

One Church Worship Service

Christmas Day

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal; † Congregation standing
Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer and meditation
Large print copies of the hymnals and Bible are available in the narthex.

Welcome

Prelude *The Holly Tree Carol* -Jean Ritchie

The Lighting of the Christ Candle The Forrester Family

Congregation Sings *Gift of God, O Emmanuel*

†**Opening Song** *"There's a Song in the Air"* UMH #249

Scripture Lesson **Psalm 98** pew Bible, p. 551

Opening Prayer

Children's Time

Tithes and Offerings
Offertory

†**Offering Prayer**

Bringing our Prayer Concerns to the Cradle

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem *Let It Be Christmas*

Scripture Lesson **John 1:1-14** pew Bible p. 91

Sermon **The Word Made Flesh**

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT I UMH p. 33

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II UMH p. 12

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

†**Closing Song** *"Joy to the World"* UMH #

†**Dismissal with Blessing** *"Star-Child"* TFWS #2095

Postlude

Welcome to the Highlands United Methodist Church

Merry Christmas! Welcome to our special combined worship service for Christmas Day. Whether you normally worship with us at HUMC during the 9:09 bluegrass or the 10:50 traditional service, or whether you're visiting with us today, we're glad you're here. What a blessing and privilege it is to worship God with you on this Christmas Day!"
We are a hearing looped church.
Ask an usher if you need help with your hearing device.

Ministry Bags

For the month of **December** we're collecting canned tuna, canned chicken, canned salmon, spaghetti sauce, any dry pasta, macaroni & cheese, canned green beans, canned corn for the **Emergency Council**

Attendance on December 18: 9:09-96 10:50-112

Pastor Randy would like to meet with everyone interested in participating in Disciple Bible Study I on Thursday, January 5th at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. We plan to begin the 34 week study the week of January 16th.

There will be no Family Night Supper or activities on Wednesday this week.

Birthday Wishes to (December 26) Dana Reker; (December 27) Donnie Edwards, Denise Kolousek; (December 29) Beth Bowser; (December 30) Valerie Long; (December 31) Cynthia Berg, Samantha Moore

Happy Anniversary to (December 27) Jason & Samantha Moore; (December 31) Al & Karen Hendry, Dennis & Nancy Ostema

HUMC Faith & Fellowship Center

Foreign Currency Collection

Most folks who have traveled out of the USA have come home with a small amount of foreign money they had left over from their trip. Bring all that leftover foreign currency to HUMC. It doesn't matter what country it is from or how old it is. Coins and paper money-from any country is wanted. We will convert all that money & add it to the generous donations we have already received to help pay for our new Faith and Fellowship Center. Put your foreign currency in an envelope & mark the country name on it. Then drop it in the collection plate on Sunday or drop it by the church office. Thanks for your generosity.

New Challenge Gift ~ Highlands United Methodist recently received a challenge gift of \$5,000 for the new Faith and Fellowship Center. The donor will make the gift if the challenge can be matched by December 31. The prospective donor would prefer that several people participate in this worthwhile effort, if possible. If you feel called to help out, we would be very appreciative. Just note that your donation is a matching gift on the check or an accompanying note.

Every Penny Counts... So far the change from the piggy banks has totaled \$2,072.73, which goes to the Capital (Land/Building) Fund. Thank you!

A Look Ahead

Sunday, January 22nd ~ Bolivia Pizza Fundraiser

To order a pizza; pick up a form from on of the Information Stations, sign up on the kiosk, or on the church website

Monday, January 16th ~ Martin Luther King holiday - office closed

Sunday, February 12th ~ Heart of Highlands

Wednesday, March 1st ~ Ash Wednesday

Church Studies & Activities: Everyone is Invited!

Monday

Joy Group for Seniors from 11:30-1:30pm. For more info call Tricia Smith at 828-338-8167. On December 15th, meet at the church to go to the Batson's home for Joy Group.

Tuesday

Men's Breakfast Club meets at the Sports Page from 8:30-9:30am.

Women's Emmaus Group meets at 11:00am in the church parlor.

Women's Bible Study Taking a winter break. Meeting for prayer and planning to be announced..

Home Study Group meets at 7:30pm each Tuesday at the Motz's house. The Lectionary Texts for the week are discussed.

Wednesday

Men's Emmaus Group meets at 12:30pm.

Wednesday Night Activities 6:00pm - Childcare provided
December 28 ~ No Activities

Thursday

Joy Group for Seniors from 11:30-1:30pm.

Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Will resume on January 12, 2017



After School ~ ALL youth, grades 6-12 are invited to come after school on Wednesdays to do homework, have a snack, and simply hang out. Dinner is at 5:15, and at 6pm there is a program or study each week ending at 7pm.

Attention All Youth ~ Youth Bible Study on Sundays is in the Youth Room from 10:15-11:15. ALL youth grades 6-12 are invited to this time led by Patsy Wilson and Tim Moseley.

Sunday Youth Fellowship!! The youth meet at 5pm for Sunday Youth Fellowship. Bring a friend :) (will meet again Sunday, January 8th)

Office Holiday Schedule - Closed Monday Dec. 26th, Friday December 30th, and Monday Jan. 2nd

join us for sunday school...

adult classes
nursery
provided

Buck's class meets at Buck's Coffee Shop and is led by Wiley & Sarah Sloan. (9:30am)

Seekers meet in the Conference Room and is led by Steve Bruner (9:45am) Studying The Beatitudes

The 10:10 class meets in the Scout Room and is led by Bob Hood. (10:10am) Studying Adam Hamilton's book "Christianity and World Religions"

Parent Community Class meets at Buck's. The class is group led. Topic varies weekly. (10:00am)

Children's News

3,4,5 Wednesday Gang Come join this energetic group and invite a friend :) Wednesdays from 6-7pm. Join us for a Christmas Party on December 14th!

Sunday School ~ Elementary aged children meet each Sunday morning at 9:45am in the children's Sunday School room downstairs with Mr. Luke & Ms. Tricia.

A Nursery is provided Sunday mornings for children birth- through 4 years of age starting at 9:00am downstairs. Please see an usher or greeter for help locating the nursery.

Welcome to our new members! Today, we are delighted to welcome Gwen and Sidney Futch as Professing Members of HUMC. We are receiving them on transfer of church membership from Martha Bowman UMC in Macon GA.

Check out the Information Stations ~ In the narthex, Fellowship Hall wing, and chapel for information about what's going on in the life of the church. Pick up a flyer for, HUMC News, Church Leadership List, Building Pledge Forms, etc.

The United Methodist Men meet for breakfast and fellowship the second Sunday of each month at 8:30am at the church. All men are invited to attend.

Winter Church Policy: When the Highlands School closes for inclement weather we will cancel all church activities for that day. In case of inclement weather on Sunday there will be no Sunday School or nursery but we will have worship service.

Altar Flower for the sanctuary: The Altar Guild of HUMC welcomes the gift of flowers for our 10:50 worship service. Flowers may be given to remember or honor loved ones, to give thanks, or to celebrate a special event, such as a birthday, anniversary, or a baptism. The cost for altar arrangements is \$45. Special order arrangements may cost more. Please fill out one of the forms beneath the calendar, outside Randy's office, and place in Sonja's box across from the church office or call the church office in the week. **Flowers are needed for January 8, 15, 22, & 29.**

The Community Table is a weekly meal for everyone in the community. There is **NO cost** and **NO need** to make a reservation. Join us at **6pm each Tuesday** at the Highlands Community Building. (will not meet on December 27 th)

Pictures: From time-to-time, we would like to use pictures of HUMC activities in our publications and on our website. This means that one or more individuals may be captured in these pictures. In order to protect your privacy, if you **do NOT** want a picture that includes your image, or that of your child, to be used in any of our publications that are distributed outside of this building, including our website, please call the church office, 526-3376.

Join a Foyer Group ~ Small groups that gather monthly in someone's home for appetizers and conversation. This provides time to be with one another in fun and fellowship as Christian friendships grow. Pick up a form at one of the Information Stations, sign up on the church website, or on the kiosk.

Donation Station

Check out our Donation Station across from the church office.
Here we collect items for various missions including:

Food Pantry - Items most needed: shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dishwashing liquid, canned fruit,. Anyone in need, either temporarily or regularly, may visit the Food Pantry on Mondays from 3:30 – 5:30pm. The Pantry is located behind HUMC on 3rd Street.

Homeless Outreach Sample size or hotel shampoos and soap. These are given to area homeless shelters.

Life Challenge - Life Challenge is a Christian Residential Center created to help people with life controlling issues. We support this program by providing gently-used clothing, household items, and small furniture for their Resale Shop in Dillsboro.

Printer Cartridges: Collected for Highlands School. Please bring in a Ziplock bag.

Eye Glasses - Glasses are for multiple mission projects

Can Tabs - collected for the Ronald McDonald House

Box Tops for Education - Collected for the Highlands School

Blank Note Cards - Used for special projects

Church Staff: Rev. Randy Lucas, Senior Pastor; Rev. Jennifer Forrester, Assistant Pastor, Les Scott, Minister of Music; Sonja DeFoor, Office Manager; Keith Crawford, Financial Secretary; Sherry Bruner, Pianist; Marlene & Gary Nix, Sextons; Terri Kennedy, Nursery Attendant; Tommie Jackson, Pastoral Counselor

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Let Us Adore Him

LOVE **G**od. Offer **CHRIST** to All.

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Randy Harry, District Superintendent
Paul Leeland, Bishop



The 9:09 Band: Lee Ladensack - Vocals & guitar; Dakota Waddell - Bass; Charles Wood - Banjo; Jim Yoder - Mandolin

10:50 Worship Leaders: Sermon: Randy Lucas; Liturgist: Jennifer Forrester; Minister of Music: Les Scott; Pianist: Sherry Bruner; Organist: Jane Lineberger; Lay Reader: Patti Moschouris; Children's Time: Vangie Rich; Acolyte: Wyatt Wilson

Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 2: Team Leader: Griffin Bell; Team Members: Bill Reynolds, Frank Buskirk, Tom Stribling, Kenny Youmans, King Young