

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 "Just Over in the Gloryland"
"Put Your Hand in the Hand"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Commissioning of the Texas Mission Team

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Music "I Surrender All"

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46

A Word of Faith

Music "Calling You"

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.

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.

Happy Anniversary to (November 27) Tom & Katrina Graham, Ray & Becky McCaskill, Maurice & Ginger Sweatt, Bill & Ruth Watkins

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 29) Kristy Lewis, Nancy Sutton

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.

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".

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 Parade on December 2nd. Please bring to the church no later than noon on Friday, December 1st.

You can order a Poinsettia for the 10:50 worship service on Sunday, December 17th on the church website, the kiosk, pick up a form at one of the Information Stations or placed around the church.

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 29th – Deck the Halls

December 6th – Lectionary Bible Study with Jennifer Forrester & Fred Motz

December 13th – Mountain Top Ringer's Christmas Program

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

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

The Highlands Community Christian Chorale **Saturday, December 9th & Sunday, December 10th at 5:00pm** at The Episcopal Church with a reception following Sunday's presentation.

The Mountain Top Ringers will present their annual Christmas concert, *Ring Christmas Bells* on Wednesday, **December 13th at 6:00pm**. This accomplished ensemble will play a program of both sacred and secular Christmas favorites, will accompany a singalong set of Christmas pops songs, and will play a special set for the children in the audience. So come for supper at 5:15 and then hear some beautiful and memorable music afterwards. The Mountain Top Ringers will also be playing the sacred part of their program for worship on December 10th at 10:50.

Chancel Choir Cantata **Sunday, December 17th** – during our 10:50 worship service. This year the Chancel Choir presents "The Tapestry of Light, a Celtic Christmas Celebration" by Joseph Martin

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

Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King Sunday

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 *O Worship the King* -Hayes

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise *"O Worship the King"* UMH #73

Scripture Reading **Psalm 100** pew Bible, p.552

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

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Crown Him with Many Crowns* -Tornquist

†Doxology *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

†Offering Prayer

†Hymn of the Word *"Rescue the Perishing"* UMH #591

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 *Compassion Hymn*
-Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townsend

Scripture Reading **Matthew 25:31-46** pew Bible, p.29

Sermon **In Search of the King**

†Hymn of Faith *"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"* UMH #581

†Dismissal with Blessing *"Sevenfold Amen"* -Sir John Stainer

Postlude *The King is Coming* arr. Bruner

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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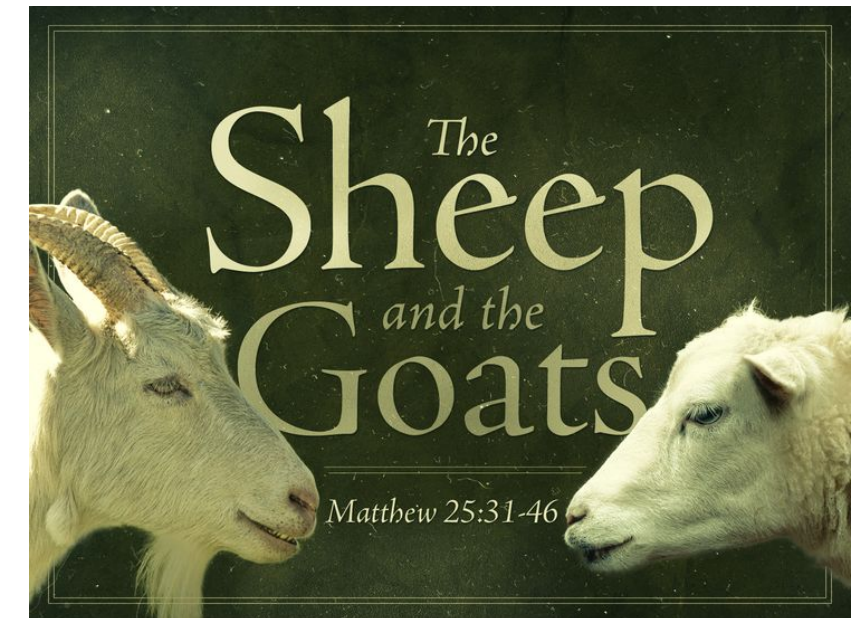
The 9:09 Service: Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leader: TBA; Greeter: Sandy Carlton

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

10:50 Worship Leaders: Sermon: Randy Lucas; Liturgist: Jennifer Forrester; Minister of Music: Les Scott; Pianist: Sherry Bruner; Lay Reader: Ken Knight

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

Just as you did it to one of
the least of these...



you did it to me



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