

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 "When We All Get to Heaven"  
"I Love to Tell the Story"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Music "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

A Word of Faith

Communion

Music "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

A Look Ahead

- Monday, January 8th ~ Staff Retreat - office closed
- Monday, January 15th ~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday - office closed
- Sunday, January 21st ~ Bolivia Pizza Fundraiser ~ 12-8:00pm  
To order a pizza; pick up a form from one of the Information Stations, place your order on the kiosk, or on the church website
- Saturday, February 3rd ~ Leadership Retreat ~ 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Sunday, February 11th ~ Heart of Highlands; dinner, dance, and presentation of King & Queen at 5:30pm
- Wednesday, February 14th ~ Ash Wednesday - Supper at 5:15pm with an Ash Wednesday Service following at 6:00pm in the Faith and Fellowship Center

Ministry Bags

For the month of January we're collecting: dog leashes, dry & can dog & cat food, dog collars, and dog & cat pet toys for the Humane Society.

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 Monday at 4pm.

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).
- Parent Community Class meets at Buck's. The class is group led. (10:00am)
- The 10:10 class meets in the Scout Room and is led by Bob Hood. (10:10am)

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 (January 7) Jim Nix, Cotton Russell; (January 9) Gayle Byrne, Jeff James, David Long, Cindy Reed; (January 10) Elaine Carlton, Richard Dunn, Owen Griffith, Lora Speed-Beegle; (January 12) Fred Motz, Loretta Picklesimer; (January 13) Robert Edwards, Willard Garland, Andy Marquez

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 by today.

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 January 10th – Lectionary Text Study with Jennifer Forrester & Fred Motz
- Thursday Joy Group for Seniors from 11:30-1:30pm. Circle of Prayer Ministry ~ Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30pm.

Children's News

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.

Youth News

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!

Counseling Ministry Subsidy Support ~ Tommie Jackson (336.655.0665) is making sourdough bread and will gladly take your order. The proceeds of this endeavor will go towards Counseling Ministry Subsidized Fees. Please call and place your order today.

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.

Winter Church Policy: When the Highlands School closes for inclement weather we will cancel all church activities for that day. In case of inclement weather on Sunday there will be no Sunday School or nursery but we will have worship service.

Altar Flowers for the sanctuary: The Altar Guild of HUMC welcomes the gift of flowers for our 10:50 worship service. Flowers may be given to remember or honor loved ones, to give thanks, or to celebrate a special event, such as a birthday, anniversary, or a baptism. The cost for altar arrangements is \$55. Special order arrangements may cost more. Please fill out one of the forms beneath the calendar, outside Randy's office, and place in Sonja's box across from the church office or call the church office in the week. Flowers are needed for January 14, 21, & 28.

The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast and a Resolution Workshop that is fun, entertaining, and insightful on Saturday, January 13th at 8:30am at the church. Good Food. Good Fellowship. Good Times. All men are invited to attend.

HUMC 2018 Church Leadership Retreat

A Church Leadership Retreat has been scheduled for Saturday, February 3rd from 10am - 4pm at the Pinnacle Retreat Center in Clayton, Georgia. This planning retreat is designed for all members of the Church Council, SPRC, Finance, Trustees, Ministries Team, and anyone else interested in joining in this time of strategic planning and visioning together. Since the Retreat Center will be providing our lunch, we need to supply them with an accurate number of attendees. If you plan to attend, please contact Sonja in the church office at (828) 526-3376, or at highlandsumc@icloud.com by Friday, January 26th.

# The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

## Epiphany 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 *Beautiful One/O Come, Let Us Adore Him*  
arr. Carol Tornquist

### Opening Prayer

† Hymn of Praise *"We Three Kings"* UMH #254

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 60:1-6* pew Bible, p. 690

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

Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory *Be Unto Your Name* arr. Carol Tornquist

† 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

Anthem *Only a Baby Came* -Natalie Sleeth

Scripture Reading *Matthew 2:1-12* pew Bible, p. 2

Sermon *Home By Another Way*

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II UMH p. 12

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.*

† Hymn of Faith *"Star-Child"* TFWS #2095

† Dismissal with Blessing *"This Little Light of Mine"*

Postlude *Praise The Lord Who Reigns Above* arr. Mary McDonald

## 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

**Join a Foyer Group** ~ Small groups that gather monthly in someone's home for appetizers and conversation. This provides time to be with one another in fun and fellowship as Christian friendships grow. Pick up a form at one of the Information Stations, signup on the church website, or on the kiosk.

**Human Relations Day Offering** ~ will be taken next Sunday. HRD encourages us to recognize the rights of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. This special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

**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: Christine Murphy; AV Tech: Mike Murphy

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

**10:50 Worship Leaders:** Sermon: Jennifer Forrester; Minister of Music: Les Scott; Pianist: Sherry Bruner; Lay Reader: Robin Phillips; Communion Assistants: Dennis & Fran Leftwich, & Paula Gordon

**Serving our 10:50 Service:** Ushers: Team 1: Team Leader: Nin Bond; Team Members: Richard Melvin, Ken Knight, Bob & Nancy Sutton

*Home By Another Way*



*And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.*

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

Highlands United Methodist Church  
January 7, 2018

