## **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

"Just Over in the Gloryland" "Shall We Gather at the River"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

**Blessing for the School Year** 

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Music

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Scripture

Matthew 16:13-20

A Word of Faith

**Reception of New Members** 

Music

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

**Sending Forth** 

**Closing Music** 

"I'll Fly Away"

**Welcome to our new members!** We're delighted to receive seven new Professing Members into our HUMC family this morning. We offer a heartfelt welcome to Joey Gallo, Mike and Joann Plaster, Ken and Joan Adams, and Sumter and Lynda Bradwell. We look forward to growing with you in Christian Discipleship.

**All Male Beauty Pageant,** Monday, September 11th at 8:00pm at the Highlands Playhouse. Tickets are available for a \$100 donation and are tax deductible. Tickets are available at the church office or call Dr. John for more information.

**Attendance on August 20:** 8:30-11 9:09-319 10:50-202

**The flowers** in the 9:09 Service this morning are given by Wilma Gordon in honor of her great granddaughter, Katie Hendell's 3rd birthday.

**Happy Anniversary to** (August 28) Fred & Elizabeth Motz; (September 1) Bill & Evelyn Hall

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

**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.

### ndult 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".

**Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Ham (Hanna F. Allen) who were married in the sanctuary, Saturday, August 19, 2017! Bruce is the son of Steve and Beth Ham.

**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: meatloaf, new potatoes, seasoned green beans, caprese salad, homemade apple & peach cobbler

**Birthday Wishes to** (August 28) Gretchen Beck, Emily Gabbard, Cecil Hines, Luke Osteen; (August 29) John Dotson; (August 30) Heather Felder, Christine Murphy; (September 2) Allie Griffeth

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

# 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 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 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.

# 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.

**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.

Youth News

**Sunday Night youth** will not be meeting during the Fall months. Keep your eyes peeled for Connect3 Student Worship on Sunday Nights later this semester!

**Monthly Mission Trips** ~ If you would like to attend our monthly mission trips to Asheville, please contact Richard - <a href="https://humcrichard@icloud.com">humcrichard@icloud.com</a>

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

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

## 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!

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.

## **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.

**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.

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

# The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service Twelfth 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 My Tribute

arr. Dino Kartsonakis

**Opening Prayer** 

†Hymn of Praise "The Church's One Foundation"

UMH #546

**Scripture Reading** 

Romans 12:1-8

pew Bible, p.161

**Affirmation of Faith** 

The Apostles' Creed

UMH p.881

**Tithes and Offerings** 

Offertory Built Upon the Rock

-Sally DeFord

†Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**†Offering Prayer** 

†Hymn of the Word "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

**UMH #361** 

#### **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

I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me -William M. Schoenfeld

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

pew Bible, p.18

Sermon

The Empowered Church

†Hymn of Faith

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age" UMH #589

†Dismissal with Blessing "Choral Amen"

**Postlude** Rock of My Salvation 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

## **Today is Celebration Sunday!**

Thank you for your support of our recently completed 2018 Stewardship Campaign at HUMC. We're delighted to announce a 31% increase in participation over the previous year, with several commitments to the biblical model of tithing and a large number of commitments made to proportional giving with the goal of tithing. 89 "Good Faith Estimate of Giving" Cards were turned in (vs. 68 in 2017).

Based on the "Estimate of Giving Cards" received, along with the calculation of recent HUMC giving trends over the past 4-5 years, along with adjustments made for minor calendar changes in the coming year, the Finance Committee is projecting an 18% increase in giving in 2018.

Projected 2017 giving \$719,249
Projected 2018 giving \$846,685

Projected increase \$127,436 (18%)

**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 9:09 Service:** Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leaders: Jerry Moore & Nancy Anderson; Greeter: Judy Smart; Technologist: Jan Potts

**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: Tommie Jackson

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

# **UPON THIS**





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Randy Lucas, Senior Pastor Jennifer Forrester, Assistant Pastor Les Scott, Minister of Music Randy Harry, District Superintendent Paul Leeland, Bishop

