

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 "I Saw the Light" "Bringing in the Sheaves"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

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 25:1-13

A Word of Faith

Music "Victory in Jesus"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Ministry Bags

For the month of November we're collecting: gloves, hats, scarves, & socks for children, men, & women for Haywood Street in Asheville which offers a safe place for those experiencing homelessness.

The Altar Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Ken Knight in honor of all who have served this country in uniform. We salute you and give you thanks for your sacrifice and service.

Facebook Live ~ Can't make it to church on a Sunday? You can now watch our worship services each Sunday on Facebook. Any questions just call the church office.

Auction Update ~ It took the whole church to put on an auction and we made \$30,250 which will go to the new Faith & Fellowship Center Fund.

Check out the Information Stations ~ In the narthex, office hall wing, and chapel for information about what's going on in the life of the church.

Birthday Wishes to (November 12) Linda G. Edwards; (November 13) Kristin Edwards, Marlene Viers; (November 14) Lee Byers; (November 15) Pat Allen, Jim Hines, Olan Vinson; (November 16) Riley Moseley

Food Pantry Needs ~ warm outer wear: coats, scarves, hats, gloves, blankets, socks, and small space heaters. Please place items in the Food Pantry bin located in the Donation Station across from the office.

Happy Anniversary to (November 15) Doug & Patty Campbell; (November 18) Jeff & Christy Weller

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".

Attendance on November 5: 9:09-114 10:50-118

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.

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.

Cookies Needed for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 25th. Please bring to the church no later than noon on Wednesday, November 22nd.

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 November 26 and December 31.

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 for a new 6 week study of the book "How Can I See the Light When It's So Dark? Journey to a Thankful Heart", by Linda Douty. 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 November 15th - A Service of Healing November 22nd - No Wednesday night activities November 29th - Deck the Halls

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.

Upcoming Events

Please join us for the Highlands Community Thanksgiving Supper on Tuesday, November 21st at 6:00pm at the Highlands Rec Park. Prepared meals will also be delivered to anyone in need. Let us know if you or anyone else would like a meal delivered and for how many.

Deck the Halls ~ On Wednesday Night, November 29th, join us after supper for "Deck The Hall". Something for all ages as we decorate the Fellowship Hall for Advent & Christmas.

Highlands Christmas Parade ~ Saturday, December 2nd at 11:00am The Camels are Coming! After the parade meet back at the church for hot cider, cookies, fellowship, and picture taking with the camels.

A Food Pantries Christmas at The Episcopal Church on Saturday, December 2nd from 11:30-1:30pm. After the Highlands Christmas parade, attendees can enjoy a barbecue lunch for \$10, with all proceeds benefiting the the Highlands Food Pantry and the Highlands Emergency Council Food Pantry. Also available for purchase will be jams, jellies, pickles, preserves, & baked goods. Donations for baked goods are being accepted at the Highlands Emergency Council or First Presbyterian Church of Highlands.

Breakfast with Santa ~ On Saturday, December 9th join us for a very special family tradition! Families are invited to gather at 8:30am for breakfast followed by a visit from Santa Claus! Reservations are requested as space is limited, so please call the church office at 526-3376 by Wednesday, December 6th. Suggested donation of \$10 per family

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Ring in the holiday season with the Town Christmas Tree lighting at the Kelsey Hutchinson Park on Saturday, November 25th at 6:30pm. The Town Carolers and our children's choir will lead us in Christmas Carols as we all join together this holiday season. You may also enjoy homemade cookies & hot chocolate. After the Tree Lighting the children can visit with Santa.



Youth News

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.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Twenty-third 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.

Gathering

Welcome/Passing of the Peace

Church Announcements

Opening Voluntary Thaxted -Charles Callahan

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise “I Want to Be Ready” UMH #722

Scripture Reading Joshua 24:1-3,14-25 pew Bible, p.215

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Offertoire -Gregory P. Cohn

†Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

†Offering Prayer

†Hymn of the Word “I Need Thee Every Hour” UMH #397

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.)

Call to Prayer Lord, Hear Our Prayer

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 O Lord, My God, You Are My Refuge -J.S. Bach

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:1-13 pew Bible, p.28

Sermon Godsick

†Hymn of Faith “Soon and Very Soon” UMH #706

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

Postlude A Mighty Fortress arr. Roger C. Wilson

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
Now - December 31st - Vacation Rental Program
See the website for a complete list of Vacation Rentals

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.

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

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The 9:09 Service: Sermon: Jennifer Forrester; Worship Leader: TBA; Greeter: Susan Hood
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; Lay Reader: John Baumrucker
Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 2: Team Leader: Kenneth Crowe; Team Members: Alan Marsh, Dave Cashion



for you know neither the day
nor the hour.



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