

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 Saw the Light"
"Down by the Riverside"

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

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Scripture

Ephesians 6:10-20

A Word of Faith

Music

"I Shall Not Be Moved"

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.
- * Volunteers needed to wash dishes at the 9:09 service.
- * 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

Church Conference ~ Today at noon in the F&FC.

Golf Outing - Monday, August 27th. Proceeds benefit our **Finishing the Race** Efforts.

Outdoor Worship Service ~ September 2nd at 9:09am at the Town Square

Church Office Closed ~ Monday, September 3rd in observation of Labor Day.

The Pumpkins Are Coming ~ Wednesday, October 3rd the pumpkins will arrive!!

Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 6th from 11am-3pm

World Communion Sunday ~October 7th

Empty Bowls ~ Help end hunger in the Highlands Community, Sunday, October 7th at the First Presbyterian Church from 11:30-1:30. Tickets \$20; includes soup bowl made by local potters, delicious soups provided by local chefs, drink & dessert. All proceeds support the Highlands Food Pantry. **Volunteers Needed!** See Christine to sign up.

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. For more information please contact Steve Bruner, our Coordinator of Small Group Ministries.

A Called Church Conference will be held in the Faith & Fellowship Center **today at 12noon**, for the purpose of considering a recommendation to secure a \$500,000 line of credit with Entegra Bank. The Finance Committee, Trustees & Church Council have approved the recommendation for HUMC 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 & Affiliate Members of HUMC.

Attendance on August 19th 8:30-18 9:09-216 10:50-134

Birthday Wishes to (August 28) Gretchen Beck, Emily Gabbard, Cecil Hines, Tammy Lowe, Luke Osteen; (August 29) John Dotson; (August 30) Heather Felder, Christine Murphy

The Altar Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of Carrie Speed by her daughters, Mary Helen Tester & Lora Speed Beegle.

Happy Anniversary to (August 28) Fred & Elizabeth Motz; (September 1) Bill & Evelyn Hall

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Fourteenth 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

Opening Prayer

† Hymn of Praise "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" UMH #514

Scripture Reading Psalm 84 pew Bible, p.543

Affirmation of Praise The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

(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 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" UMH #513

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 Alleluia, Amen -Thomas Norris

Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:10-20 pew Bible, p.195

Sermon A Strategy for Standing

† Hymn of Faith "Lead On, O King Eternal" UMH #580

Dismissal with Blessing "Sevenfold Amen"

Postlude



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. 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.

Wednesday Evening Activities for Children & Youth

6:00-7:00pm Meet in big preschool room.

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. You can pick up a "Finishing the Race" card at various locations in the church building and either drop the card by the church office this week, or place it in the offering.

Jeanie Edwards will host an open studio "free paint" fundraiser on September 6th at 6:00pm. The cost will be \$35 and all proceeds will go directly to her next trip to Haiti from September 26th-Oct 1st. Everyone can paint what they want to with as much or as little help as they would like. Reservations may be made by calling 828-526-2933 or emailing Jeanie at info@easelyanartist.com

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: TBA; Greeters: Team 1; 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: Randy Lucas; Minister of Music: Les Scott; Pianist: Sherry Bruner; Lay Reader: Vangie Rich

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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