

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	“Church in the Wildwood” “Just Over in the Gloryland”
Special Announcements\Joy Time	
A Time to Offer our Gifts to God	
A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross	
Music	“Old Rugged Cross”
Scripture	Mark 1:9-15
A Word of Faith	
Music	“Will the Circle Be Unbroken”
Sending Forth	
Closing Music	“I’ll Fly Away”

Looking for a way to Volunteer?

- Cook breakfast for the 9:09 worship service
- Deliver Sunday altar flowers to homebound persons
- Fold bulletins on Friday morning
- Read scripture at the 10:50 service
- Be a Greeter at the 9:09 service or an Usher at the 10:50 service
- Serve Communion
- Work in the Food Pantry
- Be on a Wednesday Night Supper cooking team
- Cook or help serve at the Community Table
- **Author’s Tea:** If you would like to get involved please come to an organizational meeting for the 2018 Author’s Tea on Wednesday, March 7th at 4:00pm in the parlor. The author is Mary Alice Monroe and the tea will be held on Saturday, June 23rd. For more information please call Gay Kattel at 526-2746.

Contact the church office to volunteer or for more information at 526-3376

Attendance on February 11 9:09-87 10:50-63

Set up one-time or automatic giving for your tithes and offerings on the website: [www.highlandsmethodist.org](http://www.highlandsmethodist.org)  
You can also give on the kiosk in the Faith & Fellowship Center

Giving	<b>Faith &amp; Fellowship Center</b>	<b>YTD Operating</b>
	<i>Projected cost</i> \$3,500,000	<i>Gifts</i> \$70,323
		<i>Expenses</i> 91,789
	<b>As of February 13th</b>	<b>Financials for</b>
	<i>Pledges to date</i> 1,623,957	<b>February 7th - 13th</b>
	<i>Plate donations</i> 1,089,120 (in addition to pledges)	<b>Restricted Funds</b>
	<i>Total</i> 2,713,077	<i>Church Family Supper</i> 143
		<i>Food Pantry</i> 50
	<i>Remaining financial need</i>	
	\$786,923	



Like us on Facebook ~ Can't make it to church on a Sunday? You can now watch our worship services each Sunday on Facebook. Look for the latest happenings and church news.



Scan the **QR Code** on your smart phone to go to the church website  
Find out about upcoming events, ministries, how to serve and much more.

To receive Pastor Randy's **daily email devotions**, "*Ruminations and Reflections*", please email him at [randyhumc@icloud.com](mailto:randyhumc@icloud.com)

To receive **church email updates and news** please email Sonja at [highlandsumc@icloud.com](mailto:highlandsumc@icloud.com)

Sunday School for All  
Adult Sunday School Classes

**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)

**Children's Sunday School** meet in the Preschool Room across from the nursery at 10:00am.

**Youth Sunday Chats!** Meet in the Youth Center between services.

A Look Ahead

**Mid-week Lenten Lunch & Worship** ~ Join us for a weekly soup / sandwich lunch and worship service in the Faith and Fellowship Center, each Wednesday during Lent at 12 noon.

**Palm Sunday ~ Sunday, March 25th**

**Maundy Thursday Service ~ March 29th** at 7:00pm in the sanctuary

**Good Friday ~ March 30th** ~ 12:00 noon - Stations of the Cross Walk  
7:00pm - Good Friday Service in the sanctuary

**Easter Sunday ~ Sunday, April 1st**

- 6:45am - Ecumenical Sunrise Service  
We will gather with other churches at the Kelsey Hutchinson Park.
- 9:09 & 10:50am – Worship Services
  - provide an Easter Lily for the 10:50 service  
sign up on the kiosk or church website
  - bring a flower to place on the Living Cross
- 9:45am – Easter Coffee Break
- 10:00am – Easter Egg Hunt

**Youth Work Day and Lock-In** ~ Saturday, May 5th starting at 9:00am

**Youth Sunday** ~ May 6th at both services

**Graduation Sunday & Baccalaureate Service** ~ May 20th

**Outdoor Service** ~ May 27th at 9:09am at the Town Square

Konnect 4: Self. God. Family. Neighbor.

*Sunday evening program for students grades 3rd through 12th.*

**Mission:** Creating opportunities for students (3rd-12th grade) to learn about themselves, their faith, their abilities and connect themselves to God, their families, and their neighbors in our community and worldwide. K4 will meet each Sunday in the Faith and Fellowship Hall from 5:30pm to 7:00 pm. Dinner will be served with activities to follow.

**Children's After School Program**  
Monday - Wednesday from 3:00-5:00pm

HUMC Youth Center

Need a place to hang out after school? Youth 6th - 12th grades. Adult supervised, homework help, snacks, friends, movies, video games, and fun. Open school days till 5:00pm

**HUMC Biblical Storytellers** - Before the Bible was a written text, much of it was shared orally through storytelling. The Network of Biblical Storytellers (NBS) seeks to reclaim the rich oral tradition of the Bible. The mission of NBS is to encourage people to learn and tell biblical stories. Pastor Randy is a member of NBS and would like to explore the possibility of forming a biblical storytelling team here at HUMC. If this sounds interesting to you, please let Pastor Randy know. You can email him at [randyhumc@icloud.com](mailto:randyhumc@icloud.com).

Ministry Bags

*Each month we collect items for different ministries.*

For the month of **February** we're collecting: toothpaste, shampoo, household cleaners, laundry detergent, toilet paper, hand soap, deodorant, and canola oil for the **Food Pantry**

**Birthday Wishes to** (February 18) Kenan Lewis; (February 19) Wayne LaCoe, Madison Minus, Nancy Speer, Ruth Watkins; (February 20) Nancy Barton; (February 23) Emily Crowe, Harrison Gates, Jake Gordon; (February 24) Mary James

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

First Sunday in Lent

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      Offertory on Tender Thought      -Gerald Peterson

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise      “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”      UMH #269

Scripture Reading      Genesis 9:8-17      pew Bible, p. 7

Affirmation of Faith      The Apostles' Creed      UMH p.881

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory      For Me Alone      -Sally DeFord  
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      “Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice”      TFWS #2089

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      O Lord, Hear My Prayer      -Jacques Bertier

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      Steal Away      arr. Earlene Rentz

Scripture Reading      Mark 1:9-15      pew Bible, p. 34

Sermon      The Work Before the Work

†Hymn of Faith      “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”      TFWS #2112

†Dismissal with Blessing      “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Postlude      The Jerusalem Gate      -Lani Smith



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

**The Altar Flowers** in the sanctuary this morning are given by Ann Rose, Ken Rose, Heather Clark and Hannah Rose in loving memory of my daughter; my sister; and our aunt Syndee Louise Rose.

**Church Membership** - Pastor Randy will be offering membership classes during the Season of Lent. If you are interested in exploring church membership at HUMC, whether Professing, Affiliate or Associate Membership, please let Pastor Randy know by Sunday, March 4th.

**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.

**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; Christine Murphy, Director & Children & Youth Ministries; 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: Keven Gabbard;  
Greeter: Jeanie Edwards; 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; Liturgist: Jennifer Forrester;  
Minister of Music: Les Scott; Pianist: Sherry Bruner; Organist: Jane Lineberger; Lay Reader: John Baumrucker

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



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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February 18, 2018