

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 "Put Your Hand in the Hand"
"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Music "I Surrender All"

Scripture Lesson for the Day Matthew 3:13-17

A Word of Faith

Music "Shall We Gather at the River"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

A Look Ahead

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

Sunday, January 22nd ~ Bolivia Pizza Fundraiser ~ 12-8:00pm
To order a pizza; pick up a form from one of the Information Stations, sign up on the kiosk, or on the church website

Sunday, February 12th ~ Heart of Highlands; dinner, dance, and presentation of King & Queen at 5:30pm

Wednesday, March 1st ~ Ash Wednesday - Service at 5:00 with dinner to follow at 5:45pm

Ministry Bags

For the month of **January** we're collecting toothpaste, shampoo, household cleaners, laundry soap, toilet paper, hand soap, deodorant, and canola oil for the **Food Pantry**

Attendance on January 1: 9:09-91 10:50-90

Family Night Supper on Wednesday this week is a covered dish meal. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Meat will be provided by the church.

Birthday Wishes to (January 9) Jeff James, David Long, Sue Potts, Cindy Reed; (January 10) Elaine Carlton, Richard Dunn, Owen Griffith, Lora Speed-Beegle; (January 12) Fred Motz, Loretta Picklesimer; (January 13) Robert Edwards, Willard Garland, Andy Marquez, Fred Smith; (January 14) Britt Iannacone

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.

HUMC Faith & Fellowship Center

Thank you for your Generosity!

Many folks see Christmas as the Giving Season but here at HUMC our church family practices generosity throughout the year. Through your generous donations we are able to make a difference in our community. In addition to our Operating Budget you have also funded more than 60% of the estimated cost of our new Faith & Fellowship Center. To everyone who has given so selflessly we say "Thank You".

Foreign Currency Collection

If you have traveled outside the U.S. & have foreign currency stuck in a drawer, bring it to us to help pay for our new building. We will convert that unused currency & put it to work for HUMC. Thanks for your generosity.

Folks in our community are getting involved in helping us pay for our new Faith & Fellowship Center. Artist Claire Harrington (an Episcopalian) donated a beautiful painting of our Church which was offered via Silent Auction. That generous gift brought in \$250 for our Building Fund.

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!

Youth News

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)

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.

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.

Check out our new website...

same address, new look:
www.highlandsmethodist.org
or scan the QR code



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.

Tuesday

Men's Breakfast Club meets at Mountain Fresh 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
January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, & 22 ~ Join us for an Adam Hamilton book study on "Creed: What Christians Believe and Why"
Led by Fred Motz & Meridith Watson

Thursday

Joy Group for Seniors from 11:30-1:30pm.
Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Join us in the sanctuary at 5:30pm

Altar Flowers 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 15, 22, & 29.**

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.

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 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)

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

First Sunday after Epiphany

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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* arr. Nix

Opening Prayer

† **Hymn of Praise** *"Wade in the Water"*

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 42:1-9** pew Bible, p.670

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

Children's Time

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Breathe* arr. Chevron

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

† **Offering Prayer and Prayer for the Ministry Bags**

† **Hymn of the Word** *"When Jesus Came to Jordan"* UMH #252

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 *Down In the River to Pray* traditional, arr. Les Scott

Scripture Reading **Matthew 3:13-17** pew Bible p.3

Sermon **Remember Your Baptism**

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT IV UMH p.50

† **Hymn of Faith** *"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"* UMH #605

† **Dismissal with Blessing** *"God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again"*

Postlude *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Page

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

Men's Breakfast Club ~ All men are invited to the Tuesday men's breakfast and book study this Tuesday, January 10th at 8:30am at Mountain Fresh. If you have any questions, please see Steve Bruner.

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.

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.

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: Ken Knight

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: Glenda Bell; Children's Time: Amy Council; Acolyte: Olive Knops

Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 4: Team Leader: Bill Edwards; Team Members: Naomi Chastain, Hammond Rauers



Baptism
of the Lord

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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