

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 "Do Lord" "You're Drifting Away"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Commissioning of the Youth Mission Team

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Music "It Is No Secret"

Scripture Matthew 13:18-23

A Word of Faith

Music "Jesus Loves Me"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School!!!! with Richard Read, the Director of Youth Ministry, from 10:00-10:45. Come Join us!!!!

Boys' breakfast, with our Director of Children and Youth Ministries, Richard Read. The boys meet at Sports Page at 8:30 on Thursdays throughout the summer. Invite a friend!

Summer Sunday Nights!!! The youth will meet each Sunday night throughout the summer from 5:30-7pm. We hope you will join us as we look at Sunday nights in a fresh, new way!!

The youth will meet each Wednesday night from 6-7 throughout the summer. Everyone's invited to come to dinner before youth at 5:15!

Summer Eucharist

Through the month of August, we are offering a weekly 30 minute service of Holy Communion each Sunday morning at 8:30am in the sanctuary.

A Celebration of Mission and Ministry ~ Join us on Sunday, July 23rd as we celebrate the mission and ministry of HUMC

Church Outing ~ The youth group will be hosting a church outing to go tubing at Deep Creek in Bryson City after church on Sunday, July 30th. It is open to anyone in the church who would like to attend. Remember to bring a sack lunch and \$5 to cover the cost of your tube.

Attendance on July 9: 8:30-12 9:09-217 10:50-112

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 Beatitudes
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".

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.

Outdoor Fellowship ~ Join us today for Outdoor Fellowship at 12:00. Everyone is invited!

The altar flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in honor of Randy & Kathy Lucas by Marlene Viers.

Food Pantry Benefit ~ Enjoy a delicious meal at Lakeside Restaurant on July 19th & a portion of your what you spend will be donated to the Food Pantry. Please call Lakeside to make your reservations and mention the Pantry.

The Church in the Wildwood services are on Sundays at 7:00pm. It runs through Labor Day. It is an old-fashioned hymn-sing, casual dress.

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 7:00pm in the parlor for a study on When God Doesn't Fix It (learning to walk in God's plans instead of our own) by Laura Story is a 5-week study and is led by Sarah Mueller. 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 July 19 ~ Kenny Youmans will be the speaker

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.

Construction is on schedule, and last month was a very good fundraising month. You may remember that back in January, we had a very generous family pledge \$5,000 per month for ten months if that amount could be matched each month. It's a pleasure to tell you our congregation again more than matched that amount in June, and has done that for every month since the challenge began! Thanks so much for your continuing support to this needed facility. We plan to be worshiping there soon. Come One Come All!

Golf Outing

August 28th at the Cullasaja Country Club with Proceeds to benefit the F&FC.
Entry Fee: \$200 per player/\$800 per team
Format: 4 Man Captain's Choice
The field is limited to the first 22 teams registered.
For hole sponsorships, please contact Marjorie Crowe or Keith Crawford.

Your entry fee includes a box lunch, on course beverages, and a buffet dinner in the beautiful clubhouse. In addition, every entrant will receive a Bobby Grace putter, compliments of Bobby Grace putters and Halo Window & Door Co.

Hammond & Mitzi Rauers are sponsoring a Hole-In-One Competition with prizes on all par threes and one hole featuring a 2017 Ford Escape. In addition there will be Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive Prizes. Mulligans and tee busters will be available for purchase at registration.

Schedule of Play ~ 11:00am ~ Registration & Practice
12:00pm ~ Shotgun Start & Box Lunch
6:00pm ~ Buffet Dinner

You may pick up a registration form at the Information Stations or register on the website.

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.

Lunch on the Lawn

Join us on Saturday, July 22nd and 29th, from 11:30 to 2:30 for lunch!! See you there!

Birthday Wishes to (July 16) Harriet Bauknight, Larry Dale, Terri Kennedy; (July 18) Vivian Kennedy; (July 19) Durward Early; (July 21) Naomi Chastain, Elizabeth Motz; (July 22) Ken Bowser, Linda Bubenick, Amanda Griffith, John McKey, Annabelle Ye

Happy Anniversary to (July 20) Mike & Christine Murphy, Tony Terri Potts

Church Membership ~ If you are interested in exploring church membership at HUMC, whether Full, Associate or Affiliate Membership, please let Pastor Randy know by Sunday, July 23rd.

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. Pick up a flyer for: HUMC News, Church Leadership List, Building Pledge Forms, etc.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Sixth 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 Prayerful Meditation -Bach

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise "Marching to Zion" UMH #733

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:1-9 pew Bible, p.13

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Children's Time

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go -Homer Whitford
During this time you may bring your Ministry Bag to the altar.

†Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

†Offering Prayer

†Hymn of the Word "Wonderful Words of Life" UMH #600

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 Find in Me -Henry Hinnant

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:18-23 pew Bible, p.14

Sermon The Soul Tending Life

†Hymn of Faith "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" UMH #420

†Dismissal with Blessing "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Postlude Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! -Georg Philipp Telemann

Dear Church Family,

Sunday, August 6th is our congregation's Commitment Sunday. I encourage you to plan now to attend the two important events: Sunday morning worship on the 6th and the Celebration Brunch on Sunday, August 20th offered between the 9:09 service and the 10:50 service. We will serve a tempting selection of typical brunch offerings and afford everyone the opportunity to mix and mingle with both Congregations.

This spiritual growth oriented process is designed to enrich our Biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. Rather than focusing on the need of the church to receive, the experience concentrates on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development.

You will receive a "2018 Good Faith Estimate of Giving Card" in the mail soon that you'll be asked to complete and return on August 6th. As you prayerfully consider your response to financial stewardship as an act of worship, I encourage you to make every effort to join us for Commitment Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 6th for worship and at the Celebration Brunch on Sunday, August 20th.

Faithfully,

Ed Mawyer, Finance Committee Chair

children's News

Music Camp ~ Monday, July 31 - Friday, August 4th. Mark your calendar!!

3,4,5 Wednesday Gang Come join this energetic group and invite a friend :) Wednesdays from 6-7pm.

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.

There will be a meeting of the Committee on Nominations and Lay Leadership on Thursday, July 20th at 5pm.

Ministry Bags

For the month of July we're collecting school supplies: paper, pencils, erasers, pens, glue sticks, markers, folders with pockets, dividers, binders, USB drives, backpacks, tissue, & hand sanitizer for the Highlands School

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; Eric Turner, Duke Summer Ministry Intern

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The 9:09 Service: Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leader: TBA; Greeter: Sandy Carlton; Technologists: Tom & Debbie Brock

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; Pianist: Sherry Bruner; Organist: Jane Lineberger; Lay Reader: Patsy Wilson; Children's Time: John Gaston; Acolyte: Vivian Kennedy

Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 2: Team Leader: Griffin Bell; Team Members: Bill Reynolds, Frank Buskirk, Tom Stribling, Kenny Youmans, King Young, & Oliver Oxford

The Sower and the Seed

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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