### **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 "Churc

"Church in the Wildwood"
"Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Music "Give Thanks"

Scripture Matthew 25:14-30

A Word of Faith

Music "Here I Am, Lord"

**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 20) Larry & Gayle Cummings; (November 23) Jeff & Shelley Vidmar

**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 19) Wayne Clark, Leigh Ivy, Megan James, Marsha Little, Tony Potts; (November 21) Bonny Gibson; (November 23) Wiley Sloan; (November 24) Sara Mayer; (November 25) Linda Dryman, Sheri McGaughy

**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.

**Attendance on November 12:** 9:09–124 10:50–75

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".

A Mission Team will be going to Texas the week of November 26th and are collecting needed items: utility knives, extra blades, drywall screws, drywall fiberglass tape, drywall sanding supplies, masks, gloves, staples. Please bring items to the church by Wednesday, November 22nd at noon.

**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.

# 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?

**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.

Journey to a Thankful Heart, by Linda Douty.

Wednesday Night Activities 6:00pm - Childcare provided

November 22nd – No Wednesday night activities

November 29th - Deck the Halls

**December 13th** – Mountain Top Ringer Christmas Program

### **Thursday**

Joy Group for Seniors from 11:30-1:30pm.

Circle of Prayer Ministry  $\sim$  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

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.

### **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!

**Mission Outing** ~ The Youth will leave at 3:00pm today to go be in mission at Haywood Street Church in Asheville.

# 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-fourth 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** 

**Opening Prayer** 

†Hymn of Praise "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Thankful People, Come" UMH #694

**Scripture Reading** 

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

pew Bible, p.205

**Affirmation of Faith** 

The Apostles' Creed

UMH p.881

**Tithes and Offerings** 

Offertory Grateful

rateful arr. Hayes

†Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**†Offering Prayer** 

†Hymn of the Word

"We Gather Together"

**UMH #131** 

### **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** 

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

-Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

pew Bible, p.28

Sermon

Free Your Treasure

†Hymn of Faith

"Now Thank We All Our God"

UMH #102

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

Postlude

# **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

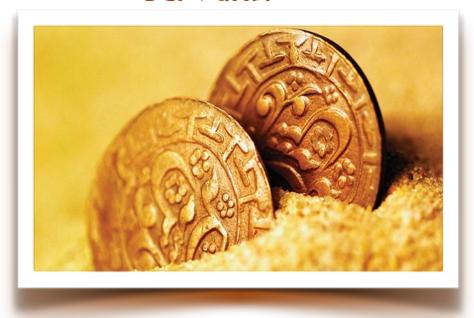
**The 9:09 Service:** Sermon: Jennifer Forrester; Worship Leader: TBA; Greeter: Kay Moore

**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 Gaston

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

# Well done good and faithful servant.



LOVE G Offer to All.

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