

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 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
“This Train”

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Music “Peace in the Valley”

Scripture Matthew 20:1-16

A Word of Faith

Music “When We All Get to Heaven”

Sending Forth

Closing Music “I'll Fly Away”

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.

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.

Happy Anniversary to (September 24) Dennis & Fran Leftwich; (September 25) Jim & Allison Tate

The altar flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Griffin & Glenda Bell in gratitude to God for their six grandchildren: Amelia, Griffin, Margaret, Charlie, Mary Frances, & Norah.

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.**

Attendance on September 17: 9:09-197 10:50-126

Join us for Outdoor Fellowship today at noon. Everyone is invited!

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".

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.

If you’re interested in exploring church membership at HUMC, please let Pastor Randy know today. 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.

Birthday Wishes to (September 24) Judy Mouchet; (September 26) Bob Carlton; (September 27) Will Araujo, Terri Crowe, Ann Rose; (September 28) Sally Wheeler; (September 29) Nancy Anderson

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: soup, salad, & dessert

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 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.

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 sign up on the big pumpkin on Jennifer’s office door.

Come out and support the youth!



Youth News

Monthly Mission Trips ~ Our next monthly mission trip to Asheville will be on October 15th. We will go to Haywood Street congregation & help serve.

September Youth events ~ we'll have a bonfire today at the Brassard's house. We will meet at the church at 5pm to carpool & return by 7:30pm.

Youth Sunday School!!!! 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.

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.

Combined Worship in the new Faith and Fellowship Center
next Sunday, October 1st at 10:00am

Please plan to join us as we all worship together in celebration of this exciting new chapter in the life of HUMC. We will worship, celebrate Holy Communion together, offer prayers of dedication and blessing, and then enjoy appetizers that will be provided after the service. Thanks be to God!

Hurricane Relief Efforts!! ~ As United Methodists, we have the opportunity to offer financial assistance through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Please make checks payable to HUMC with UMCOR on the memo line.

Church Staff: Rev. Randy Lucas, Senior Pastor; Rev. Jennifer Forrester, Assistant Pastor, Les Scott, Minister of Music; 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

Sixteenth 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 *How Great is Our God* arr. Cindy Berry

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”* UMH #121

Scripture Reading **Philippians 1:21-30** pew Bible, p.196

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles’ Creed* UMH p.881

Tithes and Offerings
Offertory *A Prayer for the Nation* -Lani Smith

†Doxology *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

†Offering Prayer *What Wondrous Love Is This* arr. Carol Tornquist

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 *“Wounded World That Cries for Healing”* TFWS #2177

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 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* -Hal Hopson

Scripture Reading **Matthew 20:1-16** pew Bible, p.21

Sermon **Baffling Generosity**

†Hymn of Faith *“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”* UMH #479

†Dismissal with Blessing *“Sevenfold Amen”*

Postlude *On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand* arr. Cindy Berry

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

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 \$12,602 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.

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The 9:09 Service: Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leaders: Christine & John Murphy; Greeter: Judy Smart; Technologist: Jerry Moore
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; Organist: Jane Lineberger; Lay Reader: Mary Ann Ray
Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 4: Team Members: Naomi Chastain, Hammond Rauers



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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