

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"
"Will the Circle Be Unbroken"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Music "Break Bread"

Scripture Lesson for the Day Matthew 4:1-11

A Word of Faith

Communion

Music "I Shall Not Be Moved"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Holy Week Services

April 9 ~ Palm Sunday ~ 9:09 & 10:50 services

April 13 ~ Seder Meal ~ 5:00pm

Maudy Thursday Service following Seder Meal

April 14 ~ Stations of the Cross ~ 12:00pm

Good Friday Service ~ 6:00pm

April 16 ~ Ecumenical Sunrise Service ~ 7:00am

We will gather with other churches at the Kelsey Hutchinson Park.

Easter Services ~ 9:09 & 10:50am

(provide an Easter lily for the 10:50 service - bring a flower to place on the cross - see forms at the Information Stations for more info)

Easter Coffee Break ~ 9:45am

Children's Egg Hunt ~ 10:00am

Lenten Devotional Booklets ~ We have put together a Lenten Devotional Booklet for the 40 days of Lent, here at HUMC. Randy has written daily devotions and Jennifer has written daily prayers. If you would like a copy of the book, please pick one up in the narthex or on top of the Donation Station at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall.

Membership Class ~ Pastor Randy is offering a membership class during Lent for anyone interested in exploring church membership at HUMC. Please call the church office or email Pastor Randy at randyhumc@icloud.com. Thank you!

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 will resume on March 7th 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 *Ruth*. Debbie Brock is leading the study.

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

March 8, 15, 22, & 29, April 5 ~ Join us for an Adam Hamilton book study on "Creed: What Christians Believe and Why" Led by Fred Motz & Meridith Watson. Books are available in the church office.

Thursday

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

Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Join us in the sanctuary at 5:30pm

Sunday

Disciple Bible Study meets at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

Happy Anniversary to (March 5) Griffin & Glenda Bell, Jack & Marilyn McAlister

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 United Methodist Men meet for breakfast and fellowship the second Saturday of each month at 8:30am at the church. All men are invited to attend. Will meet at the Sports Page on March 11th.

Coming soon!...A Concert for Bolivia will be presented on March 19 at 5:30 in our fellowship hall. The concert will be a relaxed coffee house. Snacks and finger food will be served. Songs will be performed by a live band, and in addition to an evening of folk, country, comedy, swing band, and jug band music, Bolivian other international music will be presented. A number of familiar faces will be singing and playing on stage including Dr. B himself. Donations requested but not required.

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.

Birthday Wishes to (March 7) Teresa Williams; (March 8) Beth Ham, Rodney Letchworth, Kathy Smith; (March 10) Robin Austin, John Baumrucker, Tay Bronaugh, John Gordon, Bruce Ham

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

Ministry Bags

For the month of **March** we're collecting matchbox cars and dolls for **Little Children of the World**. Little Children of the World is a Christian ministry dedicated to helping street children and children at risk in the Philippines through sponsorship, scholarships, and programs addressing urgent needs.

HUMC Faith & Fellowship Center

Dinner Out to Benefit Faith and Fellowship Center - On Thursday March 9th, Wolfgang's Restaurant, 474 Main St. in Highlands, will donate 20% of their gross proceeds (excluding tax and gratuities) to benefit HUMC's new Faith & Fellowship Center. Please make reservations by calling (828)526-3807, indicating that you are from HUMC. We'll see you at Wolfgang's on the 9th!

Special Challenge Opportunity

Last December, we announced a new challenge gift for the year. The challenge was a big one, \$50,000 over 10 months (\$5,000 per month). Thanks to the generosity of Highlands United Methodist membership the challenge was exceeded in both January and February, and we have a good beginning for the month of March. It was especially rewarding to see the response to the first effort of the Mainline Giving Committee, the Boston Butt BBQ on Super Bowl Sunday. That effort alone raised \$2,136, a terrific beginning event!

Every Penny Counts... So far the change from the piggy banks has totaled \$2,202.44, which goes to the Faith & Fellowship Center (Building) Fund. Thank you!

Check out our new website...

same address, new look:

www.highlandsmethodist.org

or scan the QR code



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. **Flowers are needed for March 19, and April 23 & 30.**

Attendance on February 26: 9:09-87 10:50-72

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 5:30pm for Sunday Youth Fellowship. Bring a friend :)

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)

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

First Sunday of Lent

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 *The Wayworn Traveler* -John B. Matthias

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise *"Amazing Grace"* UMH #378

Scripture Reading **Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7** pew Bible, p.2

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

Children's Time

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *It Is Well With My Soul* arr. Bruner

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

†Offering Prayer

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 *Break the Bread* -Natalie Sleeth

Scripture Reading **Matthew 4:1-11** pew Bible p.3

Sermon **The Wilderness Test**

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II UMH p. 12

†Hymn of Faith *"Bread of the World"* UMH #624

†Dismissal with Blessing *"Time Change Song"*

Postlude *Because He Lives* arr. 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

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

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.

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: TBA

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; Communion Assistants: Jim & Susan Kay; Pianist: Sherry Bruner; Lay Reader: Mary Ann Ray; Children's Time: John Gaston; Acolyte: Margaret Cole

Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 1: Team Leader: Nin Bond; Team Members: Richard Melvin, Ken Knight, Bob Sutton



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