

Highlands News

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Happy New Year, HUMC!

Highlands Church has been a great place to worship in 2022. In spite of the recent pandemic, our pews are filling up, new members are joining, and our programs and ministries are flourishing. We appreciate Pastor Robert's inspiring messages and his prayerful leadership.

Looking toward 2023, we can continue to expect great things for Highlands Church.

Very dear to our hearts is our commitment to the families of the Gravette Community to donate for the school lunch debt, supply the food pantry, fund and make Snack Packs, assist Bright Futures, Samaritan's Feet, Angel Tree and more. We are also committed to the NWA Food Pantry, Care and Share, and several women and children's programs in our area. Our presence and support makes a difference for our community. (see our mission report on page 5)

As we attend Worship and Bible studies in the new year, let us study and pray that together we grow in our faith, strength, and obedience to God.

"so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:17-19

Highlands Church 2023 Leadership Teams

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Chair: TBD
Council Secretary: TBD
Member-at-Large 2025: Mike Maginness
Member-at-Large 2024: Nancy Johnson
Member-at-Large 2023: Cathy Woodburn
Staff Parish Relations Chair: Jeff Hale (2022)
Trustees Chair: Dave Hagaman
Finance Chair: Andy O'Neil
Church Treasurer: Dru Matthews
Lay Leader: Bill Williams (2022)
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Russ Miller (2017)
Alt Member to Conference: Andy O'Neil (2017)
Mission Ministry: Sara Sherman
HUMMER President: Garry Benedict
HUMW President: Jean Galloway
Pastor: Robert Cloninger

COLUMBARIUM / MEMORIAL GARDEN

Chair: Doug Fowler (2012)

FINANCE

Chair: Andy O'Neil (2017)
Committee Members:
2025 – TBD
2024 – Kathy Wine
2023 – Jim Kuhn
Treasurer: Dru Matthews
Financial Secretary: Donna Hagaman
SPRC Chair or Rep: Jeff Hale
Pastor: Robert Cloninger
Admin Chair: TBD
Lay Leader: Bill Williams
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Russ Miller

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Rev. Robert Cloninger
Committee Members:
2025 – Flip Smith
2025 – Linda Stafford
2025 – Cynthia Marshall
2024 – Jim Goodwin
2024 – Anna Ahlman
2024 – DD Dunagin
2023 – Jeff Hale
2023 – Lorna Pumphrey
2023 – Greg Snyder
Lay Leader: Bill Williams

SECURITY and SAFETY

Chair: Sue LaHood (2019)

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

Chair: Jeff Hale (2022)
Committee Members:
2025 – Charis Geisinger
2025 – Carla Lemmeyer
2024 – Don Woodburn
2024 – Mike Pehosh
2023 – Linda Pumphrey
2023 – Dale Simpson
Pastor: Robert Cloninger
Lay Leader: Bill Williams
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Russ Miller

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair: Dave Hagaman (2016)
Committee Members:
2025 – Dave Hagaman
2025 – Bud Henkel
2024 – Andy O'Neil
2024 – Mike Maginness
2023 – Geary Lynn Manske
2023 – Lynn Stone

FAITH MINISTRY AREAS

Children Ministry Coordinator: TBD (Staff)
Education Coordinator: TBD
Membership Growth & Development: TBD
Nursery Staff: Laurie Pearson (Staff)
Worship – Celebrations: Pam Meyer (Staff)
Worship – Traditional: John Matthews (Staff)

FELLOWSHIP AREAS

Care Group Coordinators:
Bud & Katy Henkel, Doug & Lynn Stone
Compassionate Disciples:
Linda Virgili & Jane Rowland
Fellowship Coordinator: Linda Uttley
Flex 'N Stretch: Donna Williams
Library Coordinator: Joyce O'Neil
Loving Hearts: Pat Lehman
Medical Equipment: TBD
Singles Group: Linda Stafford
Stitchers: Sandra Foster
United Methodist Men: Garry Benedict, President
United Methodist Women: Jean Galloway, President

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Mission Ministry: Sara Sherman

Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

I got some wisdom from my six year old daughter the other night. I was trying to explain to her what a New Year's resolution was. The long and short of it is I told her that it was something adults promised to themselves and didn't do. I wasn't wrong. My daughter is pretty smart though so she informed me that what I told her didn't make any sense. She wasn't wrong either. Well, friends, what does that say about us as adults? It tells me a lot.

The truth of the matter is I've noticed the strangest thing about adults; we go on refusing to make the changes to our lives that would make us happier and always believe that eventually we will get around to it. In part we set ridiculous goals and think it takes big changes to make us happy. In reality it usually just takes some courage and time. If we never put those two things in though, then nothing ever changes. And if nothing ever changes, then we go to our graves living suboptimal lives when we could have made changes.

So what's the answer? Well I have two steps: 1. Follow Jesus. 2. Become a dedicated student of the Bible and do what it says in order to achieve the first step. If you think I'm too simple here, then tell me again what makes you truly and lastingly happy in life. If it's not centered on following Jesus then you're unregenerate (and won't be happy), or willingly confused (which won't make you happy). And if you don't think the Bible has the power to put you in step with Jesus....which is to be happy.... Then let me explain something that's always amazed me.

I have always been amazed at how the Bible can give people so much comfort and at the same time create in them so much rage. It steps on our toes, and gives us words that have changed our lives. It does so because it contains the parental words of our Heavenly Father.

Make resolutions all you want in life. But dedicate your life to following Jesus and becoming a scholar of the Bible if you want life worth living.



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NEW SERMON VIDEOS POSTED WEEKLY

Pastor Robert's office hours are:

MONDAY - THURSDAY

9AM - NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE

1PM - 4PM ... AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT



THE HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Hummers January Meeting

Please join us on January 10, 2023 at 7:45 am for our next Hummers meeting. We will have someone from BV Courtesy Vans joining us so we might better understand the important service they are providing to our neighbors in need. This will also provide everyone a chance to meet our new members that have joined Hummers and are stepping up into leadership roles. We are looking forward to a BIG turnout so please sign up in the Gathering Area.

Garry Benedict (President) and Wade Stewart (Vice-President)



Highlands United Methodist Women



HUMW January Meeting

We hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and are ready to get back to our United Methodist Women meeting on Monday, January 9 at 9:30 am. Our speaker will be Crystal Simpson, Director of Development, from Loving Choices in Rogers. Their mission is "to provide outstanding counseling and limited medical services to any woman who may find herself experiencing a reproductive health crisis, whether it is an unplanned pregnancy or a sexually transmitted disease. They give unconditional care to preserve and protect human life so their clients can find hope." There will be food, fellowship and fun so please sign up in the Gathering Area if you are able to attend by Sunday, January 8. Can't wait to hear from Crystal and see you all again in 2023.

The Highlands United Methodist Women 2023 Book Club

Attention all ladies: The Highlands United Methodist Women Book Club will start our 2023 year on Monday, January 16 at 1:00 pm in the Matthew classroom. You can either buy your own books or use the books that are found in the Library Annex in the HUMW Section (south wall, first section). We always have fun discussing our book with coffee, water, and some kind of treat. If you have friends that would like to join us, by all means bring them with you! The more the merrier. There is a form with questions you can fill out that we will be using for each of our book discussions in the Library Annex as well.

You may find the 2023 list of books in the HUMW section located inside the Library Annex. For questions or more information please contact Sue LaHood by email at suelahood@currently.com or by phone at 479-855-0937.

Finance Committee Notes

Reminder — If you have not yet sent in your commitment card for 2023, cards are available at the information center in the gathering area. Drop your card in the offering plate or send it to the church finance office.

Envelopes — If you prefer to use the boxed offering envelopes for your giving, please pick up a box at the information center in the gathering area. Be sure to write your name on the envelopes.

Plan a tax free donation in 2023 — Giving directly from your IRA can reduce your taxable income. Or, donating long-term appreciated stocks/securities may increase your gift and your tax deduction.

Missions Ministry Report

Thank you church family for volunteering your time in 2022 at Care and Share Thrift Store in Gravette, Samaritan's Feet Shoe Event in Gravette, Samaritan Community Center in Rogers packing snack packs for food insecure students in the Gravette School District, and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. Your time and servant's heart have made a great impact on families in our area. We began 2022 with \$16,399.41 in the Car Show fund, \$1,254.69 in the Power of One fund and \$6,714.23 in the Other Mission fund. During the year we received \$2,392 in the Power of One and \$700 in Other Mission. We had a total of \$27,460.33 in the Missions Ministry for 2022 and we disbursed \$27,300 to the following:

Snack Packs for Gravette Schools \$14,300 (FYI snack packs cost \$3 ea)
Bright Futures Gravette \$6,000
Samaritan's Feet \$4,000 (200 shoes @\$20/pair)
NWA Food Bank \$3,000

In 2023, please continue to donate to Power of One. Simply fold any size bill lengthwise and place in the offering plate. Those bills are directed to Missions.

A big thank you to the Car Show team and everyone who helped make that a successful fund raiser. We raised \$17,163.80 from the Car Show in 2022 to be distributed in 2023.

2023 Mission Opportunities Save the Upcoming Dates

Snack Packs - First Wednesday of each month, 10a-12n, we pack snack packs for food insecure Gravette School District students at Samaritan Community Center, 1211 West Hudson Road, Rogers. Come and volunteer and learn more about the Samaritan Community Center and the services they provide. No signups required.

Care and Share Thrift Store, 103 Huntington St. SE in Gravette

Feb 7 – 11

Mar 21 – 25

May 2 – 6

Jun 13 – 17

Aug 1 – 5

Sep 12 – 16

Oct 24 – 28

Dec 12 – 16

For more than 30 years, area churches have volunteered at Care and Share. Care and Share offers assistance with utilities, provides clothing/household items when family suffers loss from a fire, as well as turkey/ham holiday giveaway. Care and Share invests in local community services including the Billy V. Hall Senior Center. When the time comes, see the Weekly Update email to sign up to volunteer.

Samaritan's Feet Shoe Event in Gravette – July date to be announced

Highlands Church Car Show & Cruise-In – September date to be announced

Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign – December dates to be announced

Thank you for your support of Missions Ministry.

Blessings,

Sara Sherman, Missions Ministry Committee Chair

Office News

Amey & Lori: highlandschurch@humcbv.com

Newsletter: newsletter@humcbv.com

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

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: We will be closed on Monday, January 2 for the New Year's holiday.

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

Family News

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

Gary & Lori Pinkerton
2300 Pickwick Terrace, Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Deb Metz
Email: metzdebd@gmail.com

Ron Blackwelder
Email: 246wfc@gmail.com - Phone: 713-819-6980

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO:

Barbara Gray for the loss of her husband, Rusty Gray on 11/20/22.

Marshia Mosena for the loss of her nephew, Corey Harvey, on 12/25/22.

New Members



Sue Kenny became a member on November 27, 2022, in the Traditional service. Sue moved here from the San Diego area in 2017 after retiring from an accounting and finance department for a high school district. Sue enjoys choir, water aerobics, painting, gardening, and guitar. Since coming to northwest Arkansas, she is now an avid birdwatcher and loves the changing seasons. She has 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren. Sue enjoys attending both of our worship services; Traditional and

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for prayers, cards, calls and for the help many provided while I was hospitalized and since returning home. Also, a big Thank - You to the Care & Share volunteers and especially Sara Sherman who took charge of coordinating the workers in my absence. I'm on the mend and look forward to seeing everyone.
Connie Kiefer

Thank you for your support!

Twos the day after Thanksgiving and all through the land
Women started their cookies for the 33rd Annual Cookie Walk
10 dozen of this kind another 10 dozen of that kind
With candy, bread, soups and rolls we were baking until we were blind
The week before the cookie walk and all through the church
Busy workers unloading their crafts, food, goodies, soups and cookies
Making the place look superb, the pricing and packaging taking days to prepare
Feet and backs aching, and one getting a bad cold
The men rearranging, setting up and making it look easy but we know it was a great chore
Sleeping escaping us but fun 'til the end
It's finally Cookie Walk morning with crisp fall like air and lots of sunshine
The place comes alive with the shoppers, hard workers and our choir as well
\$11,000. was made for Northwest Arkansas Charities we love to help out
THANK YOU ALL who worked to make this another great Cookie Walk year!
THANK the Good LORD for blessing Highlands again because we know HE was in charge!

33rd Annual
HIGHLANDS CHURCH
COOKIE WALK

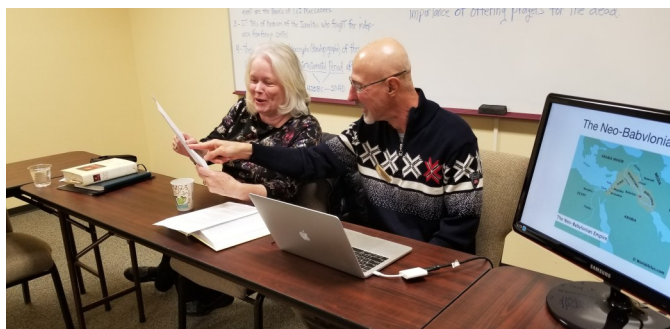


January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1– Adult Sunday School Resumes – Communion	2– Office Closed	3– HUMW Board Meeting	4– Fellowship Committee	5– Compassionate Disciples	6	7
8	9– HUMW Meeting	10– Hummers Meeting	11– Stitches	12– Trustees Meeting	13– Marathon Bridge	14
15	16– Office Closed – HUMW Book Club Meeting	17	18– Kitchen Cleaning – Lion’s Lunch	19– Care Group Leaders Meeting – Library Meeting	20	21
22	23	24	25– Stitches	26	27	28– Scrapbooking & Card Making
29	30	31				

8:15 Adult Sunday School

Our 8:15 Adult Sunday School will resume class on Sunday, January 1 after being on a Christmas break. The study will pick up in Daniel 4 with the interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream (or nightmare). Come and find out more about how Daniel can help us better live our lives in turbulent times. Study will be led by Brad Krug. Questions? Contact him at 719-210-6124.



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 - November 30, 2022

	YTD Budget	Nov Actual	YTD Actual
Income	496,569	39,023	471,860
Expenses	496,569	38,350	458,341
Net	0	673	13,519

Thank you for your continued support.

3 ways to give

to Highlands Church



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for details visit... humcbv.com/give

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