

Highlands News

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Holy Week

Holy Week contains the most painful and glorious events in the life of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Highlands will be having services celebrating the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday weekend at our regular service times. On Maundy Thursday, April 6, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary, we will have a service of reflection, confession and a commemoration of the Last Supper with Holy Communion. On Good Friday, April 7, also at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary, we will have a service depicting the Stations of the Cross; Jesus' journey to Calvary. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ at our Easter Sunday Services at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. On Easter morning, enjoy a continental breakfast before services from 9:00—9:45. As a reminder, the entire Church will be celebrating Easter together on Sunday morning; there will be no Celebration Service on Saturday, April 8.

MAKE PLANS TO SPEND THE 2023 LENTEN SEASON WITH HIGHLANDS CHURCH

- **APRIL 1/2** *Palm Sunday Weekend Worship (regular times)*
- **APRIL 6** *Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 pm*
- **APRIL 7** *Good Friday Service at 6:00 pm*
- **APRIL 9** *Easter Worship on Sunday at 10:00*

Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

I think like most people, a lot of my church memories are around Christmas and Easter. It is my opinion, but I think Easter often seems under celebrated, and I don't mean this negatively. If you think about it though, we make a big deal of Christmas. Think of all of the shopping, money, and time we spend at Christmas. Even though we know it can be over the top, we do it anyway. We have parties and gift giving and even special songs that hit the airwaves for Christian and non-Christian people to enjoy. On Easter we have the bright colors, the Easter baskets, usually a meal... and a rabbit that somehow found its way in. Frankly, I'm about simplicity so Easter works out well for me and I often wish that Christmas would take the hint.



Before you go thinking I'm the grinch, hear me out. Christmas celebrations are great if done for the right reasons and I'm all for them as long as I can still go to bed early. But let's actually think about what Christmas and Easter are. On Christmas we celebrate Christ coming into the world as both fully God and fully man. We think about how we have this beautiful moment in time where the hope of humanity was brought into the world: the Savior that has come to help us and rescue us from the forces of wickedness. Now the remembrance of this is a beautiful and necessary thing. But let's think about Easter. Easter is the culmination of the first coming of Jesus Christ.

On the week leading up into Easter and then Easter day itself we see the conquering of evil, the atonement paid for sin, the satisfaction of the wrath of God and Jesus taking on punishment and death in our place. We then see that Christ could not be held by the grave and the resurrection is celebrated thereby giving us eternal life and a resurrection from the grave as well. This is a hope fulfilled and a hope still longed for. Easter created the in between time. Between the death we face on Earth and our resurrection to new life that is to come.

I'm not trying to get you to change your celebrations or write Easter songs, but what I want everyone to remember this Easter is we are celebrating a promise of God that had been in the works throughout the Old Testament; since before time even began. It's a beautiful Sunday and season. Remember how God has worked in your life and in the world and has brought us victory over death and all of the things that hold us down. May you and your family have a wonderful Easter this year.

Blessings,
Pastor Robert

Pastor Robert's office hours are:
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9AM—NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE
1PM—4PM ... AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

EASTER MORNING CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST



Served 9:00 - 9:45
in Fellowship Hall
on April 9.

SIGN UP AT INFORMATION STATION BEFORE APRIL 2

EASTER SUNDAY *A Flower for the Cross*

Bring a live flower
(no silk) on Easter
morning, April 9.

We will be adorning the small cross near
the Sanctuary entrance with flowers.



Fifth Sunday Loan Reduction

One of the most successful programs used to reduce the principal amount of our building loan is the special offerings by our membership and friends on the Fifth Sunday weekends throughout the year. The weekend of April 29/30, is your chance to contribute to this Loan Reduction Initiative. Your check in the offering plate designated as 'Fifth Sunday Loan Reduction' is all it takes!

28th Annual Flea & Boutique

Our 2 day event is Friday, April 28 from 8 am - 2 pm AND Saturday, April 29 from 8 am - noon.

Highlands Church – it's time for you and your friends to DIG DEEP and part with some of your clean, sellable items! Your donated items may be dropped off at the church Fellowship Hall April 24 - 26 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. If you would like assistance with large items, contact Pat Lehman at 876-1985 to coordinate a pickup of your item(s). Please remember, NO books, electronics, appliances, shoes or clothing!

If you volunteer to bring baked goods, please bring them to the church kitchen, in disposable containers, on Wednesday or Thursday, April 26-27 to be packaged and priced by a volunteer.

To complement our annual sale of furniture, household items, jewelry, collectables, tools, and lawn & garden items, we will again open our small boutique shop selling elite, fashionable items and accessories like nice and nearly-new purses, scarves, wallets, wraps, unique jewelry, quirky art pieces, quilted items and more! These items are a bit more 'upscale' yet still very affordable!

SIGN UP to Volunteer during this event at the table in the Gathering Area beginning March 25/26, or pick up a flyer with more information. Help us reach out and have fun with the Bella Vista Community! Remember, it's all for local women & children's charities – missions of the Highlands United Methodist Women.

Questions? Call co-chairs, Sue Benson at 620-960-9185 or Kitty Knight at 479-619-8654.



HIGHLANDS CHURCH FLEA & BOUTIQUE

APRIL 28 • 8 AM – 2 PM *and...* APRIL 29 • 8 AM – NOON



THE HUMMERS

A CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Hummers March Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday, April 11, at 7:45 am for our next Hummers meeting. We will have Kenny Williams from Pedal It Forward speaking to us that morning. They are a non-profit group that collects and restores old bicycles from the community and re-distributes them to less fortunate children and adults in the area. Looking forward to seeing everyone so please sign up at the Information Station in the Gathering Area.

Garry Benedict and Wade Stewart



Highlands United Methodist Women



HUMW April Meeting

The Highlands United Methodist Women will welcome representatives from the Northwest Arkansas Dress for Success on Monday, April 10 at 9:30 am. The mission of Dress for Success is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. Please join us as we support and encourage women who are developing their careers and striving to achieve economic independence. If you would like to contribute to this organization, please bring to the meeting gently used clothes, shoes and/or accessories; like jewelry & purses. We will also have breakfast, devotion, and fellowship. All women of Highlands Church and their friends are welcome. The sign-up sheet will be available at the Information Station in the Gathering Area until Sunday, April 9. See you then!

HUMW Book Club

Please join the Highlands United Methodist Women as we discuss our April book; *It's All Under Control: A Journey of Letting Go, Hanging On, and Finding a Peace You Almost Forgot Was Possible*, by Jennifer Dukes Lee. We will meet on Thursday, April 20 at 1:00 pm in the Matthew classroom. Like the book suggests... it's time to get our control under control. Jennifer Dukes Lee never thought she struggled with control. As long as everything went exactly the way she wanted it to, she was totally flexible. This should be interesting because a few of us might have this same problem... :-) I know I do, dangit! Coffee and treats will be served. If you have any questions before the meeting, please call me at 855-0937. All women of Highlands and their friends are welcome to join us!
Sue LaHood



Casseroles for a Year



The Highlands United Methodist Women will again have our delicious raffle, but this year it will be a Casserole! YES a new raffle! Twelve of our best bakers will be making you one Casserole a month for 12 months! Ticket sales will begin the weekend of April 22/23, on both Saturday and Sunday, for the next four weekends. The drawing will be held after the 10:00 am church service on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14. The tickets are still \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. We think this is the best idea since sliced bread! For those of you that hate to cook, this would be ideal. Buy with confidence as YOU just might be our next winner! If you would like to make a casserole for this raffle, please contact Beth Williams at 479-619-9317.

New from Highlands United Methodist Women this year!

Have you ever needed a greeting card for a Birthday, Thinking of You, Sympathy, or Anniversary, and hated the thought of taking time to go to a big-box store when you could have gotten several at Highlands Church for less time and money? We now have Greeting Cards, made by Women of Highlands Church, that are really nice and much better quality than what you could buy at most stores! Check them out in the Gathering Area when you have time or are in need of a quality, hand made card! There is a box located on the Info Station to collect your donation— 1 card for \$3 or 2 for \$5.00. All money goes to our HUMW charities! Check them out and see for yourself how wonderful they are!

Office News

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Newsletter: newsletter@humcbv.com

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

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

Thank You!

My gratitude is great for the Second Lecture Committee of the 'Ernest W. Grilk Bible Series'! Each member took on a task as part of the whole to help make the congregation and the community aware of the literary offering of Jeremy Hyman, with his emphasis on the Psalms. Those not on the committee, but with expertise, needed for the presenting of the Lecture willingly gave their whole heart to making it a worthy case. The office staff did the important job of 'portraying' the Lecture as worthy of attending by their special talents in publishing, and YOU, The Congregation, welcomed all from the community who came to our doors TO LEARN. Thank You, Each and ALL!

Gloria Febro Grilk and Family

New Members



Frank and Kitty Knight became members on March 5 at the Traditional service. Frank and Kitty have been married for three years. Frank is GM of Village Wastewater Company and Kitty is retired. Between them, Frank and Kitty have 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

Mission Highlight

Our Spring semester is going great at Snack Packs! We are very excited about Samaritan Community Center's new facility. We plan to move into it this September. This new facility greatly increases our space and ability to better serve our neighbors in need. It will be on the corner of Laurel and 8th St in Rogers.

This school year we have already distributed 145,000 Snack Packs to over 170 schools and head start programs all over NWA. In the Gravette school systems so far this year we have sent 3,560 Snack Packs: 1,330 to Glenn Duffy Elementary, 640 to Gravette Middle, 1,180 to Gravette Upper Elementary and 410 to Gravette High.

Each spring we do a student survey. There are a lot of great comments, feedback, and stories from schools about the students receiving Snack Packs. Here are just a few that help remind me why we do what we do for these kids.

- ◇ "The student's teacher always reported that this child was stressed, worried, and hungry both before and after lunch. Since getting snack packs the teacher has not reported any more of those concerns!"
- ◇ "This student came into the care of a grandparent suddenly. They were in a home that had food insecurities as a norm. This helps the student feel less of a burden upon the grandparent's income. They are bringing this home and helping to provide."
- ◇ "Picking up snack packs each week has helped this student build positive relationships. Her behavior has improved throughout the year because she knows that we care about her and her family."
- ◇ "I love getting snack packs because my family can't afford these kinds of snacks and it makes my weekend."

Bryan Armlovich
SnackPacks for Kids Coordinator
Samaritan Community Center
(479) 310-8148



April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1- Communion - Palm Weekend
2- Communion - Palm Sunday	3	4	5- Snack Packs - Fellowship Mtg	6- Maundy Thurs Service - Compass Dis Mtg	7- Good Friday Service - Office Closed	8- No Celebration Service
9- Easter Sunday - Cont. Breakfast	10- HUMW Mtg - Care & Share Trailer	11- Hummers Mtg	12- Stitches Mtg	13	14- Marathon Bridge	15
16- 3rd Sunday Cookies	17	18- Admin Council Meeting	19- Kitchen Clean - Stitches Mtg	20- Library Mtg - HUMW Book Club	21	22- Scrapbooking & Card Making
23- ACE Event	24- Bring Flea Items	25- Bring Flea Items	26- Bring Flea Items & Baked Goods	27- Bring Baked Goods for Flea	28- Flea & Boutique	29- Flea & Boutique - Fifth Sunday Weekend
30- Fifth Sunday Weekend						



WE PACK SNACK PACKS

First Wednesday of Every Month
April 5 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Samaritan Community Center

**NO
SIGNUPS
REQUIRED!**

**If you have any
questions,
Contact Sara Sherman
at 870-550-0339.**



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



**HIGHLANDS
CHURCH
PARKING LOT**

**REMINDER: IF YOU ARE
SPRING CLEANING AT HOME,
KEEP 'STUFF' FOR THE FLEA
LATER THIS MONTH!**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SATURDAY CELEBRATION - 5:30 PM
SUNDAY TRADITIONAL - 10:00 AM



YOUR

HIGHLANDS CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Church Staff

REV. ROBERT CLONINGER
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Nursery Staff

MIKE & JUDY PAYNE
Custodians

Operating Budget Report - February 28, 2023

	YTD Budget	Feb Actual	YTD Actual
Income	85,462	37,386	80,389
Expenses	85,462	42,349	79,625
Net	0	(4,963)	765

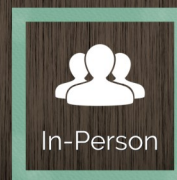
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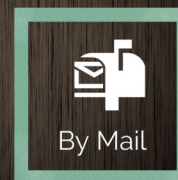
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