

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 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.

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

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

Matt.16:18



I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH.

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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