

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 "Morning Has Broken"
"Life's Railway to Heaven"

Special Announcements\Joy Time

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross
(During this time you may bring your Ministry Bag to the altar.)

Music "This Old House"

Scripture Ephesians 4:25-5:2

A Word of Faith

Music "Pass It On"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

- * Volunteer needed after the 9:09 service to collect clipboards. See Susan Herring for details.
- * An office volunteer is needed for August 27th from 9-12 or 1-4.
- * Help in Children's Ministry (Wednesday evenings, Sunday School, After-School Program)
- * 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
- * Serve Communion
- * Be on a Wednesday Night Supper cooking team

Contact the church office to volunteer or for more information at 526-3376 or Susan Herring at (512)413-7972

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries. For the month of **August** we're collecting: toiletries and personal items for the women at **Life Challenge**. Life Challenge is a Christian Residential Center created to help women with life controlling issues.

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 ~ Year-to Date 7/31/18

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

Giving

\$3,786,000 Actual cost to date for construction, site prep, paving, equipment, furniture, fixtures, etc.

\$1,182,000 Plate donations to date

\$1,228,000 Pledge payments received to date

(99% collection experience to date)

\$399,000 Pledges remaining to be paid in 2018 and beyond

\$1,329,000 Net remaining HUMC debt

Operating Fund ~ Year-to-Date - 7/31/18

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$418,200	\$431,500
Expenses	\$457,500	\$497,500
Net Income (deficit)	(\$39,300)	(\$66,000)

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)



The 10:10 class meets in the Scout Room and is led by Bob Hood. (10:10am)

Pastor's Summer Sunday School Class - June - August. The class meets in the Sanctuary Chapel. (10:00 - 10:30am)

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.

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

Summer Eucharist ~ Join us for a 30 minute service of Holy Communion each Sunday morning at 8:30am in the sanctuary through August.

Bolivian Auction ~ Monday, August 13th in the **F&FC** from 6:00-10:00pm Heavy h'ordeuvres will be served, but no alcohol. Items for sale and auction include Bolivian alpaca goods and many jewelry pieces-Some from Bolivia and several made by Dr. B himself. Entry is \$50 and reservations can be made by calling 200-0902.

Church Family Fun Night ~ August 15th at Buck Creek Park at 5:15pm Hamburgers & hot dogs provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share. Everyone is invited for food, fellowship, and games!!!

Outdoor Fellowship ~ Join us at noon on August 19th on the front lawn for fellowship and snacks.

Back to School Service of Blessing ~ Wednesday, August 22nd at 3:00pm. Please join us for this special blessing for the teachers, children, and the 2018-2019 school year.

Teacher Breakfast ~ Needed for the Highlands back to school teacher breakfast: breakfast casseroles, muffins, pastries, fruit, and juice. Please bring to the church by 7am on August 22nd. Call Kristy with questions.

Attention Golfers - Our HUMC Golf Outing is almost here. It's Monday, August 27th. We still need a few teams to complete the field. Brochures are available at HUMC. Individual golfers and foursomes are welcome. Hole sponsorship forms are also available at the information stations. Proceeds benefit our **Finishing the Race** Efforts.

Consider joining a Small Group in August - Small groups are great ways to grow together spiritually. In addition to our weekly Sunday School Classes, we have several great small group opportunities at HUMC. Each Tuesday morning at 8:30 we have a men's book club that meets at Sports Page. On Tuesday nights at 7:00, a lectionary group meets at the home of Fred & Elizabeth Motz and a Women's Bible Study meets in the church parlor. We hope to have more small groups starting soon, so please stay tuned. If you'd like more information about small groups at HUMC please contact Steve Bruner, our Coordinator of Small Group Ministries.

A Called Church Conference will be held in the Faith & Fellowship Center on **Sunday, August 26th at 12noon**, for the purpose of considering a recommendation to secure a \$500,000 line of credit with Entegra Bank. The Finance Committee, Trustees and Church Council have approved the recommendation for Highlands United Methodist Church to apply for a \$500,000 line of credit from Entegra Bank to be used to pay monthly loan payments in the event that funds are not available in the unrestricted Capital Fund to make such payment. The line of credit is to be for 36 months at prime rate with a \$3,500 commitment fee. The loan is to be paid to zero for 30 consecutive days each year. The rationale for this recommendation is to permit HUMC to pay principal payments on the \$2,200,000 loan from the unrestricted Capital Fund, instead of maintaining a large cash reserve. The unrestricted Capital Fund currently stands at around \$400,000, with an additional Operating Reserve of \$200,000. Our monthly loan payment is about \$16,000, of which \$7,000 is interest. If we could pay down our loan by \$350,000, the monthly interest would decline by over \$1,000, increasing our monthly principal payment by a like amount. This would leave \$250,000 in cash reserves and the line of credit to be utilized in the event of a monthly shortfall in contributions. We may never need to borrow against our line of credit, but having that protection would permit us to utilize our available Capital funds to repay debt, costing us 3.75%, instead of sitting in a checking account at virtually zero interest. Church Conference voting privileges are extended to all Professing and Affiliate Members of HUMC.

Attendance on August 5th 8:30-15 9:09-178 10:50-136

The Altar Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in honor of Elizabeth's 25th birthday by Dana & Paula Gordon.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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 Great Is Our God/
I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Cindy Berry

Opening Prayer

†**Hymn of Praise** *"Woke Up This Morning"* TFWS #2082

Scripture Reading **Psalm 130** pew Bible, p.573

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

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *El Shaddai* arr. Carol Tornquist
(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** *"More Like You"* TFWS #2167

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 *God Is Here Today* -Mexican Traditional

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 *O Love* -Elaine Hagenbery

Scripture Reading **Ephesians 4:25-5:2** pew Bible, p.194

Sermon **The Art of Living in Love**

†**Hymn of Faith** *"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"* UMH #430

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

Postlude *Romanze* -Beethoven

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 women 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

Flourishing through Faith, Fellowship and Fruit

Thanks to everyone who turned in a response card last Sunday. We will continue to receive response cards throughout the month of August. Please fill out your card, put it in an envelope and place it in the offering plate this Sunday, or during one of our Sunday Worship Services during August. "Flourishing" Brochures and response cards are available at the HUMC information stations.

Finishing the Race - If you haven't turned in your "Finishing the Race" card you may place it in the offering. Our 3 year goal to retire the debt on our beautiful new Faith and Fellowship Center on June 30th, 2021. If you don't have a card, and you'd like to be part of this church-wide effort, you can pick up a "**Finishing the Race**" card at various locations in the church building. You can either drop the card by the church office this week, or place it in the offering.

Birthday Wishes to (August 13) Paul Iannacone, Kaitlin Lewis; (August 15) Gwen Futch; (August 16) Ann Marie Crowe, John Iannacone, Alex Osteen, Janet Young

Happy Anniversary to (August 15) Randy & Kathy Lucas; (August 16) Greg & Teresa Williams

Wednesday Evening Activities for Children & Youth

6:00-7:00pm "Summer Games with a Message"

Church Staff: Rev. Randy Lucas, Senior Pastor; Les Scott, Minister of Music; Sonja DeFoor, Office Manager; Keith Crawford, Financial Secretary; Christine Murphy, Director of Children & Youth Ministries; Sherry Bruner, Pianist; Marlene & Gary Nix, Sextons; Kristy Lewis, Food Services Director; Terri Kennedy, Nursery Attendant

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The 9:09 Service: Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leader: Keven Gabbard; Greeters: Team 7; 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; Minister of Music: Les Scott; Pianist: Sherry Bruner; Lay Reader: Patti Moschouris

Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 4: Team Leader: Hammond Rauers; Team Members: Naomi Chastain, Fred Motz, Fred Smith, Ed Mawyer

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JUST AS CHRIST LOVED US

LOVE **G**od. Offer **C**HRIST to All.

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