

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	
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	The Moseley Family
Music	<i>"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"</i> <i>"The First Noel"</i>
Special Announcements\Joy Time	
A Time to Offer our Gifts to God	
A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross	
Music	<i>"Do You Hear What I Hear"</i>
Scripture	Isaiah 61:1-11
A Word of Faith	
Music	<i>"O Come, All Ye Faithful"</i>
Sending Forth	
Closing Music	<i>"I'll Fly Away"</i>

Ministry Bags

For the month of **December** we're collecting: canned tuna, chicken, & salmon, spaghetti sauce, dry pasta, macaroni & cheese, canned green beans, and canned corn for the **Emergency Council**.

**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.

**Birthday Wishes to** (December 18) Leo Huckabee; (December 19) LaDonna Keener; (December 20) Ethan Tate, Meridith Watson; (December 22) Grace Crowe, Doug Holder, Elaine Reynolds, Donna Wilson

**2018 Disciple Bible Study** ~ HUMC is offering two great opportunities to engage in meaningful Bible Study beginning in January. Disciple Bible Study I (Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study) and Disciple Bible Study II (Into the Word, Into the World). To sign up, or for more information, please email Pastor Randy at [randyhumc@icloud.com](mailto:randyhumc@icloud.com) by January 7th, 2018.

**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.

**Happy Anniversary to** (December 19) Mike & Becki Bryson, Ben & Amanda Griffith; (December 20) Jeff & Melanie Carter; (December 21) Kevin & Gretchen Beck

**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.

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".

Children's News

**Children's Sunday School Class** ~ Pastor Randy and Kathy are teaching a Sunday School Class for children K - 5. All children are invited for a fun time of learning together. Each Sunday in December, Kathy will meet the children at the Christmas Tree in the Church Sanctuary at 10am and lead them to class. The time for the Children's Sunday School Class is 10:00 - 10:40am. All children are encouraged and invited to come and join in the fun!  
**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.

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 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**  
**December 20th** – Fellowship Night  
**December 27th** – No Activities  
**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.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**The Highlands Community Christian Chorale**  
**Tuesday, December 19th at 5:00pm**  
at The Episcopal Church with a reception following the presentation.

**Blue Christmas Service/Longest Night Service**  
**Thursday, December 21st at 6:00pm**

The holidays are often the loneliest time of the year for those who have experienced loss in their lives. These losses can be the death of a loved one, loss of a job, divorce, death of a dear pet, loss of health, or any of the other losses people experience. The Blue Christmas/Longest Night service allows us to grieve the losses, to acknowledge our pain, and to take comfort in God's abiding love and care for us. Everyone is welcome to attend this ministry of our local churches.

**Christmas Eve Worship Services**  
**Sunday, December 24**

**5:00pm a Family-Friendly Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
Come and bring the entire family for a festive celebration of Jesus' birth. This service will include a Children's Christmas Pageant, Holy Communion and candle lighting. The approximate length of this service will be 1 hour.

**7:00pm Christmas Eve Eucharist Service**  
This 30 minute service of Holy Communion is offered with busy Christmas Eve Schedule's in mind, and will provide you with an opportunity to gather at the altar with your family, and to receive Communion in a quiet and intimate setting.

**9:00pm a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols**  
This quiet service combines Scripture and congregational caroling. This half-hour service will end in candlelight.

**11:45pm a Midnight Eucharist**  
This is a new addition to our Christmas Eve Schedule, and will provide the opportunity to greet Christmas Day at the Lord's Table. The approximate length of this service will be 15 - 20 minutes.

All Christmas Eve services will take place in the sanctuary.



The Youth will meet at 2:45pm at the church today to go to **Haywood Street. Youth Sunday School!!!!** from 10:00-10:45. Come Join us!!!!  
**The youth meet each Wednesday night** from 6-7. Everyone's invited to come to dinner before youth at 5:15!

**HUMC Office Holiday Schedule**  
The church office will be closed December 22nd - 25th, January 1st and 2nd. December 26th - 29th, the church office will be open 10am - 2pm. Financial Secretary Keith Crawford will be in the office Tuesday, December 26th.  
**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

Third Sunday of Advent

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 Christmas Day Ida Mornin" Shetland Islands

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Wilma Gordon & Family

Opening Prayer

†Advent Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH #234

Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Carol of the Bells arr. Mark Hayes

†Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
(sung to the tune of The First Noel)

†Offering Prayer

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 -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.

Cantata Tapestry of Light -Joseph Martin

†Hymn of Faith "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH #238, vs. 1-3, 5

†Dismissal with Blessing "Star-Child"

Postlude Carols of Celebration arr. Joseph Martin

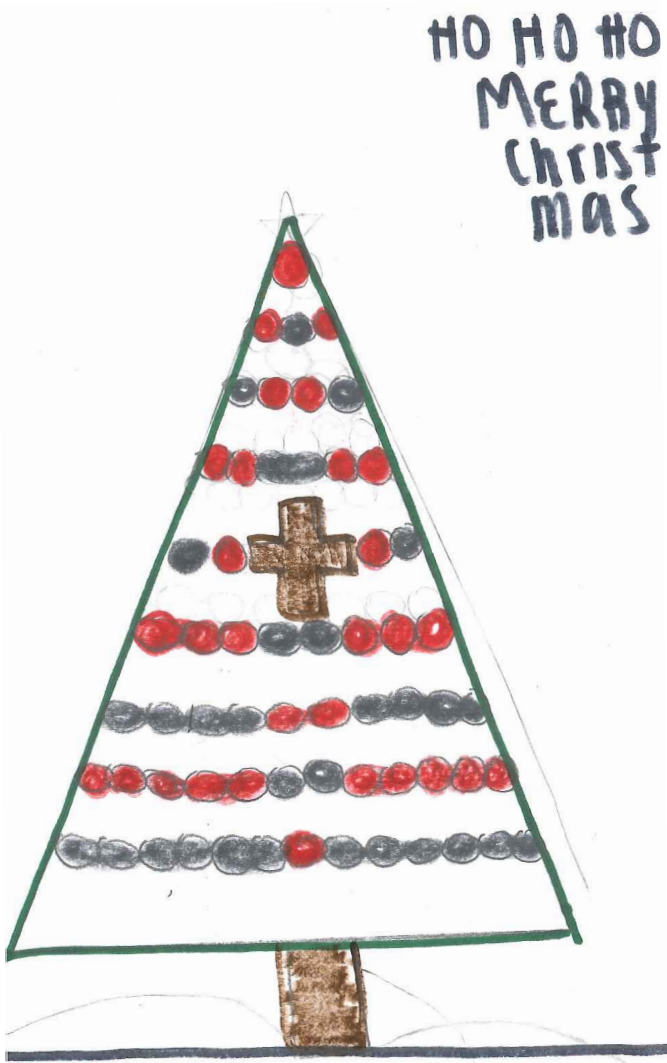
The Poinsettias in the Sanctuary  
this morning are given...



In memory of **Jim & Ann Mitchell**.  
In honor of **Connie Newman** by Janet Newman.  
In memory of **Richard L. Kattel** by Gay Kattel.  
In memory of **William Berg and Bruce Berg** by Cynthia Berg.  
In memory of **Our Loved Ones** by Wayne & Geri Crowe.  
In memory of **Chuck & Pat Sutton**.  
In memory of **Bill Newman** by Janet Newman.  
In memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Clark Picklesimer** by Terri & Ronnie Crowe,  
Greg & Jeanne Picklesimer & family.  
In honor of **Les Scott & Sherry Bruner** by Cindy & John Gaston.  
In memory of **Clarence Mawyer** by Ed Mawyer.  
In memory of **Dorothy S. Leftwich & Luther W. Hall, Jr.** by Fran & Dennis  
Leftwich.  
In memory of **John Gordon, Robert Morton, Irene & Lawton James,  
& Ruben & Esther Olson** and in honor of **Wilma Gordon & Ardis Morton**  
by Dana, Paula, & Elizabeth Gordon.  
In memory of **Marie Mawyer** by Ed Mawyer.  
In memory and in honor of **Loved Ones** by Wilma Gordon  
To **the Glory of God** by Gwen & Sidney Futch.  
In memory of **Syndee Rose, Earle & Edra Bowling, & Jodie Bowling**  
by Ann Rose.  
In memory of **Curt A. Wilson** and in honor of **Mildred Z. Wilson** by  
Dennis & Sheryl Wilson.  
In memory of **Joanna Baumrucker** by John Baumrucker.  
In memory of **Lester Roberts, Gracie Roberts, Leroy Roberts, Delores  
Roberts, Gayle Roberts, Christy Patterson, Darrell Clodfelder, &  
Bill Wells** by Don & Peggy Roberts.  
In honor of **Dallas Roberts, Pilot Eagle Roberts, Ever Reverend Jones,  
Christine Jones, Brian Roberts, Therese Roberts, Devon Roberts,  
Jada Roberts, Sherrill Wells, & Peg Roberts** by Don Roberts  
In memory of my parents; **Janet & Ervin Baumrucker** by John  
Baumrucker.  
In memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Lawton James, Mr. & Mrs. Simon Pell, & S.D.  
Calloway**.  
In memory of **my mother, father, & brother** by Nin Bond.  
In memory of **Nona & W.E. Hornbeak** and in honor of **Nin Bond** by  
Pamela Miller.  
In memory of **Joane & Donna Miller** by Pamela Miller.

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**The 9:09 Service:** Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leader: Keven Gabbard;  
Greeter: Judy Smart  
**The 9:09 Band:** Lee Ladensack - Vocals & guitar; Dakota Waddell - Bass;  
Charles Wood - Banjo; Jim Yoder - Mandolin  
**10:50 Worship Leaders:** Liturgists: Randy Lucas & Jennifer Forrester;  
Minister of Music: Les Scott; Pianist: Sherry Bruner; Flute: Sabrina Kumar;  
Violin: Sarah Bennett; Cello: Jim Lestock; Percussion: David Fox  
**Serving our 10:50 Service:** Ushers: Team 3: Team Leader: Kenneth Crowe;  
Team Members: Alan Marsh, Dave Cashion, Luke Osteen, Trisha Smith



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