

## 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** "Keep on the Sunnyside"  
"Down by the Riverside"

### Special Announcements\Joy Time

### A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

### A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

**Music** "Precious Lord"

**Scripture Lesson for the Day** Matthew 5:38-48

### A Word of Faith

**Music** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

### Sending Forth

**Closing Music** "I'll Fly Away"

### Check out our new website...

same address, new look:  
[www.highlandsmethodist.org](http://www.highlandsmethodist.org)  
or scan the QR code



**"Praying Our Way Forward"**. At the 2016 General Conference, the United Methodist Council of Bishops was tasked with leading the church through a process of prayerful discernment regarding the denomination's stance on homosexuality, as stated in The Book of Discipline. In support of this season of discernment, the Council is asking United Methodists across the globe to join in 75 weeks of focused prayer, in preparation for a called General Conference in 2018. Each Conference has been asked to take responsibility for one week, with the Western North Carolina Conference assigned the upcoming week, February 19th - 25th. Daily prayers will be posted each day on the Conference Website - [www.wnccumc.org](http://www.wnccumc.org), and also at [www.UMCprays.org](http://www.UMCprays.org). All HUMC members are invited and encouraged to join in this important denominational prayer effort. Thank you!

### 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 12: 9:09-87 10:50-73

**Happy Anniversary to** (February 25) Bob & Sandy Carlton

## 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 & Meredith 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 19) Wayne LaCoe, Nancy Speer, Ruth Watkins; (February 20) Nancy Barton; (February 23) Emily Crowe, Harrison Gates, Jake Gordon, Sidney Sanborn; (February 24) Mary James; (February 25) Gloria Padgett, Bobbie Russell

### Ash Wednesday, March 1st

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

## 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 4pm for Sunday Youth Fellowship. Bring a friend :) Bowling today - bring \$20

## 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: pork cutlets, roasted vegetables, cream potatoes, & 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 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, sign up on the church website, or on the kiosk.

## 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

### Seventh 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** *Think on Me* -Lady John Scott, arr. Roger C. Wilson

#### Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Preparation *"Take Time to Be Holy"* UMH #395

**Scripture Reading** **Psalm 119:33-40** pew Bible, p.567

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

#### Children's Time

#### Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* arr. Thomas Canning  
*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 *"Freely, Freely"* UMH #389

#### 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** *Love is All Our Joy* arr. Malcolm Archer

**Scripture Reading** **Matthew 5:38-48** pew Bible p.5

**Sermon** **Sermon on the Mount, Part IV**

†Hymn of Faith *"Help Us Accept Each Other"* UMH #560

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

**Postlude** *Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand* arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

## 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

**The altar flowers in the sanctuary** this morning are given by Ann Rose in memory of her daughter, Syndee Rose.

**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: Jennifer Forrester; Worship Leader: Jenny Mixon/ Robert Doe

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

**10:50 Worship Leaders:** Sermon: Jennifer Forrester; Liturgist: Randy Lucas; Minister of Music: Les Scott; Pianist: Sherry Bruner; Organist: Jane Lineberger; Lay Reader: Richard Melvin; Children's Time: Randy Lucas; Acolyte: Madison Jolly

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

Teach Me Oh Lord



Psalm 119:33-40

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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