

## 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** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"  
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

#### Special Announcements/Joy Time

#### A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

#### A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

**Music** "Wayfaring Stranger"

**Scripture** Luke 24:13-48

#### 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

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

**Birthday Wishes to** (April 15) Brandon Picklesimer; (April 16) Ruth McLarty; (April 18) Jennifer Forrester, J.D. Ingram, Brenda Pierson; (April 20) Betty Ann Emmert

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

### Faith & Fellowship Center

3/31/18 ~ As of date

(note - amounts are rounded to the nearest \$1,000)

**Giving**

\$3,782,000 Actual cost to date for construction, site prep, paving, equipment, furniture, fixtures, etc.

\$1,105,000 Plate donations to date

\$1,223,000 Pledge payments received to date (99% collection experience to date)

\$404,000 Pledges remaining to be paid in 2018 and beyond

\$1,393,000 Net remaining HUMC debt  
(Note - the debt also includes \$166,000 which was the remaining balance of a loan relating to the 2010 purchase of land and \$177,000 for a variety of other items)

## 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)

**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.



**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)

# GET CONNECTED

**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)

## A Look Ahead

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

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

**Graduation Sunday** ~ May 20th

We will recognize our Highlands UMC high school and college graduates. Please let us know of anyone who will graduate or has graduated since last June.

**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

### Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.

For the month of **April** we're collecting: children's books, matchbox cars, & Barbie dolls for Little Children of the World.

**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.

**Attendance on April 8** 9:09-125 10:50-86

**Happy Anniversary to** (April 15) Lou & Cindy Batson; (April 16) Jim & Diane Riddle; (April 20) Keven & Andrea Gabbard

**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.

### Konnect 4: Self. God. Family. Neighbor.

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

**April 15th** ~ God Sunday: Dinner & Bible Study "Wandering" at 5:30pm

### 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

**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.

**The altar flowers** in the sanctuary this morning are given by Elizabeth Gordon in memory of her grandfather, Robert E. Morton, whose birthday was on April 5th.

**Altar Flowers for the sanctuary:** The Altar Guild of HUMC welcomes the gift of flowers for our 10:50 worship service. The cost for altar arrangements is \$55. 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. **Flowers are needed for April 22 & 29, May 20 & 27, and June 10 & 24.**

**Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event** ~ April 26 from 6:30-8:30pm at HUMC. The training will include strategies and guidance, how to plan for an active shooter situation, and plans for survival. Training will be provided by the Highlands Police Department and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

## The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

### Third Sunday of Easter

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** *My Tribute* arr. Dino

#### Opening Prayer

†**Hymn of Praise** *"Thine Be the Glory"* UMH #308

**Scripture Reading** **Psalm 4** pew Bible, p. 490

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

#### Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** *How Beautiful* arr. Hayes

*During this time you may bring your Ministry Bag to the altar.*

†**Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

#### †Offering Prayer

†**Hymn of the Word** *"We Meet You, O Christ"* UMH #257

#### 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** *Come and Fill* -Jacques Berthier

#### 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** *Abide With Me* -Sally DeFord

**Scripture Reading** **Luke 24:13-48** pew Bible, p. 90

**Sermon** **Holy Encounters and Lessons Learned**

†**Hymn of Faith** *"Christ Is Alive"* UMH #318

**Dismissal with Blessing** *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

**Postlude** *Fill My Cup Lord* arr. Bruner



Check out our  
Donation Stations  
across from the church  
office and in the F&FC.

#### 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

#### Today we will take up an offering for Native American Ministries.

The offering goes to Native American ministries and scholarships. It's one way we recognize the unique value and contributions of this community. There are 149 Native American congregations within the United Methodist denomination and over 21,000 Native American individuals.

**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.

**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: Tay Bronaugh; Greeter: Kay Moore; Technologist: Jerry Moore

**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; Lay Reader: Ken Knight  
**Serving our 10:50 Service:** Ushers: Team 4: Team Leader: Hammond Rauers; Team Members: Naomi Chastain, Lora Speed-Beegle, Fred Motz, Terry Wilson

Peace  
be with  
you

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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April 15, 2018