

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.

Hurricane Harvey Local Relief Efforts!!

As United Methodists, we have the opportunity to offer financial assistance through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). We will be taking up a special offering today and ask that you please make checks payable to HUMC with UMCOR on the memo line.

Wilson Gas (Doc Wilson) will have two drivers (Michael Chastain and Tubby Zachary) leaving on Tuesday to take collected items to the flood victims in Texas. As requested, we are collecting all types of animal food, wet wipes, Clorox, Clorox Wipes, buckets, and pump sprayers. You can bring items to donate to **Highlands Fire Department**. NO CLOTHES OF ANY KIND WILL BE TAKEN. If you have any questions please call Robbie Forrester, 342-1627. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!!!

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 27: 8:30-15 9:09-215 10:50-149

Happy Anniversary to (September 3) Robert & Judith Moore; (September 9) Al & Renee Bolt

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.

Family Night Supper on Wednesday this week will be a covered dish meal. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Meat will be provided by the church.

Birthday Wishes to (September 4) Ann Marie Moore, Gloria Smith; (September 5) Frank Edwards; (September 7) Wayne Crowe, Dennis Leftwich, Bill Shoptaw; (September 8) Michael Carter, Rebecca Dotson; (September 9) Dax Lloyd

Thank you to all those who provided food for last week's Celebration Brunch, those who set up and cleaned up. We appreciate all you do for HUMC!

Children's News

It's 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.

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 book of Hebrews.

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".

Youth News

Monthly Mission Trips ~ If you would like to attend our monthly mission trips to Asheville, please contact Richard - humcrichard@icloud.com

September Youth events will include Camp Grace (15th-17th), Impact Day (23rd), and we will plan on doing a bonfire one evening, check back for updates. Also keep your eyes peeled for Connect3 Student Worship, coming soon!

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!

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 and feel God's love through study and friendship. We meet weekly, and generally our studies are 5-6 weeks long. We use our Bibles and study books to explore our Christian beliefs.

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

September 6 ~ Story telling with Lee Lyons

September 13 ~ Tom Stribling will give a talk on "Drug Development, Drug Costs and Some Oops Moments"

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!

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 **September** we're collecting warm outer wear: coats, scarves, hats, gloves.

Pictures: From time-to-time, we would like to use pictures of HUMC activities in our publications and on our website. This means that one or more individuals may be captured in these pictures. In order to protect your privacy, if you **do NOT** want a picture that includes your image, or that of your child, to be used in any of our publications that are distributed outside of this building, including our website, please call the church office, 526-3376.

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, 22, & 29 and November 26.**

Join us for Outdoor Fellowship on Sunday, September 17 at noon. Everyone is invited!

The Pastor's Fund is a wonderful outreach and ministry through which HUMC is able to offer help to local families and individuals. If you would like to contribute to the Pastor's Fund, please indicate that in the "for" line on your check. Thank you for supporting this ministry to this community.

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

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The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Thirteenth 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 Jupiter From The Planets -Gustav Holst

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise “My Hope Is Built” UMH #368

Scripture Reading Romans 12:9-21 pew Bible, p.162

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Largo from New World Symphony -Antonin Dvorak

†Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

†Offering Prayer

†Hymn of the Word “The Summons” TFWS #2130

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 Total Praise -Richard Smallwood

Scripture Reading Matthew 16:21-28 pew Bible, p.18

Sermon More Than Words

Special Offering for Hurricane Relief The Prayer arr. David Foster

†Hymn of Faith “Nearer, My God, to Thee” UMH #528

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

Postlude Rondeau -Jean-Joseph Mouret

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



 random acts of
Kindness
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 are 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.

The 9:09 Service: Sermon: Jennifer Forrester; Worship Leaders: Tay Bronaugh; Greeter: Sandy Carlton

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; Organist: Jane Lineberger; Lay Reader: Robin Phillips; The Mountain Top Ringers: Chris Boltz, Nancy Butler, Paula Gordon, Barbara Newton, Jan Potts, King Young

Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 4: Team Members: Naomi Chastain, Hammond Rauers

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