

# Highlands News

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## All Church Event = ACE Event!

**We are having a Birthday Party just for YOU!**  
(you are the Guest of Honor - you better be there!)

**Sunday, August 27, in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm**

**Dinner & Entertainment - \$4.00 per person**

**Signups will be August 12/13 & August 19/20 in Gathering Area**

**For more information contact: Henkels at 876-6121 or Stones at 876-2260**



# Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

I don't know if you still feel it, but for me it feels like it's time to go back to school. I always have that little spark of anxiety this time of year because I did not like school and I don't think school liked me. I know that a lot of people loved their time in the classroom, not me. I should have loved it. I had great teachers and support all around, but sitting still has just never been high on the list of things I excel at. Now, I'm telling you this because I know there will be a lot of kids like I was heading to school soon and their teachers, administrators, and parents will have to work through it. There are also going to be a lot of kids that love school and excel in it. I want to remind everyone to pray for all of the kids, teachers, administrators, school faculty and staff, and the parents of these kids. While I didn't like school, the teachers formed me and I made friends that I still have today.



There are so many things to pray for like: learning, safety, endurance of the teachers, and good health. But there are fun things to pray for like: kids making friends they would have never made, kids learning to socialize, kids getting interested in subjects that will be lifelong interests, and kids finding things they're good at when they didn't think they were good at anything. There are so many great things that can happen when kids go to school.

Now I know when we watch too much news the world can seem bleak and we might think "what will the children have?" They will have a lot in school and in the future. This is a great time to be alive. Kids have more access to educational materials and classes than ever before. I find it wonderful that even starting in high school the youth can start training to have the skills for numerous jobs making employment that much easier. In my humble opinion, the reason that our families came to America was for opportunity and from where I stand there is lots of opportunity within the schools to gain opportunities when school is over. So with positive minds and believing hearts, let's pray for our kids and our schools.

Robert

***Pastor Robert's office hours are:***

**MONDAY - THURSDAY**

**9AM—NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE**

**1PM—4PM ... AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT**

# Highlands Church Charity Car Show & Cruise-In

September 30 | 10 am - 2 pm



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this  
out

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**Volunteer opportunities coming soon!**  
Tickets will be mailed to the congregation mid-August.

## Equipment 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!



We are so happy you are part of the Highlands Church family! Would you be willing to take a few minutes to leave us a Google review and share what you love about attending Highlands Church? Google uses recent reviews as a key ranking factor for search engine optimization which means your review can help us be seen by more people looking for a church in Bella Vista. Prospective visitors also often look at online reviews to see what regular attenders say about their church experience, so they can learn more about us even before their first visit. Thank you for helping us spread the word about Highlands Church!



SCAN ME

# Snack Packs—Save the Date!



# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH SNACK PACKS**



**BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER!**

Save the date: Beginning in September, we are packing Snack Packs the first Wednesday of every month. Our next packing day is September 6, 10:00 am — 11:30 am, at Samaritan Community Center. 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!

Samaritan Community Center has moved to their new location: 2910 S 8th Street in Rogers. On I-49 take exit 81 and go east on Pleasant Grove Road. Turn left on 8th Street and another left on Laurel into parking lot.

**SIGNUP TODAY!**

**Care & Share Thrift Store  
Volunteers Needed  
August 1-5**



**SEE THE WEEKLY UPDATE EMAIL  
OR VISIT [HUMCBV.COM](http://HUMCBV.COM)**

## Power of One

Wondering what the folded lengthwise dollars in the offering plate are for? They are going to a special mission fund called The Power of One. Those 'ones' add up and do marvelous things to support local needs, like helping children in need in the Gravette School District by providing financial support to Bright Futures, Snack Packs, and the Samaritan's Feet ministry.

**THE POWER OF  
ONE**

**Drop a folded dollar into the  
offering plate to support our  
Mission Ministry.**

# Mission Ministry Highlight

Sara Sherman, Mission Ministries Chairperson

This month Missions Ministry is highlighting Care and Share Thrift Store in Gravette. Thank you for your continued support by donating your gently used items to Care and Share. HUMC is one of 7 churches who volunteer throughout the year at Care and Share. Merlyn and Connie Kiefer have volunteered there for 28 years and Connie coordinates this ministry for our church.

Our dates of service through the rest of 2023 are:

Aug 1 – 5

Sep 12 – 16

Oct 24 – 28

Dec 12 – 16



Information below was submitted by Pastor Donald Miller, Care & Share board member and pastor at First Christian Church in Gravette. At Care and Share our motto is 'People Helping People'. We try to live to that commitment in our community. Because of the many donations and number of volunteers, Care and Share has been able to go above and beyond helping those in need for nearly 40 years. Within the last year, we have donated over \$100,000 to charity and over \$60,000 in medical and utility vouchers. Our voucher assistant program allows people from our community that have shut-off notices for utilities and/or medical needs to receive the help they so desperately need. We currently have 4 missions that we donate to monthly in our area: Billy V Hall Wellness Center, Northwest AR Children's shelter, Western Benton County Boys & Girls Club, and OutReach 58:10; a food pantry that serves our area. The donations made monthly to these organizations are possible because of the sales and donations given to Care and Share. In addition to those missions, we also give to other needs. Most recently we were able to gift the city of Gravette nearly \$48,000 to allow the fire department to purchase much needed updated equipment for the department.

## Highlands Church FOOD DRIVE



PLACE YOUR DONATED ITEMS IN THE  
BINS LOCATED AT ALL ENTRANCES TO THE  
CHURCH FOR DELIVERY TO THE

**Gravette School Food Bank**

This project is co-sponsored by the Celebration Worship Team & HUMW.

## 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.*



# Highlands United Methodist Women



## HUMW Book Club

The Highlands United Methodist Women will meet for our Summer Book Club / Bible Study on Thursday, August 3, at 2:30 pm, in the Mark classroom. We will continue to read *Sensible Shoes: A Story about a Spiritual Journey* by Sharon Garlough Brown. Please join us as we discuss the next 2 chapters, 5 & 6.

We will be discussing chapters 7 & 8 on August 17; same time and place. For more information, please call Sue LaHood at 479-855-0937.

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SUNDAY AUGUST 13 AT THE  
10:00 SERVICE



STUDENTS, TEACHERS,  
ADMINISTRATORS &  
SCHOOL STAFF BRING  
YOUR BACKPACK OR  
A SCHOOL BAG TO  
THE ALTAR FOR A  
SPECIAL BACK TO  
SCHOOL BLESSING!

HIGHLANDS CHURCH  
BLOOD DRIVE  
TUESDAY, AUG 1  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

We're  
**WILD**  
about saving lives!

Give Blood  
August 1, 2023  
Highlands United Methodist Church

FREE  tickets  
& T-shirt for all donors!  
While Supplies Last.



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## NEW SERMON VIDEOS POSTED WEEKLY



# August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1– Blood Drive	2	3– HUMW Book Club	4	5– Communion
6– Communion	7	8– Compassionate Disciples Mtg	9	10	11	12
13– Blessing of the Backpacks	14	15– Admin Council Meeting	16– Kitchen Clean	17– HUMW Book Club – Library Mtg	18	19
20– 3rd Listening Session – 3rd Sun Cookies	21	22	23	24	25	26– Scrapbooking & Card Making
27– All Church Event	28	29	30	31		

## Thank You Notes!

It was so thoughtful of you to think of us during our time of sadness. Your sympathy cards, prayers, and kind words of condolence are of great comfort to us as we grieve my Father's death. Cleda and Dale Simpson

Dear friends of Highlands, I want to thank you for all your love and support during my Husband Kevin's illness and death. I more than appreciate all the cards, food, and for attending his Celebration of Life Ceremony. Your generosity and care was infinite and I want you to know how grateful I am. Nancy Noyes

## Office News

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**Newsletter:** [newsletter@humcbv.com](mailto:newsletter@humcbv.com)

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

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



## Prayer Chain

If you know someone in need of prayer, ill or hospitalized, please contact the church office. Please note: If you are requesting prayer for someone who attends Highlands Church, you must gain their permission when submitting the request to the office. We want to respect the privacy of each individual and would never want to release anything publicly without their consent. We need to know that they are okay with not just the request for prayers for them, but also the details you are including in the request. We ask that you let the church office know of any upcoming surgical procedures or need of pastoral care. Thank you!

# EVERYONE WELCOME!

**SATURDAY CELEBRATION - 5:30 PM**  
**SUNDAY TRADITIONAL - 10:00 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 - June 30, 2023

	YTD Budget	June Actual	YTD Actual
Income	256,386	40,166	262,525
Expenses	256,386	38,023	248,944
Net	0	2,144	13,581

Thank you for your continued support.

**3** ways to give

to Highlands Church



Online



In-Person



By Mail

for details visit... [humcbv.com/give](http://humcbv.com/give)

THE POWER OF  
**ONE**

Drop a folded dollar into the offering  
plate to support our Mission Ministry



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