

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 "Life's Railway to Heaven"  
"The Church in the Wildwood"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Music "It Is No Secret"

Scripture Lesson for the Day Matthew 5:21-37

A Word of Faith

Music "I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Check out our new website...

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



Heart of Highlands

Dinner, Dance, and Presentation of King & Queen.  
Today at 5:30pm.  
Menu: steak, potato, & salad ~ donations accepted



Ministry Bags

For the month of February we're collecting toothpaste, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, deodorant, pasta, canned food, "no medicine" for Life Challenge

Attendance on February 5: 9:09-107 10:50-82

Happy Anniversary to (February 12) Ronnie & Terri 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.

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

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 beginning February 21st at 7:00pm in the parlor for a study on Ruth. Debbie Brock will be 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 1, 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

HUMC Faith & Fellowship Center

February Special Challenge Opportunity

Last month we announced a Special Challenge Opportunity from a generous church family. It is a pleasure to let you know that the challenge for January was met. The challenge is for \$5,000 per month for 10 months. Please thoughtfully consider matching this generous challenge as it will continue for the next nine months. Any contribution is welcome, but the family had not previously pledged, and especially welcomes others who have not pledged to join them.

Every Penny Counts...So far the change from the piggy banks has totaled \$2,158.13, which goes to the Capital (Land/Building) Fund. Thank you!

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.

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 (February 12) Doris Long, Barbara Newton; (February 13) Jeff Weller; (February 16) Annie Barone, Griffin Bell, Bobby Newton, Judy Smart

Ash Wednesday, March 1st

5:00pm – Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary  
5:45pm – Church Family Supper  
6:15pm – Lenten Study

Youth News

Barnabas Weekend ~ Barnabas Weekend is a camp designed for persons with developmental disabilities and those volunteers committed to making this weekend fun filled. Volunteers serve as companions for the weekend and enjoy activities alongside the campers. Please see Jennifer for sign-up information by February 14! If you have any questions, or would like to know more about the weekend please talk to Jennifer or some of those who went last year.

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 :) Heart of Highlands today!

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.

Family Night Supper on Wednesday this week will be a prepared meal. Please make your reservations on the attendance register today or call the officer no later than 4pm on Monday. Menu: meatloaf, mac & cheese, black-eyed peas, slaw, & dessert

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!!! Tuesday, February 28th, 5-7PM at The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. Take outs will be available and all proceeds go to support The Gordon Center for Children. Thank you for your support.

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.

Volunteers Needed ~ We need volunteers to help with the After School Program on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesdays from 2:30 to 5:30 pm +/- . Everything from help picking up the kids at Highlands School in our new van, to snacks, to supervision at the Bascom.

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

Sixth 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                      Contemplation                      -Franklin Ritter

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise                      “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”                      UMH #390

Scripture Reading                      Deuteronomy 30:15-20                      pew Bible, p.186

Affirmation of Faith                      The Apostles’ Creed                      UMH p.881

Children’s Time

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                      Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee                      arr. John Johnson

†Doxology                      “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

†Offering Prayer and Prayer for the Ministry Bags

†Hymn of the Word                      “Trust and Obey”                      UMH #467

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                      Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy                      arr. Ronald Turner

Scripture Reading                      Matthew 5:21-37                      pew Bible p.4

Sermon                      Sermon on the Mount, Part III

†Hymn of Faith                      “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”                      UMH #420

†Dismissal with Blessing                      “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Postlude                      Processional                      -Anne A. Davis

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

**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, signup on the church website, or on the kiosk.

**The altar flowers in the sanctuary** this morning are given in honor of Wilma Gordon's birthday by Dana, Paula, & Elizabeth.

**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 February 26, March 19, and April 23 & 30.**

**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: Craig Eister

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

**10:50 Worship Leaders:** Sermon: Randy Lucas; Minister of Music: Les Scott; Pianist: Sherry Bruner; Organist: Jane Lineberger; Lay Reader: Sara Mayer; Children's Time: Amy Council; Acolyte: Vivian Kennedy

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



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