

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Mike, Christine, & John Murphy

Music "Go Tell It on the Mountain"
"Christmas Time's a Comin"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Music "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Scripture Lesson for the Day Matthew 3:1-12

A Word of Faith

Communion

Music "Give Me that Old Time Religion"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Second Sunday of Advent

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 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Mark Hayes

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Richard & Patsy Wilson, Tommie Jackson, & Amy Council

Opening Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Carol of the Bells -M. Leontovich

†**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

Children's Cantata **Come to the Manger**
-Lynn Shaw Bailey/Becki Slagle Mayo

Prelude Carols of Peace, Joy, Hope, and Love

Anthem O Come, Little Children

The Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

Congregational Carol "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

The First Lesson

The sinfulness of people and the faithfulness of God the Creator.

Congregational Carol "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

The Second Lesson

Christ's birth and coming kingdom are foretold by the prophets.

Anthem The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

The Third Lesson

The peace and light that Christ Jesus will bring is foreshadowed.

Anthem Come, Come Emmanuel

The Fourth Lesson

The angel, Gabriel, promises the birth of Jesus to Mary.

Congregational Carol "Away in a Manger"

The Fifth Lesson

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Congregational Carol "Angels We Have Heard on High"

The Sixth Lesson

The shepherds go to see the baby, Jesus, in the manger.

Anthem Arise, Shine, Jesus Has Come

The Seventh Lesson

Wise Men follow the Bethlehem star to find Jesus.

Anthem May My Light Shine

Prayer

Congregational Carol "Joy to the World"

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The Benediction

Dismissal Song "Star Child"

Postlude Joy to the World -Marilyn Ham

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.

Happy Anniversary to (December 9) John & Marjorie Crowe

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 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 7-week study called *The Armor of God* By Priscilla Shirer. We view and discuss the DVD and study book lesson.

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 7 ~ Advent Program

December 14 ~ Handbell Program

December 21 ~ Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service

Thursday

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

Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Will resume on January 12, 2017

Sunday

Young Adult Study, dinner at 5:30pm, study from 6-7pm.

Disciple Bible Study 1 "Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study" is an extensive 34 week study of the Old and New Testaments, which includes daily reading assignments and a weekly 2 hour group gathering. Pastor Randy will lead a new study beginning in January. The cost for the study manual is \$40.00. Please contact Pastor Randy if you're interested.

Attendance on November 27: 9:09-157 10:50-113

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

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**

Birthday Wishes to (December 4) Richard Wilson; (December 5) Dori Moschouris; (December 6) Stan Travis; (December 7) Mike Bryson; (December 8) Tom Stribling; (December 9) Jacob Brooks; (December 10) Bill Hall, Pamela Potts

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)

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Children's Christmas Cantata December 4th, at the 10:50 service. The Children's Choir will present "Come to the Manger"

Breakfast with Santa

On **Saturday, December 10th** join us for a very special family tradition! Families are invited to gather at 8:30am for breakfast followed by a visit from Santa Claus! Reservations are requested as space is limited, so please call the church office at 526-3376 by Wednesday, December 7th. Suggested donation of \$10 per family

The Highlands Community Christian Chorale
Saturday, December 10th & Sunday, December 11th at 5:00pm at The Presbyterian Church with a reception following Sunday's presentation.

The Mountain Top Ringers.

HUMC's handbell choir, play a variety of familiar carols for our 10:50 worship service on **Sunday, December 11th.**

Church-wide Caroling Join us on **Tuesday, December 13th** as we spread Christmas cheer through song! Meet at HUMC at 3:15pm to carpool to Chestnut Hill, Fidelia Eckerd Nursing Home, & homes of our church family to participate in some good ole' Christmas caroling. Wear something festive!

The Mountain Top Ringers

Wednesday, December 14th – 6:00pm The Mountain Top Ringers present their annual Christmas concert, *Ring Christmas Bells*, in the Fellowship Hall right after supper.

Chancel Choir Cantata

Sunday, December 18th – during our 10:50 worship service. This year the Chancel Choir presents "Mass of the Shepherds", a cantata by Karl Kempter

Blue Christmas Service/Longest Night Service

Sunday, December 21st at 5:00pm

The holidays are often the loneliest time of the year for those who have experienced loss in their lives. These losses can be the death of a loved one, loss of a job, divorce, death of a dear pet, loss of health, or any of the other losses people deal experience. The Blue Christmas/Longest Night service allows us to grieve the losses, to acknowledge our pain, and to take comfort in God's abiding love and care for us. Everyone is welcome to attend this ministry of our local churches.

Christmas Carols

Come join us on the front porch of the sanctuary on Christmas Eve at 4:30pm as we sing Christmas carols. Everyone is invited to join in.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Saturday, December 24

5:00pm a Family-Friendly Candlelight Service

7:00 - 8:00pm Drop-in Communion

11:00pm a Candlelight Service

Christmas Day

Merry Christmas!

Join us at 10:00am for a service of Holy Communion in the sanctuary. All are invited to come.

You can order a Poinsettia for the 10:50 worship service on Sunday, December 18th on the church website, the kiosk, or pick up a form at one of the Information Stations.

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

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 at Buck's Coffee Shop 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 :)

Children's News

HUMC Kids' Christmas Party 🎄 - We will meet following Wednesday Night Supper at 6:00pm on Wednesday, December 14th. Please bring a wrapped, inexpensive gift for a white elephant gift exchange. Please be sure the gift is gender neutral. I hope you'll join us and invite a friend!

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.

The 9:09 Service: Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leader: Craig Eister; Technologist: TBA

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

10:50 Worship Leaders: Liturgists: Randy Lucas & Jennifer Forrester; Minister of Music: Les Scott; Pianist: Sherry Bruner; Children's Time: Margie Potts; Acolyte: Olive Knops

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



LOVE **God.** Offer **CHRIST** to All.

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