

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.

Celebration Brunch

Thank you for your support of our 2018 Stewardship Campaign. Be sure to join us next Sunday, August 27th, for our Celebration Brunch that's scheduled to take place between our 9:09 and 10:50 Worship Services at approximately 10:00am. This will be our first opportunity to gather together in our new Faith and Fellowship Center.

Join us for Outdoor Fellowship today at 12:00pm. Everyone is invited.

All Male Beauty Pageant, Monday, September 11th at 8:00pm. Call Dr. John for more information.

Attendance on August 6: 8:30-16 9:09-227 10:50-205

Free School Supplies will be available in the HUMC Fellowship Hall Tuesday, August 22nd from 4-6pm and Wednesday, August 23rd from 12-2pm or after the Service of Blessing on Wednesday, August 23rd.

Happy Anniversary to (August 20) Gary & Carol Forrester; (August 23) Robbie & Jennifer Forrester; (August 24) Stan & Dotty Travis; (August 26) Will & Sandra Walker

United Methodist Men's Breakfast meet the second Saturday of each month at 8:30am.

Back to School Service of Blessing ~ Wednesday, August 23rd at 3:00pm. Please join us for this special blessing for the teachers, children, and the 2017-2018 school year.

Teacher Breakfast ~ Needed for the Highlands back to school breakfast: breakfast casseroles, muffins, pastries, fruit, and juice. Please bring to the church by 7am on August 23rd.

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.

Family Night Supper on Wednesday this week will be a prepared meal. Please make your reservations today on the attendance register or call the office no later than 4pm on Monday. Menu: mixed grill, BBQ beans, coleslaw, & dessert

Children's News

Its that time of year again! The Gordon Center's After School Program will begin its 2017-2018 school year on **Tuesday, September 5th**. Stop by the church for a registration form, or contact **Richard at humcrichard@icloud.com or (770) 881-2891** if you have any questions.

Promotion Sunday ~ We will recognize all rising 3rd graders by presenting them with a Bible at the 9:09 and 10:50 worship services on August 27th. If you have a child who is a rising third grader, please let Richard know.

3,4,5 Wednesday Gang ~ 3rd, 4th, & 5th Gang meet on Wednesday nights after supper from 6-7pm and are taught by Amanda Wasco. Bring your 3rd-5th graders for dynamic, biblically-based activities and instruction!

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.

Adult Classes
Nursery
provided

Join us for Sunday School...

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

Parent Community Class meets at Buck's. The class is group led. Topic varies weekly. (10:00am)

Pastor Randy's class meets in the Sanctuary Chapel (10:00am)

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".

HUMC is gearing up for the Eclipse, Monday August 21st. We'll be selling biscuits, coffee and water from 9:00am - 11:30am on the lawn, and we'll provide a taco bar from 3pm - 5pm, with proceeds going to the F&FC. 3 - 4 volunteers are needed for the taco bar. Please see Ann Rose if you would like to volunteer. The youth will also have a fundraiser that day - they will be selling lemonade from 10am - 1pm.

Ministry Bags

For the month of **August** we're collecting cat food, cat treats, cat collars, dog food, dog treats, dog collars, & dog leashes for the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society.

Birthday Wishes to (August 20) Eliza Tate; (August 21) Gail Garland, Cyndi Gordon; (August 22) Patti Moschouris, Michael Murphy; (August 24) Patty Marsh

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 ~ The Tuesday night women's study group invites all women to start a new study Tuesday, August 22, at 7pm in the church parlor. We meet weekly, and generally our studies are 5-6 weeks long. We use our Bibles and study books to explore our Christian beliefs. Please join us, and feel God's love through study and friendship.

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

August 23 ~ Bluegrass Night with the 9:09 Band

August 30 ~ Journey to Alaska with Bob Sutton

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.

HUMC Faith & Fellowship Center News

Check out the video of the new F&FC on the church website and Facebook page.

You did it again!!... The month of July was a very good fundraising month. Once again our congregation exceeded the challenge toward the new Faith and Fellowship Center. This challenge was initiated in January by a very generous family that pledged \$5,000 per month for ten months, and our congregation has exceeded that challenge every month since! Thanks and congratulations. The new Faith and Fellowship Center is getting more impressive each day!

Golf Outing

August 28th at the Cullasaja Country Club with
Proceeds to benefit the F&FC.

Every entrant will receive a Bobby Grace putter, compliments of Bobby Grace putters and Halo Window & Door Co.

Hammond & Mitzi Rauers are sponsoring a Hole-In-One Competition with prizes on all par threes and one hole featuring a 2017 Ford Escape.

Now - December 31st - Vacation Rental Program

Please see flyers at the church or check it out on the church website.

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.

Youth News

Youth Sunday School!!!! with Richard Read, the Director of Youth Ministry, from 10:00-10:45. Come Join us!!!!

Boys' breakfast, with Richard Read. The boys meet at Sports Page at 8:30 on Thursdays throughout the summer. Invite a friend!

Summer Sunday Nights!!! The youth will meet each Sunday night throughout the summer from 5:30-7pm. We hope you will join us as we look at Sunday nights in a fresh, new way!!

The youth will meet each Wednesday night from 6-7 throughout the summer. Everyone's invited to come to dinner before youth at 5:15!

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.

You are invited to hear Rev. Dr. David Wilkinson, astrophysicist, theologian, minister, & author speak on "Communicating Jesus in a Science-Dominate World" on Sunday, August 27th at 4:00pm at Lake Junaluska.

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 August 27, October 8, 15, 22, & 29 and November 26.**

Church Staff: Rev. Randy Lucas, Senior Pastor; Rev. Jennifer Forrester, Assistant Pastor, Les Scott, Minister of Music; Richard Read, Director of Children & Youth Ministries; Sonja DeFoor, Office Manager; Keith Crawford, Financial Secretary; Sherry Bruner, Pianist; Marlene & Gary Nix, Sextons; Ann Rose, Food Services Director; Terri Kennedy, Nursery Attendant; Rev. Tommie Jackson, Pastoral Psychotherapist

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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 In a Quiet Moment -Steven Scott

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise “Since Jesus Came Into My Heart” TFWS #2140

Scripture Reading Matthew 15:10-20 pew Bible, p.17

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Write Thy Name Upon Thy Heart -Sally DeFord
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 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” UMH #500

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 Change My Heart, O God -Eddie Espinosa

Scripture Reading Matthew 15:21-28 pew Bible, p.17

Sermon The Heart of the Matter

†Hymn of Faith “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” UMH #402

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

Postlude Dona Nobis -W.A. Mozart, arr. George Blake

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



IMPACT DAY IS SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 23RD FROM 9AM - 2PM!

Join us as we make an “Impact” in our community by doing random acts of kindness. We will bag & carry groceries for Bryson’s Food, take muffins to local merchants, visit shut-ins, send letters/cards to the military, pick up litter along the roads, wash fire trucks & police cars,make goody bags for the Pantry, take cookies to First Responders and go to the Eckerd Center to sing and visit. Sign up sheets will be located outside of Jennifer’s office.

Please bring muffins and/or cookies and greeting cards (without printed messages please) and deliver them to the church no later than 6:00 pm Friday, September 22.

This is a powerful witness of how the church leaves the building, so you are encouraged to come make a difference for Christ on September 23rd.

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The 9:09 Service: Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leader: Ken Knight; Greeters: Jeanie & Ransom Edwards; Technologists: Tom & Debbie Brock

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: Sara Mayer

Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 3: Team Leader: Kenneth Crowe; Team Members: Alan Marsh, Dave Cashion

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LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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