



# HIGHLANDS CHURCH

A United Methodist Congregation

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Rev. Robert Cloninger, Pastor

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*July 1, 10:30 am  
Combined Worship Service*

Reception following worship service.

## THE CLONINGERS ARE HERE!!



*Betsy & Robert Cloninger  
Bobby & Caroline*

HIGHLANDS CHURCH is welcoming a new pastor—the Rev. Robert Blackwell Cloninger, II who is originally from Fort Smith, Arkansas. He has come here to Bella Vista from Marion, Arkansas.

Pastor Robert felt called to be a pastor at the young age of 6 years old. He attended the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith and received his Bachelor's in History with a minor in Rhetoric. Next he attended Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma and received his Masters of divinity. He was ordained five years ago.

Pastor Robert is married and has two children with his wife, Betsy. They have a 2-year-old daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, and a six month old son, Robert III

The congregation of Highlands Church is excited to welcome the Cloninger Family. Let us continue to pray for our church as we look forward to whatever new things God has in store for us!

***OUR MISSION: The Mission of Highlands Church is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ.***

NEW STAFF

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce two new staff members have joined the Highlands Church staff.

**James Hendrix** began as the Contemporary Service Worship Leader effective June 24, 2018. James is not a new face since he is a charter member of the Contemporary Service Worship Team. James earned a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Arkansas in 2007. He has 11 years full-time public education experience of teaching music, 24 years of percussion and drum performance experience, and 20 years of guitar performance experience.

In his role at Highlands Church, James will provide leadership to and supervise the necessary people and teams/committees needed to produce a quality worship experience. James will be responsible for the entire contemporary worship service in consultation with the Senior Pastor.

**Sarah Catherine Davis** joined Highlands staff as the Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator effective July 1, 2018. Sarah Catherine and her husband Jed have two young children. Jed has accepted a position as assistant principal at Prairie Grove High School starting July 1, 2018. They are familiar with Northwest Arkansas as Jed's mother lives in Bella Vista.

Sarah Catherine was previously the Director of Children's Ministry at Marion UMC. She has a Bachelor of Science Biblical & Theological Studies from Liberty University. Her specialization was Student and Children's Ministries and Christian Counseling.

In her role at Highland Church, Sarah Catherine will develop, coordinate and oversee ministries that reinforce the discipling process of Connect, Grow, Grow for children and student culture; plan, organize and lead the weekly Sunday evening youth meeting; communicate what is happening with the ministry to the parents, staff and congregation; and recruit and equip adult volunteers to assist as needed.

**Highlands Care Groups**

This is what the Care Groups are doing at Highlands Church! If you are not part of one, give us a call, we will make it happen for you. This is what we did this past month:

Care Group	June Activities
Hagaman, Donna/Dave	Michael's Church-Harmon
Newman, Deb/Mel Snyder	BBQ Chapman's
Grilk, Gloria & Ernest	Community Band Concert
Pinkerton, Lori & Gary	Joe's Italian Grill
Stone, Lynn & Doug	Brunch-Duffers
Edwards, Marilou & John	
Foster, Sandra & Jerry	Community Band Concert
Pehosh, Joan & Mike	
Henkel, Katy & Bud	Church Picnic
Maginness, Chris & Mike	Snacks/Fellowship-Skillet's
Lasher, Julie & Ted	Lunch-Hammontree's
O'Neil/Marshall	Brunch-O'Neil's
Balzer, Alice & Lee	
Sheldon/Howe, Julie	Church Picnic
Williams/Hudec	Potluck-Hudec's

**SERVING US IN JULY**

**Saturday Host/Hostesses: CPR/AED:**

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 7-Steve & Amy Terry     | 1-Angie Hansen     |
| 14-Jan Lasar            | 8-Angie Hansen     |
| 21-Mark&Ruth Richardson | 15-Ron Blackwelder |
| 28-Stephanie Dalrymple  | 22-Linda Virgili   |
|                         | 29-Sue LaHood      |

**Sunday Guest Table:**

- 1-Charlene Marsh
- 8-Jackie Warren
- 15-Joyce O'Neil
- 22-Jackie Warren
- 29-Pat Klukvin/Struthers

**On Call for Security:**

Gene Maaske

**Head Usher:**

Andy & Joyce O'Neil

**Liturgists:**

- 1-Claudia Williams
- 8-Darleen Olson
- 15-Bonnie Bloom
- 22-Dick Steck
- 29-Joyce Sheldon

**Trustee for the Month:**

Rex Butler

## **A Highlands Church Car Show?**

Why would Highlands Church want to host a car show? Well, with the loss of the Homes Tour, Highlands' donations to our targeted missions ministries took quite a financial hit. To continue our support even at lower levels means we have to stretch the church budget thinner over all of our commitment expenditures. The absence of the Homes Tour also reduced the awareness of Highlands Church around the community. But finding home owners willing to open up their houses was becoming quite difficult. Additionally, hosting the Homes Tour was a huge effort by the church membership; with 30 to 40 members working at EACH home the day of the tour.



Since moving to Bella Vista, we have discovered the car culture in northwest Arkansas to be huge. Attending various events in the area, I have heard a number of times about the car show hosted in the past by Highlands as a side attraction to the Homes Tour. The good news is that we have the area culture and a bit of history to draw on. The bad news is that there can be up to a dozen or even more automotive events in the area each week during the summer. We need to stand out from the crowd.

So we are planning an event on September 8th, 2018 that is "Not Your Typical Car Show" with:

- An exceptionally nice venue with the church parking lot plus restrooms and Fellowship Hall for lunch or getting in out of the sun, in addition to the friendly, helpful and engaging church members!
- Proceeds going to support 3 local charities - Bright Futures, Samaritan's Feet and Samaritan Community Center Snack Packs providing food and clothing to deserving Gravette School District children.
- A celebration of all things automotive - not just show cars. Almost everyone has or knows someone that has a "special" car (or 2 or 3 or...) whether it be historically significant, rare or just has special significance to the owner. We want to see all these cars at our show - no judging - we are more interested in the stories about why the vehicle is special to the owner and how they came to own it.
- As much fun for the spectators as for the participants with challenging automotive based games and trivia for all in attendance to enjoy.
- Free admittance for show entrants and spectators. In the spirit of "there is no such thing as a free lunch," we will provide meal tickets to everyone making a minimum \$10 donation that will entitle them to said "free" lunch.

We will be following the Homes Tour model of reaching out to the community businesses for sponsorship support. Plus we will engage the church membership in recruiting participation with each member requested to "sell" four \$10 meal ticket/donations.

We will be requesting volunteers to help in reaching out to area businesses for sponsorship and later on for help with the various activities associated with hosting on the day of the show. In the mean time, we would appreciate everyone's help in finding people that would be willing to bring their cars out for this event.

Your help, comments and suggestions are always welcome!

*Ted Lasher  
Steve Terry  
Mike Maginness*

**Connect:** connect with God and the body of Christ through weekly corporate worship.

Saturday Celebrations Worship at 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Traditional Worship at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Contemporary Worship at 11:00 a.m.



United Methodist Women

**NO MEETING  
IN JULY**

After the Very Successful Flea, the UMW is taking a well deserved rest from meeting the month of July.



**Wednesday, July 11  
6:00 to 7:30 pm  
HUMMERS PICNIC  
Fellowship Hall & Outside**

This is a meeting to get to know our new pastor Robert. The Hummers extend an invitation to their spouses to participate in this time of fellowship.

**UMW -  
Dessert-For-A-Year  
Fundraising to Support  
Women & Children  
Ministry**



Thank you, Bonnie Bloom, for the spectacular (birthday) dessert you provided to Chris Chapman last month! Happy Birthday, Chris! In July, Kris Blackwelder will prepare a dessert that has been tested and voted as a hands-down winner with her friends! Kris loves all things lavender, so she has added a special touch of it to her Rustic French Pear Tart with a Lavender/Honey Glaze. Sounds mouth-watering delicious!

**Samaritan's Feet 6th Annual Golf Tournament** will be held on Friday, July 6 at the Bella Vista Country Club. Breakfast/Check-In will be at 7:00 am and the Shotgun Start at 8:00 am. There will be a Sports Memorabilia & Gift Auction and the prize for the Hole In One Contest is a car! All proceeds from our entries will benefit the Gravette Shoe Distribution Event on Saturday, July 28. To date, 170 children have signed up to receive back-to-school shoes & socks at Gravette Schools! We need your support for this event! Pick up a Golf Tournament application at the Information Table in the Gathering Area. For more details, contact Lori Pinkerton at 479-621-7616.



**Grow:** growing in one's love and knowledge of God and others through weekly growth groups.

**THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** (You are invited to any or all Sundays.)

**8:15 am**— July begins a new 13 week study, the Bible's book of Luke. Study books are available for \$9.50. For information please call Donna VanderSchaaf at 479/715-6059. For the combined service on July 1, we meet at 9:00 am.

**9:30 am**— For information about this study group, please call Gary Marshall at 479/866-2481

**The Wesley Resource Center for Spiritual Growth**—the book racks in the Gathering Area are a part of the spiritual growth resources located in the Luke Room in the Activity Center. Please take time to browse.



Join us on Sundays at 5:00 pm

### **Snack Supper and Something Special**

Meet Sarah Catherine and learn what she is planning for students for the rest of the summer!



We have a nursery attendant Sundays during both worship services. If you have a baby or toddler, drop by the nursery and let us give you a tour of our area.

Older children are invited to participate in Children's Sunday School during the worship services (following the Traditional Children's Sermon and during the entire Contemporary Service).

## **GRIEFSHARE**

Highlands Church is hosting a GriefShare Class which began June 28. GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Join us on Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Matthew Classroom for a thirteen week session. Contact John Barth at 479/381-0516 to sign up or with any questions.

## **GIVING YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

If you are vacationing or traveling, remember to give your tithes and offerings before you leave town. The convenience of online giving is always available by visiting our website, [www.humcbv.com](http://www.humcbv.com), and clicking on the orange 'Donate' button at the top of the homepage. If you prefer to give using your mobile device, you can scan the QR code to the right.





**Go:** serving the Church, our community and our world while sharing Jesus.

### **Bella Vista Meals-On-Wheels**

Highlands Church is responsible for Meals-on-Wheels (MoW) deliveries in July, 2018. MoW provides nutritious meals for seniors (60+) in Bella Vista who are unable to prepare meals, homebound or have no reliable method of obtaining meals.

Two volunteers are needed for each of three routes; east, central and west. If you volunteer for the entire week you will have the same route each day.

Volunteers arrive at Bella Vista First United Methodist Church; 20 Boyce Drive, about 10:30 am, pick up their route meals, make deliveries and are finished by 1 pm. A signup sheet is in the Gathering Area.

This is a great mission project for your Growth Group or Care Group. Invite friends or neighbors to be your delivery partner. It is an excellent way to introduce people to our church.

For more information contact Ted (810-360-7434) or Julie (810-360-7433) Lasher.

### **Table of Bounty**

Summer has returned and once again the Monday Women's Emmaus Seekers Group will be sponsoring the Table of Bounty. The table is a seasonal table where those with extra garden produce can share their harvest with those without gardens, while at the same time supporting a worthy cause. Any produce to be donated is placed on the table located in Fellowship Hall by the door going into the Ministries Activities Center. Anyone who would like to take items is asked to leave a love offering in the wooden box on the table. The donations are given entirely to Saving Grace and everyone benefits. Last year a check in the amount of \$151.00 was sent to Saving Grace. For your convenience, plastic bags are kept under the table.

Saving Grace, located in Rogers, is a local mission all about helping young women (ages 17 -24) in transition, specifically those aging out of foster care/group homes. Saving Grace also serves the needs of young women who find themselves homeless and/or dealing with life without a sustaining network of relationships.

A big thank you to the gardeners who so generously share their bounty. Check out the table whenever you are at church and enjoy.

Joyce O'Neil



July 14-15th - Samaritan's Feet Weekend at Highlands Church! WEAR YOUR SAMARITAN'S FEET T-SHIRT to church! It's time to celebrate the ministry serving children with FREE back-to-school shoes and socks in the Gravette School area! To date we have 198 children registered!!

How can you help? Every dollar counts! For every \$20 we raise – it helps one child with shoes, socks, and a few goodies! Also, we need you to serve at the event on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Please SIGN UP today at the Information Table! Samaritan's Feet is a non-profit organization that shares a message of hope and love through washing the feet of children – a very special and unique experience for all. We need footwashers, shoe runners, water basin carriers and more! The event starts at 10 AM in Gravette at the Middle School Cafeteria (volunteers come at 9 am). Please email, text or call Lori Pinkerton at 479-621-7616, [love2bpink@yahoo.com](mailto:love2bpink@yahoo.com).

## July 2018

**1-Sunday**

9:00 am Adult Sunday School  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
 10:30 am Combined Worship Service  
 10:30 am Children's Sunday School  
 11:30 am Welcome Pastor Robert  
 5:00 pm Student Ministry  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**2-Monday**

12:00 pm One Table Cards  
 1:00 pm Mahjongg/FUSS  
 5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

**3-Tuesday**

3:00 pm Yoga  
 3:00 pm Growth Group-McCauley  
 5:30 pm Mexican Train/FUSS  
 6:30 pm Growth Group-Metz

**4-Wednesday—Holiday**

Church Office Closed  
 NO Chancel Choir Reh.

**5-Thursday**

1:00 pm GriefShare  
 6:00 pm Contemporary Reh.  
 6:00 pm Growth Group-Marshall

**6-Friday**

9:30 am Samba  
 1:00 pm Compassionate Disciples

**7-Saturday**

5:30 pm Celebrations Worship

**8-Sunday**

8:15 am Adult Sunday School  
 9:30 am Traditional Worship  
 9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
 11:00 am Contemporary Worship  
 11:00 am Children's Sunday School  
 5:00 pm Student Ministry  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**9-Monday**

12:00 pm One Table Cards  
 1:00 pm Mahjongg/FUSS  
 3:00 pm Women's Emmaus  
 5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

**10-Tuesday**

3:00 pm Yoga  
 3:00 pm Growth Group-McCauley  
 6:30 pm Growth Group-Metz

**11-Wednesday**

6:00-7:30 pm HUMMERS Picnic  
 NO Chancel Choir Reh.

**12-Thursday**

9:00 am Kitchen Cleanup  
 1:00 pm GriefShare  
 2:00 pm Trustees meeting  
 6:00 pm Contemporary Reh.  
 6:00 pm Growth Group-Marshall

**13-Friday**

9:30 am Samba

**14-Saturday**

5:30 pm Celebrations Worship

**15-Sunday**

8:15 am Adult Sunday School  
 9:30 am Traditional Worship  
 9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
 11:00 am Contemporary Worship  
 11:00 am Children's Sunday School  
 5:00 pm Student Ministry  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**16-Monday**

1:00 pm Mahjongg/FUSS  
 5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

**17-Tuesday**

3:00 pm Yoga  
 3:00 pm Growth Group-McCauley  
 6:00 pm Admin Council  
 6:30 pm Growth Group-Metz

**18-Wednesday**

NO Chancel Choir Reh.

**19-Thursday**

1:00 pm GriefShare  
 2:00 pm Library Meeting  
 4:00 pm Care Group Leaders  
 6:00 pm Contemporary Reh.  
 6:00 pm Growth Group-Marshall

**20-Friday**

9:30 am Samba  
 9:30 am Membership Growth

**21-Saturday**

5:30 pm Saturday Celebration

**22-Sunday**

8:15 am Adult Sunday School  
 9:30 am Traditional Worship  
 9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
 11:00 am Contemporary Worship

**11:00 am Children's Sunday School**

5:00 pm Student Ministry  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**23-Monday**

12:00 pm One Table Cards  
 1:00 pm Mahjongg-FUSS  
 3:00 pm Women's Emmaus  
 5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

**24-Tuesday**

3:00 pm Growth Group-McCauley  
 3:00 pm Yoga  
 6:30 pm Growth Group-Metz

**25-Wednesday**

10:00 am Hummers Blood Drive  
 1:00 pm Stitchers  
 6:30 pm Summer Choir Reh.

**26-Thursday**

9:00 am Kitchen Cleanup  
 1:00 pm GriefShare  
 6:00 pm Growth Group-Marshall  
 6:00 pm Contemporary Reh.

**27-Friday**

9:30 am Samba

**28-Saturday**

10:00 am Samaritan's Feet Event  
 1:00 pm Scrapbooking  
 5:30 pm Celebrations worship

**29-Sunday**

8:15 am Adult Sunday School  
 9:30 am Traditional Worship  
 9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
 11:00 am Contemporary Worship  
 11:00 am Children's Sunday School  
 5:00 pm Student Ministry  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**30-Monday**

12:00 pm One Table Cards  
 1:00 pm Mahjongg/FUSS  
 5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

**31-Tuesday**

3:00 pm Yoga  
 3:00 pm Growth Group-McCauley  
 6:30 pm Growth Group-Metz

**Do you shop at Staples or Office Depot?**

If you shop at Staples or Office Depot, and you don't currently take advantage of their reward programs, you can help us out! When you check out in the store, just tell them you have a rewards account and you can provide them the phone number for the church (479-855-2277). The church will get the credit for the sale. This is especially helpful at Staples, because they have a minimum spend amount each year to be a Premier Rewards member and we have saved so much on supplies this year, we may not reach that required minimum. Your office staff works very hard to take advantage of any special BIG1 promotions or special savings opportunities to save money and help us be good stewards of our budget. Being a Premier member allows us to recycle 20 ink cartridges each month... that equals \$480 per year in free office supplies! If you would rather not provide the number at checkout, or if you purchase online, you can provide a copy of your receipt to Lori in the office and she can go online and submit the required numbers off the receipt from your purchase to receive the credit to our account.

**OUR HIGHLANDS FAMILY****SAVE THIS DATE:**

Sunday, August 5, following 11:00 worship  
25th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Bob Johnson and Bev Puckett.

**THANK YOU**

We want to express our thanks to the members of Highlands Church for the many things you did for our family after Vernon's passing. Thank you for the memorial gifts, the food prepared and served by our Care Group and PEO Sisters for the lunch at his memorial service. Thanks to Michael, Gary and Pam for the beautiful and meaningful service. The phone calls and cards meant so much to us. Special thanks to Andy and Jean for everything they did during this difficult time.

Donna Keehn  
Al and Janis Henkel  
Dan and Heather Mayfield

**Prayer Chain**— if you know of someone in need of prayer, call the church office 855-2277.

**Member Care**— if you know of a member who is ill or hospitalized, notify the Church Office 855-2277.

Deadline for the **August 2018 Newsletter** is  
**July 20** at 12 noon.

Send items to

Dru Matthews at [dru@humcbv.com](mailto:dru@humcbv.com)  
or place in the newsletter mailbox  
in the hallway next to the church office.

**CHURCH STAFF**

**Rev. Robert Cloninger**, *Senior Pastor*  
**John Matthews**, *Traditional Worship Leader & Chancel Choir Dir.*  
**Pam Meyer**, *Celebrations Worship Leader & Accompanist*  
**James Hendrix**, *Contemporary Worship Leader*  
**Jeannine Wagar**, *Organist*  
**Joyce Sheldon**, *Handbell Choir Director*  
**Sarah Catherine Davis**, *Children & Student Ministries Coordinator*  
**Lori Heald**, *Office Administrator*  
**Amey Burkett**, *Administrative Assistant*  
**Dru Matthews**, *Bookkeeper*  
**Judy Payne**, *Custodian*