

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.

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.

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. The cost is \$30.00, with \$5.00 benefiting our new F&FC.

August 28th - Golf Tournament

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.

Thank you for participating in the fundraiser at Kilwins for a total donation of \$500 and the Lakeside Restaurant fundraiser for a total donation of \$1000.

Every Penny Counts... So far the change from the piggy banks has totaled \$2,251.23, which goes to the Faith & Fellowship Center (Building) Fund. Thank you!

Summer Eucharist begins June 4th

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.

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 are on Sundays at 7:00pm. It runs through Labor Day. It is an old-fashioned hymn-sing, casual dress.

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 21: 9:09-196 10:50-108

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)

Pastor Randy's class Will begin on June 4th.

Birthday Wishes to (May 29) Paolo McRae, Les Scott; (May 30) Suzanne Allison; (May 31) Gary Forrester; (June 1) Virginia Bryson; (June 2) Penny Mawyer, Polly Touzalin; (June 3) Richard Melvin, Anne Schenck

Pastor Randy will be leading a Summer Sunday School Class beginning next Sunday, June 4th. They will be studying selected sermons of John Wesley. If you don't currently have a Sunday School Class here at HUMC, you're invited to join us. Please see Pastor Randy for more information. Books will be provided.

The altar flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Ann Rose in memory of her mother, Edra M. Bowling.

Outdoor Reception ~ Join us **on Sunday, June 4th** for a reception for our new Director of Children & Youth, Richard Read and our summer Duke Intern, Eric Turner at 12:00. Everyone is invited!

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 seniors 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 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.

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

Sunday

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

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.

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.

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 29) Dan & Cynthia Codespoti, Ken & Sarah Knight; (May 31) Bob & Nancy Sutton; (June 1) Lynn & Valerie Long; (June 2) Ryan & Kayla Bryson, Jeff & Mary James

We welcome our Duke Intern, Eric Turner to our church family. Eric is a graduate of Huntingdon College with a degree in Religion and will be attending Duke in the fall to start working on his Master of Divinity degree. He is also pursuing ordination as a Deacon in the United Methodist Church, and is currently a Certified Candidate for the Alabama-West Florida Conference. He grew up in Fort Walton Beach, Florida and spent his last three years living in Montgomery, Alabama finishing up his undergraduate studies. Eric says getting to live up in the mountains is going to be quite the treat and cannot wait to get here so that he can get to know each one of you and be a part of your life and community, even if it is for a short time!

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 cost for students is \$225 and the deadline to sign-up is June 1st. M25 is an opportunity for youth to go and serve those experiencing homelessness in and around Atlanta, GA.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Seventh 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 *Variations on "Duke Street"* -Randolph Currie

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise *"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"* UMH #312

Scripture Reading **Ephesians 1:15-23** pew Bible, p. 192

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

Children's Time

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Variations on "Duke Street"* -Randolph Currie

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

†Offering Prayer

†Hymn of the Word *"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"* UMH #325

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 *Beautiful Savior* -Lloyd Larson

Scripture Reading **Acts 1:1-11** pew Bible, p. 118

Sermon **Blessing God**

†Hymn of Faith *"I'll Fly Away"* TFWS #2282

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

Postlude *Variations on "Duke Street"* -Randolph Currie

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!

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; Richard Read, Director of Children & Youth; Sonja DeFoor, Office Manager; Keith Crawford, Financial Secretary; Sherry Bruner, Pianist; Marlene & Gary Nix, Sextons; Terri Kennedy, Nursery Attendant; Tommie Jackson, Pastoral Counselor; Eric Turner, Duke Intern

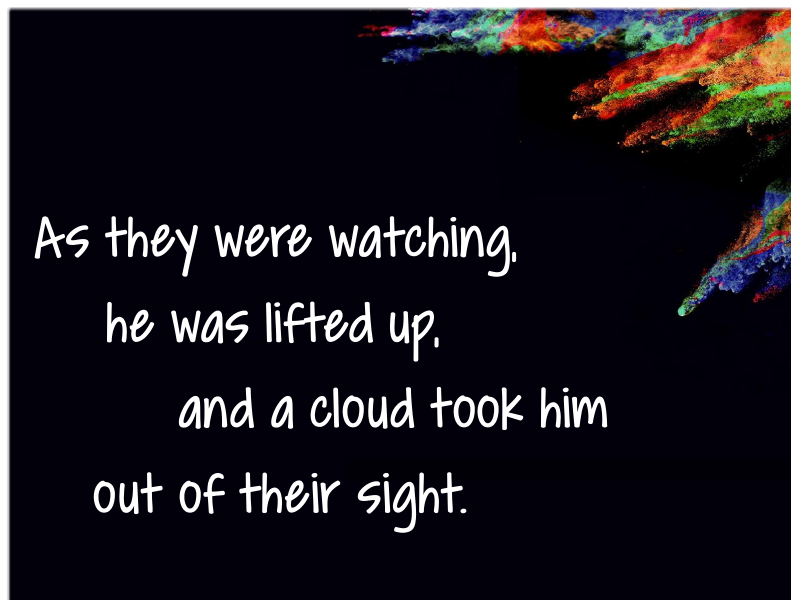
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The 9:09 Service: Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leader: Craig Eister; Greeter: Sandy Carlton; Technologist: Jan Potts

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; Organist: Jane Lineberger; Lay Reader: John Gaston; Children's Time: Wiley Sloan; Acolyte: Margaret Cole

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



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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