

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 "Give Me That Old Time Religion" "This Train"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Music "Rock of Ages"

Scripture John 9:1-41

A Word of Faith

Music "I Saw the Light"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Holy Week Services

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

April 13 ~ Maundy Thursday Service ~ 7:00pm

April 14 ~ Stations of the Cross ~ 12:00pm
Good Friday Service ~ 7:00pm

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 Living Cross -
see forms at the Information Stations for more info or the church
website) See Ann Rose to bring something for breakfast

Easter Coffee Break ~ 9:45am

Children's Egg Hunt ~ 10:00am

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!

Happy Anniversary to (March 27) Jeff & Nancy Butler, John & Nancy Speer

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 29 and 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. (will meet Monday)

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.

Candy Donations Needed! ~ Any individually wrapped candy or small toys (able to fit in a plastic Easter egg) will be greatly appreciated in preparation for the annual HUMC kids' Easter egg hunt! Donations can be placed in a bin at the Donation Station marked Easter egg candy. Thank you!

Congratulations to Wise & Betsy Batten on the birth of their son, William Rhain Batten, born on March 7th. Grandparents are Richard & Margie Melvin.

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.

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.

New Church Directory 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

Please see Susan Hood or Fran Leftwich after the 9:09 and 10:50 services to make your photography appointment. 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.

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. 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!

Birthday Wishes to (March 26) Art Heller, Vangie Rich, Barbara Stokes; (March 27) Pat Allen; (March 28) Joe Barone; (March 31) Grady Felder (April 1) Hammond Rauers, Andrew Watson

The Altar flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Ann Rose in memory of her father, Earle S. Bowling.

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.

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: Mexican meal

Altar Flowers for the sanctuary: The Altar Guild of HUMC welcomes the gift of flowers for our 10:50 worship service. 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 30, May 21, and July 16, 23, & 30.

Attendance on March 19: 9:09-118 10:50-86

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 tonight for a bonfire at the Brassards.

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)

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Fourth 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 Be Thou My Vision arr. Jason Krug

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise “We are Marching” TFWS #2235-b

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:8-14 pew Bible, p. 194

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Children’s Time

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Themes from The Four Seasons: Spring and Autumn
-Antonio Vivaldi; arr. Sandra Eithun

†Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

†Offering Prayer

†Hymn of the Word “Open My Eyes, That I May See” UMH #454

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 Open My Eyes -Marty Haugen

Scripture Reading John 9:1-41 pew Bible, p. 102

Sermon A Way of Seeing

†Hymn of Faith “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” UMH #581

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

Postlude Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
-William Bradbury, arr. Mark Hayes

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

Easter Egg Hunt ~ Join us for the annual HUMC Easter egg hunt on April 16th! Children of all ages will meet downstairs in Miss Allison’s preschool room before we begin our egg hunt at 10am!

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.

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: Tay Bronaugh

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; Lay Reader: Vangie Rich; Children’s Time: Amy Council; Acolyte: Olive Knops; Mountain Top Ringers: Chris Boltz, Kristin Edwards, Paula Gordon, Jan Potts, Carol Shuttleworth, King Young; violin: Melinda Womack; flute: Paula Gordon; guitars: Randy Lucas, King Young; ukulele: Amanda Clark, Karla Barranco

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

...I am the

Light

of the world

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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