pet blessing event is free to attend with the option to adopt if you so choose. All animals/pets must be on a leash or contained. We need a few volunteers to help on the day of the event. Signup at the Information Station or contact Bill Williams for more details, 210-602-0212.

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NEW SERMON VIDEOS POSTED WEEKLY



Highlands United Methodist Women



HUMW November Meeting: The United Methodist Women will have a representative from the Salvation Army come and speak to us on Monday, November 14, at 9:30 am. The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. We also will have a fun blanket making project and we need your help! The blankets will go to the Salvation Army so they can give them out this winter to those in need. Come and learn about the Salvation Army and how to make a blanket! Of course we will have food, fun and fellowship. It's always fun to learn about a worthwhile and Christian company and especially seeing and talking with our church friends! Blessings!

HUMW Change for Change – Changing Its Name: The new name for the Change for Change program is now Change for Change Dedicated to the Gravette School Lunch Fund. If you write out a check, please make sure it says 'HUMW C for C' so the money goes to the right area. We also take paper money, too. The Hummers are collaborating with us on this project. We plan to continue our efforts throughout the school year and appreciate your ongoing support. Together we are making our change count! From Highlands United Methodist Women & Men, Thank You All!

What time is it, boys and girls?!? It's Cookie Walk Time! The Cookie Walk will be Saturday, December 3, from 8:30 am until 11:00 am (or until the last cookie is gone)! Please start thinking about the Festive Christmas Cookies you are going to make and plan on picking up the aluminum pans the weekends of November 12/13 and 19/20. The pans will be available in the Fellowship Hall before or after Celebration service on Saturday evening, and after the Traditional service on Sunday. We have about 600 aluminum pans this year, so if you make your 20 dozen, we will have enough pans for you! Information about the Craft, Candy and Sweet Shoppe donations will be coming soon. For questions or more information, contact our Cookie Walk Chairpersons, Sue LaHood at 479-855-0937 or Wilhelmina Munson at 719-661-9956.



THE HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Hummers November Meeting

The next Hummers (Highlands United Methodist Men) meeting will be on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:45 am. Our Guest Speaker will be Lori Qualls who helps coordinate donations to veterans. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the Information Station in the Gathering Area so we are able to prepare the proper amount of food.

Save the Dates—Advent Events



Advent Begins: Advent 2022 begins on Sunday, November 27. Advent marks the start of a season of preparation that looks forward to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and also of preparation for the second coming of Christ.

Cookie Walk: Our 33rd Annual Cookie Walk will be Saturday, December 3, from 8:30 am until 11:00 am (or until the last cookie is gone)! You're going to want to participate in this memorial event! Volunteer information coming soon. Contact Sue LaHood or Wilhelmina Munson for more information.

Angel Tree: Watch for more information in the coming weeks about our 2022 Angel Tree program. The HUMW (Highlands United Methodist Women) are in the process of organizing and Angels are expected to be hung on our Christmas tree in the Gathering Area soon after the Cookie Walk. Contact Patsy Whiting or Sue Benson for more information.

Bell Ringing: Another annual tradition at Highlands Church is Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army. Once the schedule has been released by the Salvation Army, the office will prepare online signups and send out notification via email. Contact Donna VanderSchaaf of the church office for more information.

Christmas Cantata: The Highlands Chancel Choir will present their annual Christmas Cantata to the congregation and public on Saturday, December 17 at 5:30 pm and Sunday, December 18 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary of Highlands Church. Contact John Matthews for more information.

Christmas Party Luncheon: Join us for a Christmas luncheon in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 18 following the Cantata. The lunch will be catered and the cost will be \$15 per person. Ticket sales will begin three weekends in advance and start on November 26/27, December 3/4 and 10/11. More details to come. Contact Linda Uttley for more information.

Live Nativity: On Monday and Tuesday, December 19 & 20, the Highlands United Methodist Men will be sponsoring a Living Nativity on our church's campus. This Nativity will include music and narration. Our congregation, including men, women and children, will participate in reenacting the night Jesus was born. The first scene will start at 6:45 pm and will conclude before 7:30 pm. Contact Nat Collis for more information.

Christmas Eve Service: Highlands Church will have a family Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion worship service on Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Contact the church office for more information.

Snack Packs for Kids

Mission Ministry Opportunity: We are packing Snack Packs the first Wednesday of every month. Our next packing day is November 2, 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

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

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS & DEADLINES: In observation of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 24 and will close all day on Thursday and Friday, November 25 & 26. The advertising deadline for bulletins and email that weekend will be Monday, November 22 at noon.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The Deadline for the December Highlands Newsletter is 12:00 (noon) on November 15 (early). Please send all newsletter submissions, comments and/or questions to this email address: newletter@humcbv.com.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS: Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 am. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night!



Family News

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

Steve & Sandy Larsen
48 Highland Parkway, 72715

Van & Donna VanderSchaaf
63 Highland Parkway, 72715

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES:

Chris Chapman for the loss of her husband, George Chapman, on 10/23/22

New Member



Wade Stewart became a member on October 23 in the Traditional Service. Wade moved here from Monroe, Louisiana in February of 2021. He retired as an Engineering Manager. Now, he works part-time as a bicycle tour guide in Wisconsin, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and other states. His hobbies include tennis, cycling and golf. He and his wife, Lauren, have been married for 36 years. They have 2 children.

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 of November 12/13. 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 **November 7**. 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 9 through November 14. Make plans to join us on November 12 & 13, the weekend after Veterans Day; we will be serving cake and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after Worship Services to honor our Vets.



November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1– Hummers Meeting	2	3– Compassionate Disciples	4	5– Communion – All Saints Weekend
6– Communion – Daylight Savings Ends	7	8	9– Stitchers	10– Trustees Meeting	11– Marathon Bridge	12– Veterans Day Celebration
13– Veterans Day Celebration	14– HUMW Meeting	15– HUMW Fleece Blanket Worship Begins	16	17– Care Group Leaders Meeting – Library Meeting	18	19
20– Blessing of the Animals	21	22	23– Office Closes at Noon	24– Office Closed – Thanksgiving	25– Office Closed	26– Scrapbooking & Card Making
27	28	29	30			



EQUIPEMENT 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!

**Box Tops for Education
are no longer collected at church.
(They are now digital.)**



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BOX TOPS
PRODUCTS



SCAN
YOUR
RECEIPT



EARN
CASH FOR
YOUR SCHOOL

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SATURDAY CELEBRATION - 5:30 PM

SUNDAY TRADITIONAL - 9:30 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

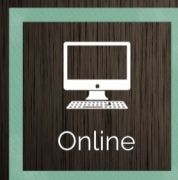
Operating Budget Report - September 30, 2022

	YTD Budget	Sept Actual	YTD Actual
Income	404,030	36,859	391,332
Expenses	404,030	38,001	379,894
Net	0	(1,142)	11,438

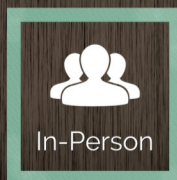
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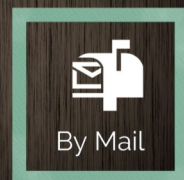
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