

*Highlands
Community of Christ*

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Highlands Highlights



*We will be a Light in our Community by sharing the love
of Jesus the Christ!*

July 19, 2020

MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

Shine like the Sun

Additional Scriptures

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25;

Doctrine and Covenants 128:8c



There is still time to register for the Midlands Mission Center Virtual Reunion it is this Saturday and Sunday, July 18th and 19th.

For those who wish to attend they can still register: [HERE](#)

Virtual Reunion Schedule:

9:00 – 10:00 Intergenerational Activity

10:00 – Noon Class with David Nii

2:00 – 4:00 Chats with David Nii

6:00 – 7:30 Evening Games & Fun (feel free to eat while we play)

7:30 – 8:30ish Campfire

The following link can be shared with others who would like to join for Sunday worship. We will be gathering at 10:00am with the service beginning at 10:30am.

VIRTUAL REUNION SUNDAY:

Topic: **Virtual Reunion Sunday Worship with Apostle David Nii**

Time: Jul 12, 2020 10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/204886967?pwd=eUFJUWVFSVpWY0t5VjZERzdWRkxoQT09>

Meeting ID: **204 886 967**

Password: **8510**

One tap mobile

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DISCIPLES

GENEROUS RESPONSE

You can still tithe!

As you share your mission tithes or if you give regularly through eTithing, use this time to express gratitude for God's many gifts in your life and to reflect on how we respond faithfully to those blessings. When we understand God's love and grace are given freely to us, we respond out of gratitude and are liberated to share freely in return.

Financial Status as of July 12, 2020

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|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Sunday's Local contributions: | \$ 1,190.00 |
| Goal for July | \$ 16,475.00 |
| Received in July (2 weeks) | \$ 5,210.00 |
| YTD status thru June (below goal) | \$ (28,664.11) |

* The monthly goal is calculated as follows:
Annual budget of \$197,700.00 /12 = \$16,475.00

Campership Fund Raising Status

Status as of July 12, 2020

Amount since last Sunday: \$ 25.00
YTD Amount: \$ 597.41
(Goal \$ 4,500.00)

E-tithe:

1. <https://app.securegive.com/cofchrist>
****Select our congregation: The Highlands (Hint: you have to scroll down to the T's.)

Or mail a check to:

Highlands Community of Christ
7615 N Platte Purchase Dr
Kansas City, Missouri 64118

Or to:

Gary Libeer
6705 N Broadway St
Gladstone, MO 64118

Back By Popular Demand..... Prayer Service!!!!

Join us every Wednesday from 6:30-7:15pm to praise God for our blessings and to pray for thanksgiving and healing with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95276706058>

Meeting ID: 952 7670 6058

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12:50



Clay County Public Health Center

posted a  local alert for Clay County.



35 mins · 

Beginning Sunday, July 19, the use of face masks will be required in all indoor areas of public accommodation in Clay County.

More information, including the updated Public Health Emergency Order, can be found at clayhealth.com/masks.

"Face masks and physical distancing are the two most effective tools we have at our disposal during this time," said Director of Public Health Gary E. Zaborac. "These simple actions have been proven to reduce the spread of droplets that can carry COVID-19. We are asking everyone in Clay County to do their part to protect themselves and others in our community, especially the most vulnerable."

Over the past two weeks, Clay County has seen a 36% increase in active COVID-19 cases. There has also been a 300% increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations in the past 30 days, with the daily average raising from 10 patients hospitalized to 40. There have been a total of 561 cases of COVID-19 reported in Clay County Public Health Center's jurisdiction and a total of 20 deaths.

"It is critical we take this additional step to require masks in order to slow down increases in cases, to avoid overburdening our healthcare system, and to avoid the disruption to our local economy that would come if we would have to return to stay at home orders," said Director Zaborac.

JOIN YOUR HIGHLANDS FAMILY ONLINE!!!

**You do not have to have a camera to participate!
Just a computer where you can view the screen.**

Highlands Game Night **Zoo Trivia!!!**

Saturday, July 25, 2020 7:00pm

You will need a computer screen and a smart phone/iphone

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98352328700?pwd=OHVqeU1Fa2tGM01tVU5rTlcrbmw2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 983 5232 8700 Password: Highlands



Participant controls in the lower left corner of the Zoom screen:

Using the icons in the lower left corner of the Zoom screen, you can:

- Mute/Unmute your microphone (far left)
- Turn on/off camera (“Start/Stop Video”)
- Invite other participants
- View Participant list – opens a pop-out screen that includes a “Raise Hand” icon that you may use to raise a virtual hand
- Change your screen name that is seen in the participant list and video window
- Share your screen

Somewhere on your Zoom screen you will also see a choice to toggle between “speaker” and “gallery” view. “Speaker view” shows the active speaker. “Gallery view” tiles all of the meeting participants.



Beginning immediately, We can no longer collect clothing and items in plastic bags for central avenue at the church for a while. Items that can be wiped down are still allowed to be collected. For example canned goods. Due to the church being sanitized, we need to control the items that are being brought into the church.



YOUTH /YOUNG ADULT CALENDAR **SUBJECT TO CHANGE/CANCEL!!!!**

Events scheduled by the Highlands and the Midlands Mission Center. Any questions please see Dawn Pagat Highlands Pastor of Youth/Young Adults or any Youth Leadership

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| August 15 | Back to School Party, Highlands, 10:00 – 2:00 GAP, Highlands, 6:00 – 8:00 PM |
| September 19 | GAP, Highlands, 6:00 – 8:00 PM |
| September 20 | Youth Activity, Corn Maze, Kearney 1:00 – 3:00 pm |
| September 26 | Youth Fundraiser, Chili Cook-off, Highlands, 5:00 – 8:00 pm |
| October 11 | Congregational Activity, KC Zoo, 1:00 – 5:00 |
| October 17 | GAP, Highlands, 6:00 – 8:00 PM |
| October 31 | Trunk or Treat, Highlands, 2:00 – 4:00 pm |
| November 1 | Youth Activity, Kansas City in a Day, 1:00 – 4:00 pm |
| November 6-8 | TWIST, Host Congregation TBA |
| December 12 | Breakfast with Santa, Highlands, 9:00 – 12:00 |
| December 19 | GAP/Christmas party with caroling, 4:00 – 8:00 |

We also have the new study group that will be studying the book :

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations by Robert Schnase New Class starting Wednesday July 15th at 7:30 pm facilitated by Chante' Campbell-Nixon and Dawn Pagat.

Here is the link for the zoom meeting: Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/99004660318?pwd=eVM2bG1VVkNwQ09xZ3VwV2V5UmVwZz09>

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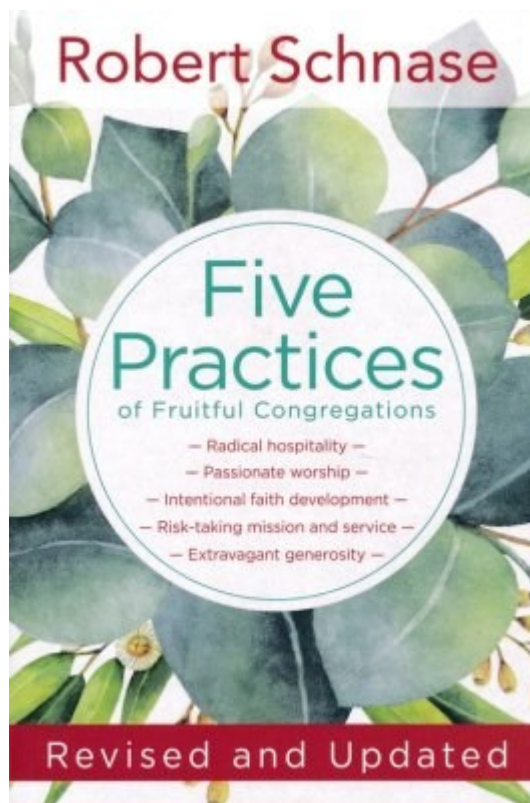
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Book is available online. https://www.amazon.com/Five-Practices-Fruitful-Congregations-Revised/dp/1501858874/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1YSI67SMH2ZEG&dchild=1&keywords=five+practices+of+fruitful+congregations+revised+and+updated&qid=1594818487&srefix=five+pract%2Caps%2C169&sr=8-1

It is available in paperback and in kindle versions

Please read the introduction and chapter one before the class session. The class will be discussion over the previous chapter.



Congregation Readiness Survey

Please check your emails for a survey that was sent out last Sunday. If you are not able to fill out online, The survey is below. You can email it to Kathyruff@yahoo.com. She is assembling all of the responses for the Pastorate. If you have questions or concerns please let her know. If you wish to be anonymous with your answers, you can mail the response to Kathy Ruoff 6719 NW 102nd Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64154.

Below is the survey

The Highlands Pastorate Team is hoping to gauge the Congregation's level of comfort with and support for returning to the building for in-person worships.

Since our pandemic situation is ever-changing, the guidelines from World Church and the Mission Center may be modified in the future. But for now, in order to return to the building for worship, the following restrictions must be implemented.

Please read the following guidelines for reopening the building:

*The church building will only be open for Sunday worship. No other activities will be allowed including Sunday School, all weekday events, classes, or meetings.

*Attendance with name and contact phone numbers will be taken each week for COVID-19 tracing. If there is a positive test result, the Highlands must close for 14 days and those who were in attendance must also self-quarantine for 14 days. In the event of a lawsuit due to exposure to a positive case, the Highlands is solely liable for damages.

*All perimeter doors will remain locked. Entry will only be made through the front doors.

*Face Masks will be worn by everyone over the age of 2 while in the building. Those that do not have a mask will be provided with one. Those that refuse to wear mask will be asked to leave or refused admittance.

*There will be no social gatherings inside or outside the facility before or after the worship.

*Physically greeting one another with hugs or handshakes will be prohibited.

*Entry into the sanctuary will be made through the back-double doors. Seating will be in every other row with all members of a family household seated together. Children and Teen-agers will remain with their parents while in the building.

*Exiting sanctuary will only be through back SE door.

*Only the sanctuary will be used. Other than the bathrooms closest to sanctuary, the rest of the building will be off limits for use to minimize areas that need weekly disinfecting and the cost associated with that

* Only one person at a time will be allowed in the bathroom except for family members. Regulations dictate that bathrooms must be cleaned immediately after each use.

*Printed materials (bulletins, hymnals, Bibles, pens and pencils and post-it notes) will be removed from the sanctuary.

*During the services, no singing will be allowed. Hymns or recorded music may be projected, live meditation instrumental music or recordings of a member singing may be played.

*Sacraments that involve touch or close proximity are to be delayed until physical distancing requirements are suspended.

For Communion:

*Servers will wear gloves as well as masks

*Combined prayers will be said

*Members will come forward to the front of the sanctuary to be served

*Bread pieces will be handed to each member by the server

*Wine cups will either be handed to each member by the server or placed on the table to be picked up.

*Used cups will be placed in a Ziploc bag then sealed and placed in the trash

*DGR – There will not be envelopes in the pews for offertory use. Donations will be placed in baskets at the back of the sanctuary. For those not planning on using E-tithing, offering should already be ready in a tithing envelope for record-keeping.

*All areas used while people are in the building will be required to be cleaned and completely disinfected on a weekly basis. The disinfecting process includes wiping down door handles and other objects used with disinfectant and fogging the sanctuary with a disinfectant fog

*All microphones used, and the sound board will be cleaned and disinfected weekly by the sound person

*If the piano or organ is used, the musician playing them will be responsible for cleaning and disinfecting that instrument after use

*Food and drinks will not be permitted in the building. Congregational breakfasts, meals, potlucks, etc. are suspended until further notice

*The Water Fountains have been shut off

Q1 I have completely read the guidelines laid out in the email and feel fully informed of the changes that are required to attend in person services at the Highlands. Circle one: Yes No

Q2 Your name: (desired but not required) _____

Q3 Based on the guidelines listed in the email, how comfortable, or supportive would you be in returning to physical in-person worships?

_____ Not comfortable or supportive at all

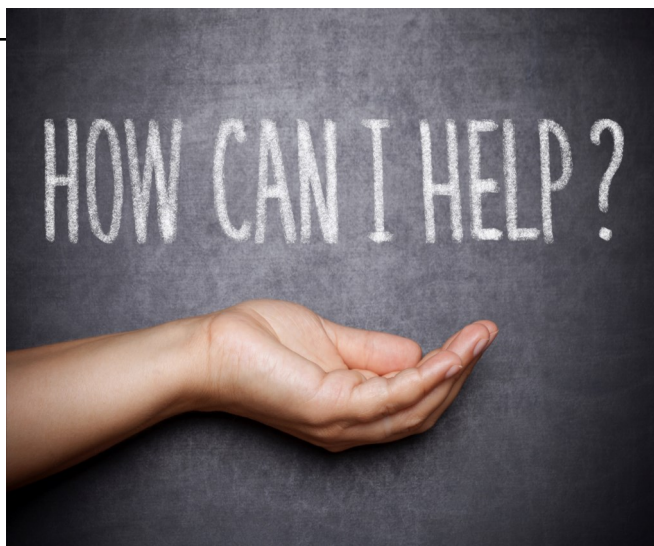
_____ Somewhat not comfortable or supportive

_____ Neutral

_____ Somewhat comfortable and supportibve

_____ Completely comfortable and supportive

Q4: Comments _____



1. Start calling other church members! Let's stay connected during these stressful times!
2. Join us online Saturday evenings for games!
3. Join us online for Sunday Morning Services
4. Wash your hands and take care of yourself!

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 Submissions, questions or to contact Congregational Leadership, contact the church office:
 kchcofc@kchighlands.org or phone 816-468-7878,
 9am-4pm, Mon - Thurs

2020 CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Pastor of Record

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Historians

Sandy Allen, Missy Shields

Counselor to Pastorate

Marty Jenson

Highlands Publicity/Nursery Coordinator

Chris German

Worship Team

Kathy Ruoff, Missy Shields, Nancy Short, Dawn Pagat, Mary Libeer, Rob de Zwart

Highlands Leadership Board

Bob Mallett, Russ Gunn, Harriett Ramey, Rob Campbell-Nixon, June Tygart, Jack Cavitt

Prayer Service Coordinator

Linda Minthorn

Sunday Breakfast

Carol Gist

Priesthood Leadership

Lehi German

Classic Choir Director

Barb Siebert

Sharon Pierce, Assistant

Stewardship

Gary Libeer-CFO

Marty Jenson

Allen Keehler

Communion to Shut-ins

Gary & Mary Libeer

Pastoral Care to the Congregation

Elaine Bradford

Building Improvement Committee

Sandy & Terry Allen, Bob Gauper, Tom Gist, Marty Jenson, Gary Libeer, Russ Gunn, Pastorate

Prayer Circles

Beverly Gauper, Nancy Short

Christian Education

Chante' Campbell-Nixon

Signs and External Outreach

Chante' & Rob Campbell-Nixon

Women's Ministries

Mary Jane Stafford

Highlands Technology Team

Russell Gunn- Tech Advisor

Sound/Video Bryan Parrott,

Missy Shields

Computer/Website

Larry Ragan

Social Media

Chante' Campbell-Nixon, Manager, Briana Gist, Ashli Gunn-Young Adult Website

Men's Ministries

Larry Paradine

Young Adult Ministries/Website

Ashli Gunn

Hospitality/Outreach

Sue Williams

Security Committee

Bryan Parrott, Nancy Short, Mary Jane Stafford, Jeri Lynn Dobson

Wedding Coordinators

Ashli Gunn, Wendy Gunn, Sharon Bongiovanni

Fellowship Coordinator

Kathy Ruoff

Scout Troop 447 Chartered Organizational Rep

Preston Pagat

Fine Arts Coordinator

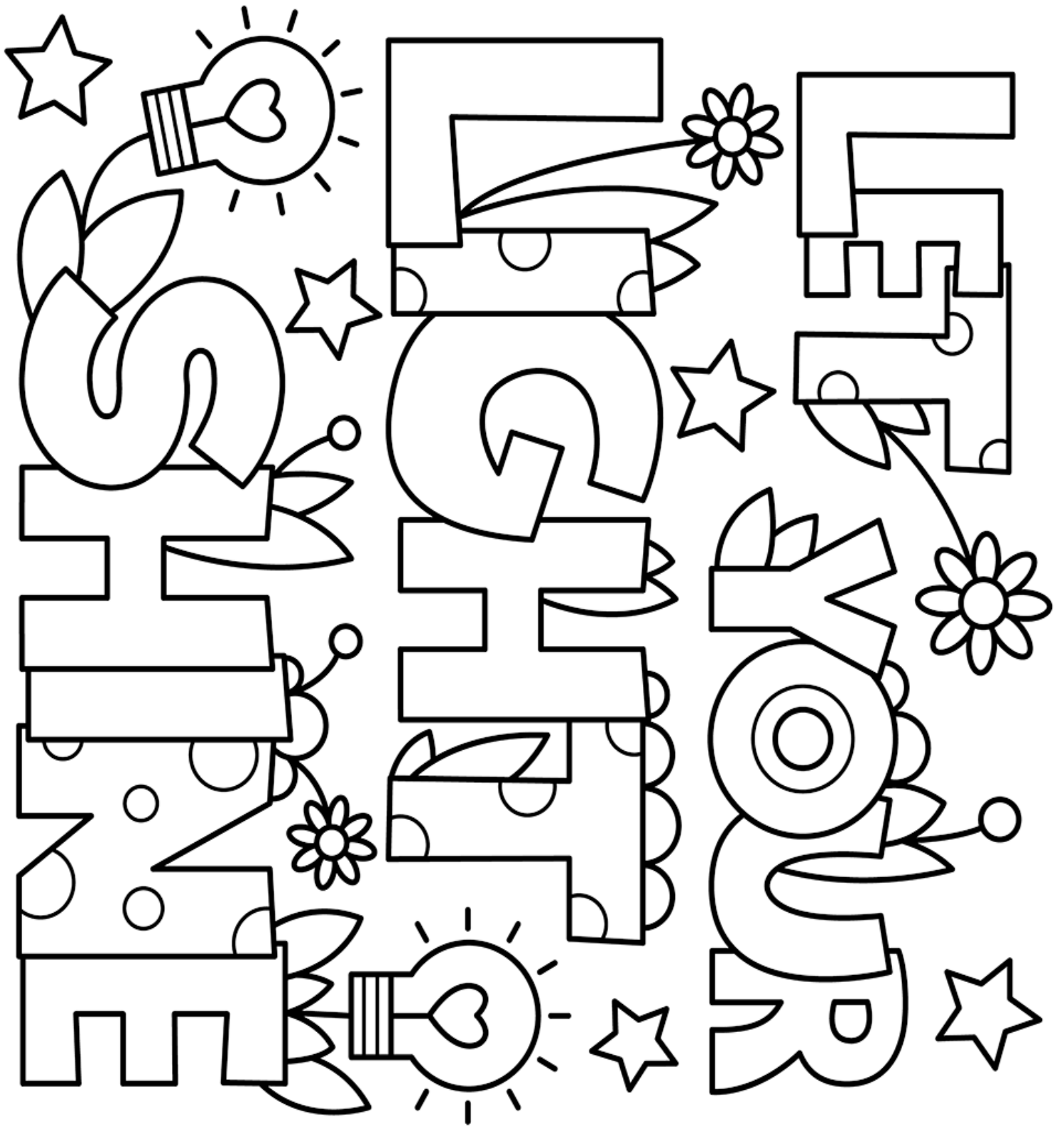
Sharon Bongiovanni

Multi-Cultural Liaisons

Bob Gauper, Jes & Juli Albert, Dennis & Jeanne Payea

Wednesday Evening Meals

Bob Gauper



Hear ye therefore the parable
of the sower.

Matthew 13:18

