



HIGHLANDS CHURCH

A United Methodist Congregation

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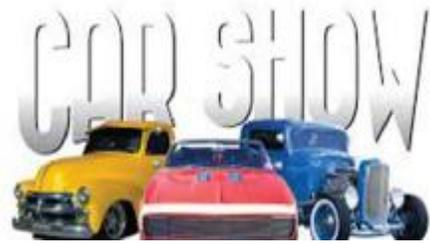
September at Highlands Church



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 information on page 6)

September 30 10:30 a.m. Combined Service

When there is a fifth Sunday in a month, we will have a combined service. Music will be provided by musicians from all three worship styles. It also gives each of us an opportunity to worship with our friends who regularly attend another service.



Sunday September 30

Combined Service at 10:30 am

Potluck Dinner

Following worship service

(Details on page 3)

A-C-E All Church Event – Sept 23rd

"P" Party --

We're having a Party -- We want you to come..
We'll eat a good dinner & then have some fun!

Sunday, Sept. 23rd-- 5:30 PM --
Highlands Church Fellowship Hall
(Details on page 3)

Party

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

Pastor's Pen

My wife, Betsy, has been reading a book about reading the Bible. Now you might ask yourself, why read a book about reading the Bible? I think you'd be surprised by the answer(s). The central point the author of the book makes is that the Bible isn't about us, it's about God. Thus, if we say we love God and follow God, then how well do we know God if we don't know the Bible?

Not much of my seminary training was in the Bible, but in all the other things: counseling, leadership, preaching, theology, etc... As a result, when I finished seminary what did I know about God? I knew some things, but I certainly didn't know enough. That's sad considering the knowledge of God was right before me in a leather-bound Study Bible my mom gave me before I began seminary. I don't think I'm alone in the experience of limited knowledge of the Scriptures. I actually think much of our exposure to the Bible is through snippets; a favorite verse here and there that we might not keep in context. That is simply not enough. The Bible must be read in order to know the God we claim to love.

Scriptural literacy was such a huge part of the Protestant Reformation that Martin Luther said the Bible ought to be read at least once a year. Thomas Cranmer, the man who formalized the Anglican church, set up a reading plan that had the people of England reading the entire Old Testament once, the New Testament three times, and the Psalms twelve times every year. Even John Wesley called on us to read two chapters from the Old Testament and two chapters from the New Testament every day.

I'm talking about Biblical literacy not only for your individual well-being, but the well-being of your church. A church without the majority of the membership actively engaging the Scriptures will not be a healthy and thriving church. Biblical literacy is something we have to continue to pass on and encourage if we want a thriving church until Christ comes back. There have been many plans for church growth written in the past twenty years and yet, churches of all denominations are decreasing in size and vitality. Wouldn't it make sense to focus on the very word of God given to us?

People are looking for truth now more than ever and truth is found in the Scriptures that we hold in our hands. Let's be those people established in the word of God who help others get established in the word of God. In Matthew 5:7, Christ said, "blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." One of the most merciful things we can do is share the knowledge of God contained in the Holy Scriptures.

Pastor Robert

NOTE from Dru Matthews, editor :

It has been my pleasure to edit this newsletter for the past year and a half. I have gotten to know so much about Highlands Church and our wonderful Highlands Family. We are indeed privileged to be a part of this warm and loving church. You have all been so helpful in sending me articles and news for the newsletter. I couldn't have done it without all your input.

Pastor Robert's wife Betsy has come forward to take on this task. She wants to be an integral part of serving Highlands Church and even though she has two adorable munchkins (Caroline and Bobby) to look after, she will find time to edit the newsletter from home. PLUS, she is an expert in desktop publishing, designing brochures, designing websites and a multitude of other wonderful things.

If you haven't noticed, Betsy has redesigned the church website: www.humcbv.com
Please take a minute to see the new look.

SO...please be just as helpful to Betsy in sending your articles as you have been to me.

Her email address is: betsycloninger@gmail.com

Celebrating 30 years at Highlands UMC



What were you doing 30 years ago? In the Highlands of Bella Vista twenty-five people were diligently planning the first service for the newly formed Highlands United Methodist Church. Two of those individuals will share their memories of that time at the combined service on Sunday, September 30. Service time is 10:30.

In keeping with a longtime tradition of Highlands Church, a potluck dinner will be served following the worship service. Longtime members will remember that fellowship and potlucks were an almost monthly event at Highlands Church.

Besides good food and fellowship, there will be a short program with Jack Schaible, Highlands first appointed pastor, sharing his memories of important events during his tenure as pastor. Also, a brief history of the church will be presented.

A sign-up sheet is on the information counter for those planning to attend. You can enter your name under the food item(s) you plan to bring.

This event will remind us of where we came from and give us direction on where we go from here. We should remember our past because it contains the collective wisdom we deprive ourselves of when we do not look back.

A-C-E All Church Event – Sept 23rd

"P" Party --

We're having a Party -- We want you to come..
We'll eat a good dinner & then have some fun!

It's a Potluck -- so Everyone bring a Pot--
It must start with a "P" whether cold, warm or hot.
Popcorn, Pizza, Pie, Pickles, Prime Rib or Peas,
Pasta, Potatoes, Pork, whatever you please !!

Dress code will be Purple, Pink or Plaid,
Polka dots, Paisley or anything you have !!
Prizes for the most perfect "P" outfit will be given
Dress for the occasion and you'll be a winner.



Party

Party

Sunday, Sept. 23rd-- 5:30 PM --

Highlands Church Fellowship Hall

Please sign up so we know how many to plan for.

Questions call: Henkels 876-6121 - Stones 876-2260

CENTERED IN PRAYER

Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 20-21

When I am grasped by the image of the kingdom of God, I know that genuine interdependence and community within the human family is possible. What we experience now is but a taste of what will be. It is through the image of the kingdom that I experience what it means to say that "Christ is Lord." The destructiveness of human sin—the greed and the injustice and the arrogance—that so plagues the human community is not the last word. Christ is risen and the kingdom of God is here! (from *Mutual Ministry* by James C. Fenhagen)



Monday, September 10
9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall.

United
Methodist
Women



HUMMERS
Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 4, at 7:45 am. If you plan to attend, PLEASE SIGN UP in the Gathering Area so we are able to prepare the proper amount of food. Our guest speaker will be Sara Scott, Executive Director of Village House Inc. Come hear about the ONLY Adult Day Program in NWA.

Yum! Yum!

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

This month, Bev Marten will share her gooey-good Turtle Cheesecake recipe with Chris Chapman and husband, George. One does wonder if they have yet recovered from the sweetness Angie Hansen delivered in her Key Lime Pie!! Thank you ladies for sharing your baking craft with others, for others!



SERVING US IN SEPTEMBER

Saturday Host/Hostesses: **CPR/AED:**
 1-Jan & Travor Taylor 2-Linda Virgili
 8-Virginia Wood 9-Linda Virgili
 15-Stephanie Dalrymple 16-Ron Blackwelder
 22-Steve & Amy Terry 23-Angie Hansen
 29-Ted & Julie Lasher 30-Sue LaHood

Sunday Guest Table: **On Call for Security:**
 To be announced Geary Lynn Manske

Liturgists: **Head Usher:**
 2-Robyn Wolters Paul & Helen Bickford
 9-Dick Steck
 16-Joyce Sheldon
 23-ave Hagaman
 30-Claudia Williams

Trustee for the Month:
 Dave Hagaman

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	Lunch-Duffers
Newman, Deb/Mel Snyder	Dinner-BV Bar & Grill
Grilk, Gloria & Ernest	Breakfast-Papa Mike's
Pinkerton, Lori & Gary	—
Stone, Lynn & Doug	Movie & Snack at church
Edwards, Marilou & John	Brunch-Lakepoint
Foster, Sandra & Jerry	—
Pehosh, Joan & Mike	—
Henkel, Katy & Bud	Sun.Brunch-Rhythm & Q
Maginness, Chris & Mike	Brunch-Lakepoint
Lasher, Julie & Ted	Lunch-BV Bar & Grill
O'Neil/Marshall	Lunch-Wooden Spoon
Balzer, Alice & Lee	Dinner—at Martens
Sheldon/Howe, Julie	Sunday Dinner-Concordia
Williams/Hudec	Lake Picnic @ S Hogg's

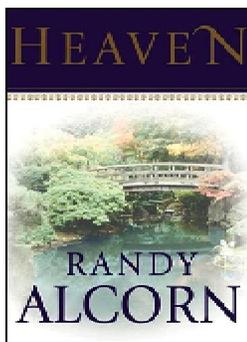


Join us on Sundays at 5:00 pm

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

HEAVEN – Growth Group study

This thirteen (13) week study started Thursday August 23rd and will end November 15th. Each lesson starts at 6 pm and ends at approximately 7:30 pm. Gary Marshall is the facilitator 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

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.



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).

YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A BLESSING!

Rita and I would like to thank everyone for the love and support you have shown us for these past twelve years together. We have been the recipients of your love through many trying and difficult times, and we thank Our Father that during those difficult times our church family at Highlands Church showered us with your care, concern, and compassion.

I have loved teaching the Word of God, learning with you how much Jesus loves us, and ministering God’s love in whatever ministry I was called upon to share. I will always remember all those loved ones we have had to say good-bye to and all the new friends we have enjoyed along the way. You have always been a great Church and I know you will continue in that vein.

You have become our friends in a way that only God could have knit us together, and we look forward to every reunion encounter that might present itself.

We have heard nothing but good reports about the future of Highlands Church and we will continue praying daily for God’s hand in all you do as you continue ministering His love throughout the community and the world.

God Bless you and thank you for being so kind to us for so many years and in so many wonderful and meaningful ways.

Michael & Rita Callahan





Thank you to all who contributed to the Bright Futures drive for jeans and spirit wear for the Gravette school children. Bright Futures collected 225 jeans and approximately 30 tee shirts. Also another big thank you for your generous contribution of notebooks and pencils to help fill the backpacks given to the Gravette school children to start the new school year.

Anne Mairet, Coordinator

Meals on Wheels

Highlands Church has now completed it's month of Meals on Wheels deliveries. 62 Highlands Church members (and 2 guests) volunteered their time to deliver more than 800 meals to extremely grateful recipients during the month of July. I would like to thank each and every one of you that helped with these important meal deliveries and with the coordination of the meal distribution process. Taking over from long-time coordinators, Mike and Kay Thompson; we had big shoes to fill and a steep learning curve made slightly steeper since we were working with new associates at the Bentonville Senior Center. But with all we have learned and the communication we have established with the Senior Center, we can look forward to smooth meal deliveries when Highlands Church has it's next turn in March of next year. Thank you one and all.

Ted & Julie Lasher



We had an amazing year with the 4th annual Samaritan's Feet Event in Gravette! 219 pairs of shoes and socks blessed the children - toddlers to teens - as they returned to school. Without a doubt, 140 of those children will remember the foot washing experience, prayers and kindness they received from the volunteers from Highlands Church! The remaining 79 pairs will be sure to bless many more throughout the year. It was such joy to work alongside so many from our congregation. The support was amazing! Too many awesome servants to mention! THANK YOU! We also appreciate the cooperation with the Gravette School System, the Heritage and Harvest Baptist churches in Gravette. Teasley Drug for providing water for the volunteers. Coach Greenwood and Coach McKenzie for sending football boys to set up, and teachers - that while on summer break - took the time to come and serve with us! A big shout out to John Edwards and Ruth Richardson for representing the church and this event in the school system! Thank you to everyone that dug deep in their pockets to support the fundraising efforts for this sweet ministry!

Lori Pinkerton, Coordinator of Gravette Samaritan's Feet



“Not Your Typical Car Show”

September 8—Highlands Parking Lot
and Fellowship Hall

8:30 am Registration

10:00 am Car Show Begins

We have heard from many members that they will be bringing their car or have a friend or relative bringing a car. Between members helping find vehicles and our promotion through area car clubs we are hoping (and praying) for a good turnout.

And finally, please consider signing up to help with activities the day of the show. No automotive expertise required! The sign-up sheet is available at the information desk in the gathering area.

Ted Lasher

JULY BLOOD DRIVE

Due to the effort of many volunteers the July Community Blood Drive Center of the Ozarks has 21 more units of blood. This blood product will be used in NW Arkansas, and SW Missouri This represents a good number for our location and time of the year. A big thank you to all from Highlands and the community who could and did participate.

1-Saturday

5:30 pm Celebration Worship

2-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

3-Monday-church office closed

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch
 12:00 pm One Table Cards
 1:00 pm Mahjongg/FUSS
 5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

4-Tuesday

7:45 am HUMMERS
 3:00 pm Yoga
 3:00 pm Growth Group-McCauley
 5:30 pm Mexican Train/FUSS
 6:30 pm Growth Group-Metz

5-Wednesday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch
 2:00 pm Fellowship Committee
 4:00 pm Handbells Reh.
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Reh.

6-Thursday

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

7-Friday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch
 9:30 am Samba
 1:00 pm Compassionate Disciples

8-Saturday CAR SHOW

8:30 am Registration
 10:00 am Car Show
 2:00 pm Cleanup
 5:30 pm Celebrations Worship

9-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

10-Monday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch
 9:30 am UMW Meeting
 12:00 pm One Table Cards
 1:00 pm Mahjongg/FUSS
 3:00 pm Women's Emmaus
 5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

11-Tuesday

10:30 am Duplicate Bridge
 3:00 pm Yoga
 3:00 pm Growth Group-McCauley
 6:30 pm Growth Group-Metz

12-Wednesday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch
 1:00 pm Staff Meeting
 4:00 pm Handbells Reh
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Reh.

13-Thursday

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

14-Friday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch
 9:30 am Samba
 10:00 am Marathon Bridge

15-Saturday

5:30 pm Celebrations Worship

16-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

17-Monday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch
 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting
 1:00 pm Mahjongg/FUSS
 5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

18-Tuesday

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

19-Wednesday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch
 4:00 pm Handbells Reh.
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Reh.

20-Thursday

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

21-Friday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch
 9:30 am Samba

22-Saturday

1:00 pm Scrapbooking
 5:30 pm Celebrations Worship

23-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
 5:30 pm ACE 'P' Potluck Party
 7:00 pm AA Meeting

24-Monday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch
 12:00 pm One Table Cards
 1:00 pm Mahjongg-FUSS
 3:00 pm Women's Emmaus
 5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

25-Tuesday

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

26-Wednesday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch
 10:00 am HUMMERS Blood Drive
 1:00 pm Stitchers
 1:00 pm Staff Meeting
 4:00 pm Handbells Reh.
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Reh.

27-Thursday

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

28-Friday

7:30 am Flex 'N Stretch
 9:30 am Samba
 11:00 am PEO Game Day

29-Saturday

30-Sunday CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

8:15 am Adult Sunday School
 10:30 am Combined Service
 12:00 pm Potluck Lunch
 5:00 pm Student Ministry
 7:00 pm AA Meeting



OUR HIGHLANDS FAMILY



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Dale & Clea Simpson
 22 Cambria Dr., Bella Vista AR 72715
 870-251-3912 Dale's cell
dale28719@gmail.com

THANK YOU

To my church family for the cards, phone calls, emails, and verbal expressions of sympathy after the loss of my father. He had a full life and passed away one month before his 97th birthday. Thank you, also, for the many cards, phone calls, and prayers concerning my back pain. Please keep me in your prayers. The doctors can certainly use His help.

Lynne Snodgrass

THANK YOU:

For the prayers, cards and thoughts after the loss of Burris' twin sister. It's comforting to know we are part of such a caring church.

Burris & Beverly Wilson

OUR CONDOLENCES

To Betty Fellows and family upon the recent loss of her husband, Gene. A Memorial Service will be held on September 1, at 1:00 pm in Highlands Church sanctuary.

To Carolyn Standridge upon the recent loss of her 90 year old brother, Jack Stewart of Enid OK.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

Don & Barbara Forsyth,
donbarb2@cox.net

NEW ADDRESS

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Carl & Kathie Holm,
 402 Concordia Dr., Bella Vista, AR 72715

THANK YOU:

We would like to thank everyone who made our 25th Anniversary celebration a success, especially Bev Marten, Jenny Montgomery, Carmen Alessi, and Linda Uttley. Thanks also for all the wonderful cards you have given us—they are making it into our anniversary scrapbook as they arrive.

Bob Johnson & Bev Puckett

THANK YOU:

I really appreciate all the prayers, cards, and food given me during my recovery from my total knee replacement. When wrapped in my prayer shawl, I feel like I have God's arms wrapped around me. Thank you for being such a loving and caring church.

Beth Williams

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

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

Send items to
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 479/926-6601

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or place in the newsletter
 mailbox in the hallway
 next to the church office.