

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 "I Love to Tell the Story" "Standing on the Promises"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Music "I Surrender All"

Scripture John 12:20-33

A Word of Faith

Music "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

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

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

Worship Service Shuttle ~ We are looking to expand our ministry to older adults by establishing a bus/shuttle service for folks needing a ride to 10:50am Sunday morning worship. If you know anyone who needs transportation to and from church please have them contact the church office.

Candy Donations Needed! ~ Any individually wrapped candy or small toys (able to fit in a plastic Easter egg) will be greatly appreciated in preparation for the annual HUMC kids' Easter egg hunt! Donations can be placed in a bin in the Donation Station marked Easter egg candy. Thank you!

Konnect 4: Self. God. Family. Neighbor.

Sunday evening program for students grades 3rd through 12th. March 18th ~ Dinner & Service Sunday ~ "Kindness Rocks". Meet in the Faith and Fellowship Center from 5:30pm to 7:00 pm.

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

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 on the stage 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.

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, church website, or fill out a form placed around the church
  - bring a flower to place on the Living Cross
- 9:45am – Easter Coffee Break
  - sign up to bring something to share forms can be found placed around the church

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 ~ May 20th

Baccalaureate Service ~ May 20th at 4:00pm at the Episcopal Church

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

Author's Tea ~ Saturday, June 23rd

Vacation Bible School ~ Sunday, June 24 - Thursday, June 28th

Membership Class - Pastor Randy is leading a membership class tomorrow, Monday, March 19th at 7pm in the Parlor. Anyone interested in exploring Professing, Affiliate or Associate Membership at HUMC is invited to attend.

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 the Counseling Ministry Subsidized Fees. Please call and place your order today.

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries. For the month of March we're collecting: diapers sizes 5, 6, & 7 and VHS and DVD movies for children for the orphanage in Cange, Haiti.

Church Pictorial Directory ~ Some updates and minor adjustments have been made to last year's Church Pictorial Directory and are available for you to pick up at the church office. If you'd like a new copy of the directory, please come by the office. You can swap directories if you'd like, or you can feel free to pick up a new one and keep your current one as well. Thanks again to everyone who worked so diligently to make these pictorial directories available to us.

Birthday Wishes to (March 18) Betsy Batten, Mary Heffington; (Mach 19) David Leffler; (March 20) Pat Griffin, Lynn Long; (March 21) Mattson Gates; (March 24) Stephanie Smart

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service  
Fifth 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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* -J.M. Scriven/Converse

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise “Jesus Shall Reign” UMH #157

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 pew Bible, p. 735

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

Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* -traditional  
*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 “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” UMH #383

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 *Shines the Light* -Susan & Lee Dengler

Scripture Reading John 12:20-33 pew Bible, p. 106

Sermon The Hour Has Come

†Hymn of Faith “Change My Heart, O God” TFWS #2152

†Dismissal “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Postlude *In the Morning Light* -Yanni



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

Attendance on March 11 9:09-84 10:50-79

**Happy Anniversary to** (March 18) Ray & Joy Archer; (March 22) Bruce & Ginger Bunnell, Skip & Joanne Jolly; (March 24) John & Willa Almlöf

**The Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development** will meet Tuesday, March 20th at 5pm in the church parlor. The 2018 Nominations Committee consists of Patti Moschouris, Donnie Edwards, Virginia Nix, Tom Brock, Sandy Carlton, Teresa Williams, Gay Kattel and Pastor Randy.

**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: TBA; Greeter: Sandy Carlton; Technologist: 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: Jennifer Forrester; Liturgist: Randy Lucas; Minister of Music: Les Scott; Pianist: Sherry Bruner; Lay Reader: Sara Mayer; The Mountain High Dulcimer Club

**Serving our 10:50 Service:** Ushers: Team 3: Team Leader: Kenneth Crowe; Team Members: Alan Marsh, Dave Cashion, Luke Osteen, Tricia Smith

The hour has come...



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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