

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 a Little Talk With Jesus” “Bringing in the Sheaves”
Special Announcements\Joy Time	
A Time to Offer our Gifts to God	
A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross	
Music	“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
Scripture	Mark 8:31-38
A Word of Faith	
Music	“Calling You”
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 18 9:09-115 10:50-88

Set up one-time or automatic giving for your tithes and offerings on the website: www.highlandsmethodist.org

You can also give on the kiosk in the Faith & Fellowship Center

Giving	Faith & Fellowship Center	YTD Operating	
	<i>Projected cost</i>	<i>Gifts</i>	\$82,855
		<i>Expenses</i>	103,331
	As of February 20th	Financials for	
	<i>Pledges to date</i>	February 14th - 20th	
	<i>Plate donations</i>	Restricted Funds	
	(in addition to pledges)	<i>Church Family Supper</i>	184
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Youth Missions</i>	300
	2,714,797		
	<i>Remaining financial need</i>		
	\$785,203		

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.



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

To receive **church email updates and news** please email Sonja at highlandsumc@icloud.com

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.

Staff Development Day ~ Monday, March 12th - The office will be closed

Palm Sunday ~ Sunday, March 25th

Seder Meal~ Wednesday, March 28th at 5:15pm

The 2018 Disciple Bible Study Class will host a Passover "Seder" Meal on Wednesday. The Seder Meal symbolically recounts and celebrates the Children of Israel's deliverance from Egyptian Bondage. This holy meal in the Jewish faith is steeped in biblical tradition, and is believed by many to have been the meal Jesus shared with his disciples at The Last Supper. This is a family celebration. All ages are welcome.

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

Konnnect 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.

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**

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Second 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 The Power of the Cross/Lift High the Cross
arr. Carol Tornquist

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise “Lift High the Cross” UMH #159

Scripture Reading Psalm 22:23-31 pew Bible, p. 501

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory My Faith Has Found a Resting Place arr. Cindy Berry

†Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

†Offering Prayer

†Hymn of the Word “Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone” UMH #424

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 Take Up Your Cross -David Haas

Scripture Reading Mark 8:31-38 pew Bible, p. 44

Sermon The Cross

†Hymn of Faith “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” TFWS #2129

†Benediction and Sending Forth

†Choral Amen “Sevenfold Amen” -John Stainer

Postlude Here I Am, Lord arr. Mark Hayes



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

Birthday Wishes to (February 25) Gloria Padget, Bobbie Russell; (February 26) Andrea Gabbard, Mitzi Rauers; (February 28) Becky McCaskill; (March 1) Mary Brooks; (March 3) Bob Sutton

Happy Anniversary to (February 25) Bob & Sandy Carlton; (February 28) Willard & Brenda Garland, Cotton & Bobbie Russell

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: Jennifer Forrester; Worship Leader: Tay Bronaugh; Greeter: Judy Smart; Technologist: Patti Moschouris

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: Glenda Bell

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 25, 2018