

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 "Church in the Wildwood" "I Shall Not Be Moved"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Music "Farther Along"

Scripture Matthew 18:21-35

A Word of Faith

Special Offering for Hurricane Relief

Music "This Little Light of Mine"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Hurricane 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.



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.

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)
The 10:10 class meets in the Scout Room and is led by Bob Hood. (10:10am) They are studying "Desperate Women of the Bible".

Empty Bowls ~ Help end hunger in the Highlands Community, **Sunday, October 1st** at the First Presbyterian Church from 11:30-1:30. Tickets \$20; includes soup bowl made by local potters, delicious soups provided by local chefs, drink & dessert. All proceeds support the Highlands Food Pantry.
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.
Happy Anniversary to (September 20) Bill & Mary Brooks
The altar flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Ken & Sarah Knight in celebration of their granddaughter, Lillian Grace Knight's 2nd birthday.
Ministry Bags ~ For the month of **September** we're collecting warm outer wear: coats, scarves, hats, gloves.
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. **Flowers are needed for October 8, 22, & 29 and November 26.**

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 20 ~ Interview with Al Scudder
September 27 ~ Camp Grace Presentation

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.

Youth News

Monthly Mission Trips ~ Our next monthly mission trip to Asheville will be on October 15th..
September Youth events ~ Impact Day (September 23rd), and we'll have a bonfire on September 24th at the Brassard's house. 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!

Children's News

The Gordon Center's After School Program runs Monday - Wednesday. 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.

HUMC FAITH & FELLOWSHIP CENTER NEWS

Join us for A Fun Filled Auction

Saturday, October 14th from 5-7pm at Scudder's Gallery
All proceeds will benefit the new Faith & Fellowship Center

A special thank you to Pastor Randy Lucas and his team for managing a very successful golf tournament last month! There were Eighty Eight golfers participating, and by all accounts, the tournament was very successful, and enjoyed by all. Most importantly it netted about \$12,000 for the new Faith and Fellowship Center, more than doubling our generous family's challenge of \$5,000 per month. It is very exciting to report that you have exceeded that challenge every month this year!! Thanks to all who were involved in that event, and to everyone who has contributed toward the new facility. We hope to be using the new space very soon!

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.

If you're interested in exploring church membership at HUMC, please let Pastor Randy know by Sunday, September 24th. In addition to Professing Membership, Affiliate Membership (members of United Methodist Churches in other locations) and Associate Membership (members of other denominations in other locations) are available.
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick M. Cisco (Emilie L. Norton) who were married in the sanctuary Saturday, September 9, 2017! Emilie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Norton, Jr. of Gainesville, GA.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Fifteenth 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 His Temple -George Blake

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise “Freely, Freely” UMH #389

Scripture Reading Romans 14:1-12 pew Bible, p.163

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory A Prayer for the Nation -Lani Smith
During this time you may bring your Ministry Bag to the altar.

†Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

†Offering Prayer

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.)

†Hymn of the Word “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” UMH #390

Call to Prayer Lord, Hear Our Prayer -Mark Patterson

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 As the Deer -Martin Nostrum, arr. Douglas Wagner

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:21-35 pew Bible, p.20

Sermon Is God's Forgiveness Conditional?

Special Offering for Hurricane Relief Solemn Contemplation

†Hymn of Faith “Help Us Accept Each Other” UMH #560

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

Postlude Trumpet Call -Lani Smith

The Pumpkins are Coming

Wednesday, October 4th the pumpkins will arrive!!

Join us for a Pumpkin Festival on Saturday,
October 7th from 11am-3pm

Bake sale, face painting, pumpkin carving,
hot apple cider, hot dog/bratwurst lunch.
Donated baked goods will be much
appreciated.

If you would like to **volunteer**
to sell pumpkins during the
month of October, please
contact Richard Read or sign
up on the big pumpkin on
Jennifer’s office door.

Come out and support the youth!



All Male Beauty Pageant, Monday, October 16th 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 September 10: 9:09-197 10:50-153

Join us for Outdoor Fellowship on Sunday, September 24 at noon.
Everyone is invited!

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 on the attendance register today or call the
office no later than 4pm on Monday. Menu: Chinese Meal

Birthday Wishes to (September 17) Graham Reker; (September 18) Betty
Kizer, Neal Little, Margie Melvin; (September 22) Phil Carlton, Taylor Carter,
Alan Marsh; (September 23) Carole Oxford, Margie Potts

Church Staff: Rev. Randy Lucas, Senior Pastor; Rev. Jennifer Forrester, Assistant
Pastor, Les Scott, Minister of Music; Richard Read, Director of Children & Youth
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The 9:09 Service: Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leader: Gary Clark;
Greeter: Jeanie Edwards; Technologist: Patti Moschouris

The 9:09 Band: Lee Ladensack - Vocals & guitar; Dakota Waddell - Bass;
Charles Wood - Banjo; Jim Yoder - Mandolin

10:50 Worship Leaders: Sermon: Randy Lucas; Minister of Music: Les
Scott; Organist: Jane Lineberger; Lay Reader: Sarah Knight

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



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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