

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 "Keep on the Sunnyside"
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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 John 15:1-8

A Word of Faith

Music "Calling You"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

VOLUNTEER
you can make a difference!

- * Help with Vacation Bible School
- * Help in Children's Ministry (Wednesday evenings, Sunday School, After-School Program)
- * Wash dishes at the 9:09 service
- * 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

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

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

To receive **church email updates and news** please email Sonja at 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

Annual Conference ~ June 20th - 24th

Author's Tea ~ Saturday, June 23rd, from 2:00-4:00pm with guest speaker Mary Alice Monroe. She will be selling and signing her latest book, "The Beach House Reunion". Tickets go on sale for a \$25 donation on April 29th.

Vacation Bible School ~ Sunday, June 24th - Thursday, June 28th Sign up forms are placed around the church.

Golf Outing ~ Monday, August 27th - Fundraiser for the F&FC

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.

Birthday Wishes to (April 30) Vicki Heller; (May 1) Tom Brock, Allan James, Colin Weller; (May 4) Del Oliver

Attendance on April 22 9:09-110 10:50-107

Happy Anniversary to (April 29) Brandon & Leigh Ivy; (May 2) Donnie & Linda Edwards; (May 3) Wise & Betsy Batten; (May 4) John & Mary Dotson, Terry & Karin Potts

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 29th ~ Self Sunday: Dinner & Compass Hunt 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.

We need dishwashers for the 9:09 service. Please sign up on the list outside the kitchen door or see Kristy Lewis.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service
Fifth 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 Standin' in the Need of Prayer arr. Joe Utterback

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise “How Firm a Foundation” UMH #529

Scripture Reading 1 John 4:17-21 pew Bible, p. 242

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Reverence -Robert Thygerson

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

†Offering Prayer

†Hymn of the Word “O Blessed Spring” TFWS #2076

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 Give Me Jesus spiritual, arr. Lee Roesti

Scripture Reading John 15:1-8 pew Bible, p. 109

Sermon The Abiding Life

†Hymn of Faith “Abide with Me” UMH #700

Dismissal with Blessing "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Postlude Now Thank We All Our God -Sigfrid Karg-Elert

The

Donation

STATION

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

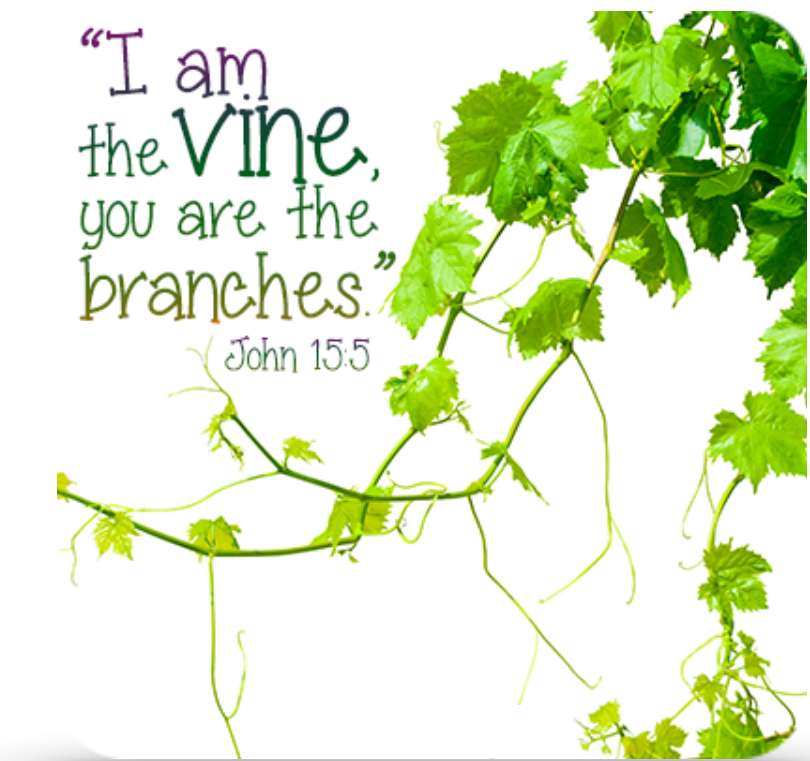
Altar Flowers for the sanctuary: The Altar Guild of HUMC welcomes the gift of flowers for our 10:50 worship service. The cost for altar arrangements is \$55. Please fill out one of the forms beneath the calendar, outside Randy's office, and place in Sonja's box across from the church office. **Flowers are needed for May 20 & 27, June 10 & 24 and July 1, 15, 22, & 29.**

Highlands School is in need of proctors for the End of Grade and End of Course testing season. These state test will be given starting May 15th until May 25th. If you are able to assist as a proctor for any of the testing dates and times, please contact the school (526-2147) and ask for Nicole Lui or email her at nicole.lui@macon.k12.nc.us.

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: Jerry Moore; Greeters: Jim & Diane Riddle; Technologist; Elizabeth Gordon
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: Richard Melvin
Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 4: Team Leader: Hammond Rauers; Team Members: Naomi Chastain, Lora Speed-Beegle, Fred Motz, Terry Wilson



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