

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 Davis & Tina Picklesimer

Music "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Music "Amazing Grace"

Scripture Lesson for the Day Matthew 1:18-25

A Word of Faith

Music "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

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!

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 11: 9:09-158 10:50-100

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, December 21st at 6:00pm

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/Communion 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.

The Poinsettias in the Sanctuary this morning are given...

In memory of Doris Picklesimer by Clark Picklesimer & family.

In memory of Loved Ones and in honor of our children & families by Wayne & Geri Crowe.

In honor of Don & Mary Evelyn Feibelman & family by Wilma Gordon.

In memory of Clarence Mawyer by Ed & Penny Mawyer.

In memory of Marie Mawyer by Ed & Penny Mawyer.

In memory of Franklin Pollock by Ed & Penny Mawyer.

In memory of Virginia Roberts (Penny's mother) by Ed & Penny Mawyer.

In memory of Darden Brown by Pat Griffin.

In memory of Earl Nix by Gary & Marlene Nix.

In memory of Jack Osteen by Tricia Smith.

In memory of Mrs. Dorothy S. Leftwich and Mr. Luther W. Hall by Dennis & Fran Leftwich.

In honor of Meridith Watson and family by Joy Still.

In memory of Roy Still and Joan Scudder by Joy Still.

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.

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 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 21 ~ Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service

December 28 ~ No Activities

Thursday

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

Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Will resume on January 12, 2017

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

Birthday Wishes to (December 18) Leo Huckabee; (December 19) LaDonna Keener, Ethan Tate; (December 20) Meridith Watson; (December 22) Grace Crowe, Doug Holder, Elaine Reynolds

Happy Anniversary to (December 19) Mike & Becki Bryson; (December 20) Jeff & Melanie Carter; (December 21) Kevin & Gretchen Beck; (December 22) Jim & Virginia Nix

Office Holiday Schedule - Friday December 23rd and Monday Dec. 26th Friday December 30th and Monday Jan. 2nd

Did you miss the children's cantata, Come to the Manger? Or would you like to hear it again? Or would you like to recommend it to your friends? The children of the Highlands/Cashiers Children's Choir will be singing the piece once more as a Highlands community concert. The performance will be at First Presbyterian Church today at 3:30pm. The children's choir is accompanied by piano, a handbell ensemble, and a percussion ensemble. The past two performances have been received enthusiastically, so come support our community children's choir.

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

Fourth 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 See Amid the Winter's Snow -John Goss
arr. Kristin Campbell

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Warren & Jane Lineberger

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Children's Time

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Ding, Dong, Merrily on High -Thoinot Arbeau
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 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" UMH #218

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.

Cantata Missa Pastoritia (Mass of the Shepherds)

Karl Kempter (1819-1871)

Movement 1: Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Homily

Movement 2: Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

Homily

Movement 3: Gloria (Glory to God)

Homily

Movement 4: Benedictus (Blessed is He)

Homily

Movement 5: Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

†Hymn of Faith "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH #238

†Dismissal with Blessing "Star-Child"

Postlude Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Tom Doran

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

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: Christine Murphy;
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; Organist: Jane
Lineberger; Children's Time: Margie Potts; Acolyte: Margaret Cole; Violin:
Andrea Pettigrew; Violin: Lyndsay Pruett; Alto Soloist: Cindy Gaston;
Bartone soloist: John Gaston; Soprano Soloist: Teresa Williams

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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December 18, 2016

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