



HIGHLANDS CHURCH

A United Methodist Congregation

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Rev. Robert Cloninger, Pastor

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Saturday Celebrations Worship
at 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Sunday Traditional Worship
at 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Sunday Contemporary Worship
at 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary



“Not Your Typical Car Show”

September 8
(more info on pages 3 & 6)



Highlands Church to Celebrate 30 Years

In the fall of 1988 Highlands United Methodist Church was organized and held its first service in a small house owned by Vern Sidler. As the membership grew, services were moved to the Cooper Sales office overlooking Loch Lomond at the end of Barra Drive.

In a few short years construction was begun on the current church building and the rest is history. This history will be celebrated in September with displays, informational trivia and the "traditional Highlands" pot-luck dinner. The dinner will be held on Sunday,

September 30 following the 10:30 combined service, Final plans will be announced in the September newsletter and through the Friday Weekly Updates.

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

Pastor's Pen

I want to start out by thanking you, Highlands Church, for the outpouring of love you have shown me over the past several weeks with the decline and ultimate passing of my father. I know this is not the typical start for a new pastor, but you never missed a beat. Church went on, activities went on, and our ministry as a church went on. And on a personal level, you have blown me away with the cards, meals, calls, and support. Please know that I cannot thank you enough, nor express what your love and care mean to me. You've even written cards to my mother! I'm absolutely amazed by the grace and love this congregation has.

I don't want you to ever downplay who you are and what you do. Certainly we are to be humble, but you are an incredible congregation. What you have shown me is not a normal response, instead you have shown me the true love of Christ, and on top of that it was so natural for you. You are a congregation unlike any I've seen and I'm so thankful to be here and so honored to serve as your pastor.

I've always felt a deep calling to advance the Kingdom of Heaven and to see growth in churches and individuals. I want God to be glorified and for His people to love the scriptures. I want to see a church full of people who have the scriptures so ingrained that they are in their very bones. I want to reach the lost and transform this world; all of this of course we do through Jesus Christ. After recent weeks and being the recipient of your love, I feel closer to seeing these dreams happen now more than ever before. Here at Highlands we have a whole army of people chomping at the bit to see into fruition the same things that I do.

Having seen what I have seen here I want to make some promises to you. I promise you that we are going to see the glory of God on display in many ways. I promise you that we are going to advance the Kingdom. I promise you that lives will be changed. And I promise you that you will always be able to be proud of your church. Now is our time. You and I are here at this very moment and this place in the world for a reason. Rest assured, God will do more through us than we can ever imagine.

In the next articles I write I will give you specific things God has put on my heart for us to pray for. The first thing I ask you to pray for is that God might be glorified in our church above all else; and that everything we do might be for his glory. Pray that prayer, over and over again and watch what happens to Highlands Church.

Grace and peace for our ministry together,

Pastor Robert

Financial Summary — July 2018

At the printing of this newsletter, we have not yet completed the month of July. However, the finance team is excited to share the news that Highlands' financial condition is improving. We are meeting all our obligations, including Conference tithing.

So the exciting news is that we are starting our time with Pastor Robert Cloninger with a clean slate financially—no arrears!

Please join the finance team in praying for the future of Highlands Church. It is an exciting time with many, new possibilities. May we all be open to receive the future God has in store.

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, 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.



Highlands Mission Ministry News

The loss of Highlands Homes Tour has forced Mission Ministry to look at other options to provide funding for ministry programs and to focus its programs and activities. You have already heard about the upcoming Highlands Car Show. This will be on September 8, 2018. This Car Show is intended to draw on the interest in old, exotic and unusual cars in Northwest Arkansas. Ticket sales will be much like the Homes Tour with each church member receiving a packet of 4- \$10 tickets (\$40). With good participation by church members and a good turnout from the community, we hope to offset much of the loss of funds from the Homes Tour. The \$10 ticket will entitle one to a lunch meal of a fresh grilled burger with all the trimmings. The car show will require fewer volunteer helpers than did the Homes Tour. All proceeds from the Highlands Car Show will be used to support children ministries; Snack Packs for Kids, Samaritan's Feet and Gravette Bright Futures. Ted Lasher, Mike Maginness and Steve Terry are coordinators for this event.

The reduction in Mission Ministry funding has caused the Mission Ministry Team to re-focus its activities and needs to support. The Mission Ministry team has set our priorities on local children ministries and local hunger missions.

Children Ministries:

- **Snack Packs for Kids** provides weekend food packs for Gravette School students. This is done in partnership with Samaritan Community Center in Rogers. Highlands Church provides volunteers once a month and contributed \$3,500 last year. Steve and Amy Terry coordinate this activity.
- **Samaritan's Feet** is an annual mission that provides shoes for school children. Our church provides money, volunteers to do foot washing, and distribution of shoes to Gravette School children. This year is the 4th annual Back-To-School event. Signup volunteer sheets are in the Gathering Area. This year's event will be Saturday, July 28, at the Gravette Middle School Cafeteria. Lori Pinkerton needs volunteers and donations.
- **Gravette Bright Futures** is a nonprofit organization that helps meet the needs of Gravette School District students. These needs come in many forms; medical, clothing, food and school supplies. Anne Mairret and John Edwards represent Highlands Church. This is a very important ministry that we try to support as much as we can through clothing and money donations.

The Power of One provides an opportunity for Highlands Church Members to make a small donation to be used for outreach. Each bill folded length wise and placed in the collection plate goes to our local missions. The other money in the collection plate goes to the church budget. Many Church members give monthly or electronically and the Power of One is an opportunity for everyone to participate in placing something in the collection plate each Saturday or Sunday worship service. This past year \$3610 was collected through Power of One donations. This was used to help fund many of our local children missions.

Hunger Missions:

- Our youth have set up a **food pantry in the lower parking lot**. This mission is supported by our congregation bringing canned food items and other non-perishable food items, such as rice and pasta, and placing in food bins in Fellowship Hall. The Missions Ministry Team has suggested that we expand the idea of the "Power of One" to this food donation. Getting into the habit of bringing a food item to each worship service can go a long way in helping the needy in our community. The youth will use part of these donations to stock the outside pantry and all excess will go to our local Bella Vista food pantries. This way all Church members can participate in Highlands Missions through using the "Power of One" concept both in folded bills and food items.

The Highland Methodist Church has a very giving congregation. We have in the past, and hope to continue, to support many activities through volunteering and funding. Among these that have not been mentioned are: Angel Tree, Blood Drive, Care & Share, Change the World Day, Meals on Wheels, OASIS (women's shelter), Salvation Army, VIM Disaster Mission trips, Sager Brown UMCOR Distribution Center (Disaster Relief) and Village House.

With your help to make the Car Show a success & the "Power of One" for funding and food items we will be able to keep many of our outreach missions going.

Mike Pehosh
Chair of Mission Ministry Outreach Team

Grace
Notes



New Chancel Choir Season Begins

Chancel Choir rehearsals for the new choir year will begin Wednesday, August 22, at 6:30 in the choir room. This is a great time for everyone to join or return to the Chancel Choir as everyone will be in the same place as far as music. In addition to singing each Sunday in the Traditional Worship Service, we will be preparing for our Christmas presentation. I have narrowed the selection to 3 and will make the decision in the next couple of weeks. As always, it will be an inspiration to the listener as well as the singer.

Singing in our choir is an expression of praise to our loving Lord. When we are praising Jesus through song, we are performing for an audience of 1 - God. I have it on good authority that lifting your voice to the Lord in our Chancel Choir will certainly get you extra points when the final tally is totaled. Even if you don't need extra credits, singing in the Chancel Choir is fun and very rewarding. One might come to choir in a less than ideal mood and leave completely refreshed and glad you participated. The fellowship is second to none and the love that is shared is contagious; you just want to spread it around to everyone you meet. Ask a choir member, they can fill you in on the wonders of "Making a Joyful Noise to the Lord."

John Matthews, Traditional Worship Leader



HUMMERS
Will not meet in August

Highlands Ladies Marathon Bridge welcomes new players. The group plays on the second Friday of each month from September to April at the church. If you are interested in joining this fun-loving group, call Cathy Woodburn at 620-688-1156 by August 15.



United
Methodist
Women

**NO MEETING
IN AUGUST**

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



This month, Angie Hansen has chosen to make a perfect summer dessert for Chris Chapman. Key Lime Pie (made w/freshly squeezed key limes of course) with Cream Cheese Topping over a Pecan Sandy Cookie Crust topped with Meringue! Oh my - what a sweet treat that will be! Thank you, Kris Blackwelder, for sharing your Lavender/Honey Glazed French Pear Tart with Chris in July - I'm sure it was scrumptious!

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	July Activities
Hagaman, Donna/Dave	Movie
Newman, Deb/Mel Snyder	Luau
Grilk, Gloria & Ernest	Community Band Concert
Pinkerton, Lori & Gary	Luau
Stone, Lynn & Doug	Luau
Edwards, Marilou & John	Cookout at Prazak's
Foster, Sandra & Jerry	Luau
Pehosh, Joan & Mike	Dinner at Pehosh's
Henkel, Katy & Bud	Luau
Maginness, Chris & Mike	Luau
Lasher, Julie & Ted	Luau
O'Neil/Marshall	Cake, Cookies @ Wood's
Balzer, Alice & Lee	Luau
Sheldon/Howe, Julie	Luau
Williams/Hudec	Lake Picnic @ S Hogg's



Join us on Sundays at 5:00 pm

Where middle school and high school students can share and grow in their faith. For more information, contact the church office.



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).

HEAVEN – Growth Group study

Have you ever wondered . . .

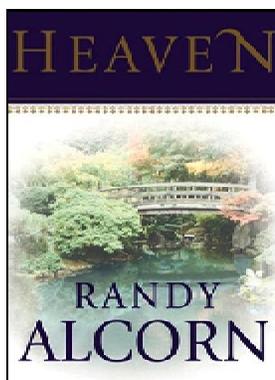
What is Heaven really going to be like?

What will we look like?

What will we do every day?

Won't Heaven get boring after a while?

We all have questions about what Heaven will be like, and after twenty-five years of extensive research, Dr. Randy Alcorn has the answers in his book "Heaven."



In the most comprehensive and definitive book on Heaven to date, Randy invites you to picture Heaven the way Scripture describes it—a bright, vibrant, and physical New Earth, free from sin, suffering, and death, and brimming with Christ's presence, wondrous natural beauty, and the richness of human culture as God intended it.

God has put eternity in our hearts. Now, Randy Alcorn brings eternity to light in a way that will surprise you, spark your imagination, and change how you live today.

If you've always thought of Heaven as a realm of disembodied spirits, clouds, and eternal harp strumming, you're in for a wonderful surprise.

This is a book about real people with real bodies enjoying close relationships with God and each other, eating, drinking, working, playing, traveling, worshiping, and discovering on a New Earth. Earth as God created it. Earth as he intended it to be.

And the next time you hear someone say, "We can't begin to imagine what Heaven will be like," you will be able to tell them, "I can."

This will be a thirteen (13) week study starting Thursday August 23rd and ending November 15th. Each lesson will start at 6 pm and end at approximately 7:30 pm. Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area. Gary Marshall will be facilitating and can be reached at 553-7950.

8:15 Adult Sunday School

Join us on Sunday mornings in the John classroom. We are studying "Luke" from the Genesis to Revelation Series, a UMC endorsed study. Books are available for \$9.50. Please join us. Questions, contact Donna VanderSchaaf at 479-715-6059

9:30 Adult Sunday School

Join us on Sunday mornings in the Mark classroom. We are using the Standard Lessons Commentary. Each lesson will use scripture with verse by verse explanation of the text with detailed background followed by group discussion. Everyone is welcome. Questions, contact Gary Marshall at 479-553-7950

A NOTE FROM YOUR LIBRARY COMMITTEE

When you finish reading that wonderful book and you are not sure what to do with it, consider donating it to the church library. We can always use your hard cover books to add to our collection.

Also, if you borrow a DVD or an audio book on CD's from the library and you find a disk missing or if it skips or the DVD does not play correctly, please attach a note when you return it to the Library. That way we will know it is defective and we won't place it back on the shelf.

The little cart outside the Library door contains the books we currently have for sale. Stop by and see if there is anything of interest to you. You can't beat the price.

Joyce O'Neil

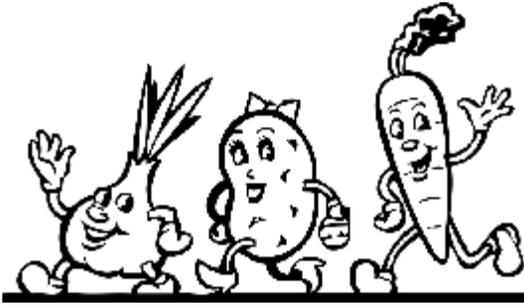


Table of Bounty

The Monday Women's Emmaus Seekers Group once again is sponsoring the Table of Bounty. The table (located in Fellowship Hall) is a seasonal table where those with extra garden produce can share their harvest. Any produce to be donated is placed on the table and 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, 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



Car show flyers are available at the information desk in the Gathering Area at church. Please take a few to give to friends, neighbors, family or acquaintances that might be interested in attending our show. Remember our goal is to have each of our church families get one person to bring a car, truck, motorcycle (or anything else automotive) out to our show. We also want spectators to come check out the vehicles on display and join in the games and enjoy the lunch (with \$10 minimum donation).

We are still recruiting financial sponsors for the show. Steve Terry is coordinating our efforts, so if you know someone that you think might be interested in being a sponsor, please let Steve know (405-222-8727). We have a relatively short amount of time for getting sponsors this year, so we are doing a "targeted" effort rather than going from door to door, so your recommendations are greatly appreciated.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the information desk in the gathering area for anyone willing to help with the activities the day of the show, including - Set-up, Registration, Parking, Overseeing games, Meal ticket sales, Preparing / serving lunch (& collecting tickets), Clean-up, etc. Be sure to let us know if you would help by signing up!

Reminder - Watch for ticket packets for membership sales; available around August 1st.

Your help, comments and suggestions are always appreciated. Thank you.

Thanks for all the help!

Ted



A big warm THANK YOU to all who gave their time and money to support the Samaritan's Feet Back-to-School Shoe Event in July! We were able to raise well over \$1600.00. A full report will be in the September Newsletter. Those new shoes will be walking around at Gravette Days this year and ready for the new school year on the 15th. A very special note of thanks to Pam Meyer, Doug Stone, Linda Uttley, John Edwards, Ruth Richardson, Julie Lasher, Carol Ramsey, Sarah Catherine, Emmie, Anderson, Gary Pinkerton, Mike Pehosh and the members of Mission Ministry team and church office staff for their encouragement and extra effort of support to this awesome ministry!

August 2018

1-Wednesday
2:00 pm Fellowship Committee

2- Thursday
1:00 pm GriefShare

3-Friday
9:30 am Samba
1:00 pm Compassionate Disciples

4-Saturday
5:30 pm Celebration Worship

5-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

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

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

8-Wednesday
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
NO Chancel Choir Reh.

9-Thursday
9:00 am Kitchen cleanup
1:00 pm GriefShare

10-Friday
9:30 am Samba

11-Saturday
5:30 pm Celebrations Worship

12--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

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

14-Tuesday
3:00 pm Yoga
3:00 pm Growth Group-McCauley

15-Wednesday
NO Chancel Choir Reh.

16-Thursday
1:00 pm GriefShare
2:00 pm Library Meeting
4:00 pm Care Group Leaders

17-Friday
9:30 am Samba

18-Saturday
5:30 pm Celebrations Worship

19-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

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

21-Tuesday
3:00 pm Yoga
3:00 pm Growth Group-McCauley
6:00 pm Admin Council

22-Wednesday
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Stitches
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Reh.

23-Thursday
9:30 am Kitchen Cleanup
1:00 pm GriefShare
6:00 pm Growth Group-Marshall

24-Friday
9:30 am Samba

25-Saturday
1:00 pm Scrapbooking
5:30 pm Saturday Celebration

26-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

27-Monday
9:30 am UMW Board Meeting
12:00 pm One Table Cards
1:00 pm Mahjongg-FUSS
5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

28-Tuesday
3:00 pm Growth Group-McCauley
3:00 pm Yoga

29-Wednesday
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Reh.

30-Thursday
1:00 pm GriefShare
6:00 pm Growth Group-Marshall

31-Friday
9:30 am Samba

SERVING US IN AUGUST

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

04-Mark&Ruth Richardson	05-Pat Lehman
11-Stephanie Dalrymple	12-Earl Lehman
18-Jan Lasar	19-Mel Snyder
25-Ted & Julie Lasher	26-Sue LaHood

Sunday Guest Table:

05-Bonnie Bloom
12-Joyce O'Neil
19-Charleen Marsh
26-Barbara Zillmann

On Call for Security:

Bev Puckett

Head Usher:

Joe & Debbie Newman

Liturgists:

05-Bill Williams
12-Joey Potter
19-Dave Hagaman
26-Gloria Grilk

Trustee for the Month:

Ken Bloom

Staff Members & Families Joined Highlands Church!

Betsy Cloninger, wife of Pastor Cloninger and mother of Caroline and Bobby,

Jed and Sarah Catherine Davis also joined Highlands on July 8th. Sarah Catherine is our Children and Student Ministries Coordinator. They have two children, Anderson and Emmie.

John and Dru Matthews, joined on July 8th. John is our traditional worship leader and Dru is our bookkeeper.

Welcome to the Highlands Family!!

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.

OUR HIGHLANDS FAMILY

YOU ARE INVITED

Sunday, August 5, following 11:00 worship
25th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Bob Johnson and Bev Puckett. Please RSVP to bkpuckettmemories@juno.com or call 855-7122 so that we'll have enough cake and punch for everyone.

Dear Friends at Highlands Methodist Church,

We use our prayer shawls constantly and remember so many of you. Thank you for the care cards you have sent. Each one has been a treasure. I'm still in some pain but there's a therapist here at Primrose who can help. We're anxious to meet our new minister and hope to be at church soon. Thank you for your faith—it is stalwart.

Charlotte & Vern Sidler

OUR CONDOLENCES

To Burris Wilson upon the recent loss of his twin sister, Kathryn Greiner.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

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Bob Johnson silverstreak2018@cox.net

NEW ADDRESS

Charles & Teel Smith, 7 Professional Dr.

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Sue Stewart, c/o Cord Bierman,

3544 Ignacio Circle, Stockton CA 95209

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

Send items to

Dru Matthews at 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*