

## Welcome to the Highlands United Methodist Church

A joyous welcome to you! We are glad each of you has come to worship the Lord. We are a hearing looped church. Ask an usher if you need help with your hearing device.

## The 9:09 Bluegrass Service

### Welcome

### Music

*"Sweet By and By"  
"I Love to Tell the Story"*

### Special Announcements\Joy Time

### A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

### A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

### Music

*"Old Rugged Cross"*

### Scripture

**John 14:15-21**

### A Word of Faith

### Music

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

### Sending Forth

### Closing Music

*"I'll Fly Away"*

## HUMC Faith & Fellowship Center

Some Fun Opportunities to Support HUMC's new F&FC!

**Now - December 31st - Vacation Rental Program** - Please see flyers at the church or check it out on the church website.

**May 27th - Sip-N-Shop at J. McLaughlin's** ~ J. McLaughlins will donate 15% of their proceeds from 1pm - 5pm.

**June 1st** - Jeanie Edwards of "Easily An Artist" is offering a painting class fundraiser Thursday, June 1st at 6:00pm. You can sign up by calling Jeanie at (828) 526-2933, or you can register online at [easilyanartist.com](http://easilyanartist.com). The cost is \$30.00, with \$5.00 benefiting our new F&FC.

**And please remember that Lifetouch will donate \$5.00 for every church directory photo sitting!**

**Fresh-made bread** ~ Tommie Jackson (336.655.0665) is making sourdough bread and will gladly take your order. The proceeds of this endeavor will go towards the Building Fund. Please call and place your order today.

### Special Challenge Opportunity

Thanks to our generous church family, last month we again more than matched the challenge of \$5,000 per month for the new Faith and Fellowship Center. In April, contributions and pledge payments totaled \$45,229! And of that amount, over \$43,000 were **new** contributions. Thanks so much to our church family for moving us closer to the completion of this new addition.

**The altar flowers** in the sanctuary this morning are given by the Brandon Picklesimer family to the glory of God for all graduates including our granddaughter, Aletha Marie Griffith who graduated from Shannon Forest Christian School in Greenville, SC and will be attending Wofford College.

## 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) They are studying "History of the Christian Church".

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

## Congratulations to our Graduates

### High School

Emily Crowe  
Amanda Clark

Austin Forrester  
Tucker Johnson

John Murphy  
Katy Potts

### College

Palmer Feibelman  
Allie Griffeth

Kaitlin Lewis  
David Long

Evan Schmidt

**A Baccalaureate Service** will be held at 4pm today at Community Bible Church followed by a dinner for the high school seniors and their families.

**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.

**The Community Tower Garden for the Food Pantry** ~ Please contact Deborah Berlin to volunteer at 706-490-7079 or Dr Sue at 200-9191. You may make donations as well.

**The Church in the Wildwood** services begin on May 28th at 7:00pm. It runs through Labor Day. It is an old-fashioned hymn-sing, casual dress.

## 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. Join us on May 25th for a Welcome Back Picnic at the church. All those 55+ are welcome to come and be our guests.

### 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** Join us at 7:00pm in the parlor for a study on *Esther*. Debbie Brock is leading the study.

**Home Study Group** meets at 7:00pm 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**

**May 24, 31, & June 7** ~ Pastors Randy & Jennifer are leading "The Rewritten Life" by Jessica LaGrone, a study takes you through the lives of Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Naomi, Daniel, & Peter, and how their lives were change by God. Books are available in the church office.

### Thursday

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

**Intercessory Prayer Ministry** ~ Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30pm.

### Sunday

**Disciple Bible Study** meets at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. (will meet Monday)

## New Church Directory is in the works!

- The photography is professional and free
- Each individual or family receives a free 8 x 10 photo
- You will receive a printed directory and may access the directory from your smart phone, tablet or computer to stay connected.
- The church receives \$5 for each session which will go to the Faith & Fellowship Center Fund

To **sign up** online type the following link in your web browser:  
<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/9qs2x7sy/>

You may also see Susan Hood or Fran Leftwich after the 9:09 and 10:50 services to make your photography appointment.

Photography sessions are scheduled for **June 22-23, July 13-14.**

*You should have a handheld directory by September.*

**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.

**Attendance** on May 14: 9:09-135 10:50-126

**Birthday Wishes to** (May 21) Anne Tate; (May 23) Kyle Gabbard; (May 24) Amy Council; (May 25) Kenneth Crowe; (May 27) McKinley Moseley, Deborah Scott

**Summer Eucharist** ~ During the months of June, July and August, we will offer a weekly 30 minute service of Holy Communion each Sunday morning at 8:30am in the sanctuary. Please help us spread the word and invite your friends to join us for this special opportunity to gather each week at the Lord's Table.

**Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. E. Lyon (Sarah F. Josey) who were married in the Sanctuary Saturday, May 13, 2017!

**Outdoor Fellowship** ~ Join us **today** for Outdoor Fellowship at 12:00. Everyone is invited!

**Duke Intern:** Once again this year, HUMC will host a Duke Divinity School Intern during the summer. His name is Eric Turner, and he will be with us from May 28th - August 6th. We are currently exploring housing options for Eric during his time with us. If you might able to help, please contact the church office.

**Thank You** ~ I would like to thank my church family for all the cards, flowers, meals, visits, and prayers during my convalescence. Blessings, Tricia Smith

**Family Night Supper** on Wednesday this week will be a prepared meal. Please make your reservations on the attendance register today or call the office no later than 4pm on Monday.

### Ministry Bags

For the month of **May** we're collecting: socks, feminine hygiene products, razors, travel size shaving cream, travel size shampoo, travel size soap, wash cloths, nail care kits, clippers and nail files, snacks, protein granola bars or crackers for **Homeless Outreach**

**Happy Anniversary to** (May 24) Paul & Ruth McLarty, King & Janet Young; (May 26) Steve & Sherry Bruner

## YOUTH NEWS

**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 5:30pm for Sunday Youth Fellowship. Bring a friend :) Will not meet today.

**M25 Summer Mission Trip** to Atlanta ~ July 16-24, grades 6-12

## The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.

#### Moments of Informal Worship

#### Pass the Peace

#### Church Announcements

Opening Voluntary *Blessings* arr. Melody Bober

#### Opening Prayer

† Hymn of Praise *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* UMH #384

Scripture Reading **1 Peter 3:13-22** pew Bible, p. 234

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* UMH p.881

#### Children's Time

#### Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Above All* arr. Phillip Keveren

During this time you may bring your Ministry Bag to the altar.

† Doxology *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

#### † Offering Prayer

† Hymn of the Word *"There's Within My Heart a Melody"* UMH #380

#### Sharing of Our Concerns

*(If you would like your prayer request to be added to the prayer list in the bulletin please indicate on the prayer request card.)*

#### Silent Prayer

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### 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.*

Anthem *There Is No Greater Love* Marty Haugen

Scripture Reading **John 14:15-21** pew Bible, p. 109

Sermon **Love's Yoke**

† Hymn of Faith *"O Spirit of the Living God"* UMH #539

† Dismissal with Blessing *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

Postlude *Because He Lives* arr. Sherry Bruner

## 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

## Children's News

**Vacation Bible School** ~ Sunday, June 25 - Thursday, June 29. More information to come!

**After School** ~ Wednesday, May 17th will be the last day for After School.

**Music Camp** ~ Monday, July 31 - Friday, August 4th. Mark your calendar!!

**3,4,5 Wednesday Gang** Come join this energetic group and invite a friend :) Wednesdays from 6-7pm.

**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.

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

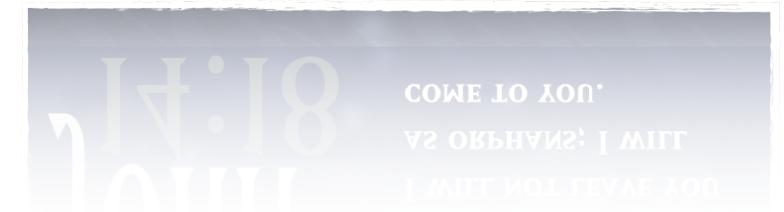
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**The 9:09 Service:** Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leader: Gary Clark; Greeters: Bob & Susan Hood; Technologist: Patti Moschouris

**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; Lay Reader: John Gaston; Children's Time: Randy Lucas; Acolyte: Olive Knops; Vocal Solo: Carol Shuttleworth

**Serving our 10:50 Service:** Ushers: Team 4: Team Members: Naomi Chastain, Hammond Rauers



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