

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 "Do Lord"
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Music "Love Lifted Me"

Scripture Lesson for the Day John 3:1-17

A Word of Faith

Music "Here I Am, Lord"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Holy Week Services

April 9 ~ Palm Sunday ~ 9:09 & 10:50 services

April 13 ~ Seder Meal ~ 5:00pm

Maudy Thursday Service ~ 6:15pm

April 14 ~ Stations of the Cross ~ 12:00pm

Good Friday Service ~ 6:00pm

April 16 ~ Ecumenical Sunrise Service ~ 6:45am

We will gather with other churches
at the Kelsey Hutchinson Park.

Easter Services ~ 9:09 & 10:50am

(provide an Easter lily for the 10:50 service

- bring a flower to place on the cross - see forms at the
Information Stations for more info or the church website)

Easter Coffee Break ~ 9:45am

Children's Egg Hunt ~ 10:00am

Lenten Devotional Booklets ~ We have put together a Lenten Devotional Booklet for the 40 days of Lent, here at HUMC. Randy has written daily devotions and Jennifer has written daily prayers. If you would like a copy of the book, please pick one up in the narthex or on top of the Donation Station at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall.

Membership Class ~ Pastor Randy is offering a membership class during Lent for anyone interested in exploring church membership at HUMC. Please call the church office or email Pastor Randy at randyhumc@icloud.com. Thank you!

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 study on *Ruth*. Debbie Brock is 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 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

Sunday

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

Happy Anniversary to (March 14) John & Cyndi Gordon, Steve & Beth Ham

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 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.

Thank You ~ From the siblings and family of Tom James, Our sincere thanks and appreciation for all the love, prayers, food, and the outstanding ministerial care from Randy & Jennifer during Tom's entire hospitalization. We also thank our 9:09 band for playing "dueling banjos" in his memory. What a loving church family we have.

New Church Directory in the works! We need to send roster information to Lifetouch by March 13th, so please fill out a form. Forms for the roster are located at the Information Stations by the fellowship hall and narthex. You may also complete a form on the website. We want to include everyone....attendees as well as members. Photography sessions are scheduled for April 27-29, May 18-20, June 22-24, July 13-14. You should have a handheld directory by September. Please contact Marie Sharpe, msharpeconsulting@gmail.com, Fran Leftwich, dleftwich@nctv.com, or Susan Hood, susanellishood@gmail.com for more info.

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 (March 12) Steve Ham, Oliver Oxford, Samuel Wheeler; (March 13) James Farrish, Jackie Reed; (March 14) Gena Futral, John Speer; (March 15) Ginger Moseley; (March 17) Leslie Sanders, Bernie Simpkins; (March 18) Betsy Batten, George Binder, Mary Heffington

The Altar flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of John Gordon by Wilma and the children.

HUMC Faith & Fellowship Center

Special Challenge Opportunity

Last December, we announced a new challenge gift for the year. The challenge was a big one, \$50,000 over 10 months (\$5,000 per month). Thanks to the generosity of Highlands United Methodist membership the challenge was exceeded in both January and February, and we have a good beginning for the month of March. It was especially rewarding to see the response to the first effort of the Mainline Giving Committee, the Boston Butt BBQ on Super Bowl Sunday. That effort alone raised \$2,136, a terrific beginning event!

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!

Ministry Bags

For the month of **March** we're collecting matchbox cars and dolls for **Little Children of the World**. Little Children of the World is a Christian ministry dedicated to helping street children and children at risk in the Philippines through sponsorship, scholarships, and programs addressing urgent needs.

Check out our new website...

same address, new look:

www.highlandsmethodist.org

or scan the QR code



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. 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. **Flowers are needed for April 23 & 30, May 21, and June 25.**

Attendance on March 5: 9:09-114 10:50-76

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. Will not meet today.

Sunday Youth Fellowship!! The youth meet at 5:30pm for Sunday Youth Fellowship. Bring a friend :)

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)

93 The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Second Sunday in Lent

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 *Lament* -J.S. Bach

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise *"To God Be the Glory"* UMH #98

Scripture Reading *Psalm 121* pew Bible, p.571

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

Children's Time

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Has Thou Broken*
-Johann Christof Oley

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

†Offering Prayer and Prayer for the Ministry Bags

†Hymn of the Word *"I Love to Tell the Story"* UMH #156

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 *God So Loved the World* -Sir John Stainer

Scripture Reading *John 3:1-17* pew Bible p.93

Sermon *The Path of Most Resistance*

†Hymn of Faith *"Blessed Assurance"* UMH #369

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

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* -Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

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

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 office no later than 4pm on Monday. Menu: beef brisket, baked beans, & slaw

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: Christine Murphy

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; Lay Reader: Patsy Wilson; Children's Time: Glenda Bell; Acolyte: Vivian Kennedy

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



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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