

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"
"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Special Music *Tell Me the Story/The Gift of Love*

Scripture

John 1:1-5, Matthew 9:18-26,
Luke 15:1-7, Mark 15:25-37, Mark 16:1-8

A Word of Faith

Communion

Music

"Blessed Assurance"

Sending Forth

Closing Music

"I'll Fly Away"

VOLUNTEER

you can make a difference!

- * Volunteer to help with Community Table on **May 8th**
- * 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

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

Outdoor Fellowship ~ May 20th - Join us at noon for fellowship and snacks on the front lawn

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.

Music Camp ~ July 30th - August 3rd - Bring your rising 2nd graders through rising 6th graders for a fun week of music and drama. Registration will begin in June.

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

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.

For the month of **May** we're collecting: deodorant, feminine products, socks, soap, granola bars, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, & hairbrushes for the youth summer mission trip to help with homelessness.

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 (May 6) Christopher Codespoti, Barbara James, Jane Oxford; (May 8) Bill Bubenick; (May 9) Bill Getzen; (May 10) Gayle Cummings; (May 11) Niki Bloedow, Bettie Ingram, Nancy Ostema, Eden Parks; (May 12) Cecile Watson

Attendance on April 29 9:09-133 10:50-114

Happy Anniversary to (May 7) Jim & Susan Kay

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.

Wednesday Evening Activities for Children & Youth

6:00-7:00pm "Games with a Point"

Join us for fun and games along with a quick Bible study tie-in!

Children's After School Program

Monday - Wednesday from 3:00-5:00pm

May 16th ~ Last day for After School

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 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Sixth 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 *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* arr. Ben Harlan

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise *"I Love to Tell the Story"* UMH #156

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

Tithes and Offerings
Offertory *My Story* -Big Daddy Weave

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

†Offering Prayer

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

Anthem *Tell Me the Story/The Gift of Love*

Scripture Reading **John 1:1-5, Matthew 9:18-26, Luke 15:1-7, Mark 15:25-37, Mark 16:1-8**

Sermon

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II UMH p. 12

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.

†Hymn of Faith *"Blessed Assurance"* UMH #369

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

Postlude *You Raise Me Up* -Loveland and Graham



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, 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: Gracie Forrester; Greeters: Youth; Technologist; Mike Murphy

The 9:09 Band: Lee Ladensack - Vocals & guitar; Dakota Waddell - Bass; Charles Wood - Banjo; Jim Yoder - Mandolin

10:50 Worship Leaders: Sermon: Gracie Forrester; Minister of Music: Les Scott; Pianist: Sherry Bruner

Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 1: Team Leader: Nin Bond; Team Members: Richard Melvin, Ken Knight, Bob & Nancy Sutton



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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May 6, 2018