

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.

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 September we're collecting: food, toys, and bedding for dogs & cats for the Humane Society.

Membership Class - Thanks to everyone who has expressed interest in exploring membership at HUMC (Professing, Affiliate, Associate). Our first class will be Thursday, September 13th at 5pm. If you're interested in being part of the class, and this date or time doesn't work for you, please contact Pastor Randy.

Homecoming 2018 - We're excited to begin a new tradition here at HUMC as we celebrate Homecoming Sunday, October 14th. We will have a combined worship service at 10:00am in the Faith and Fellowship Center, followed by a covered dish meal. Rev. Mike Jordan, who served as pastor of HUMC from 1975 -1979 will be our guest preacher. Please help us spread the word, and make plans to join us for this special time of memory and celebration.

Stephen Ministry - The 50 hour training for our first class of Stephen Ministers will be starting soon. If you would like to explore becoming a Stephen Minister, or if you would just like to learn more about this one-to-one Christian caregiving ministry, please see Christine Murphy or Patti Moschouris.

Altar Flowers for the sanctuary: The Altar Guild of HUMC welcomes the gift of flowers for our 10:50 worship service. 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 October 21 & 28, November 25, and December 9, 23, & 30.**

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.

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)

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.



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

Youth Trip ~ The youth will go to Haywood Street to be in ministry Sunday, September 16th. See Christine for more information.

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.

Halloween Pizza Party, Wednesday, October 31st at 5:00pm

The Altar Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in celebration of the 70th wedding anniversary of Bill & Evelyn Hall.

Happy Anniversary to (September 3) Robert & Judith Moore

Attendance on August 26th 8:30-21 9:09-200 10:50-149

Birthday Wishes to (September 2) Allie Griffith; (September 4) Ann Marie Moore; (September 5) Frank Edwards; (September 7) Wayne Crowe, Dennis Leftwich; (September 8) Michael Carter, Rebecca Dotson, Tom Herring, Joann Plaster

Wednesday Evening Activities for Children & Youth 6:00-7:00pm Meet in big preschool room.

The Pumpkins are Coming

Wednesday, October 3rd the pumpkins will arrive!!

Join us for a Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 6th from 11am-3pm

Bake sale, children's activities, hot dog lunch (\$5) bratwurst lunch (\$6) Donated baked goods will be much appreciated.

If you would like to **volunteer** to sell pumpkins during the month of October, please contact Christine Murphy

Proceeds go the the Youth Mission Fund.

Come out and support the youth!



The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Fifteenth 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 No Turning Back -Mann & Indian traditional
arr. Clearman

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise “For the Beauty of the Earth” UMH #92

Scripture Reading James 1:17-21 pew Bible, p.229

Affirmation of Praise The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Lord, I Want to be a Christian Spiritual/Carlson
(During this time you may bring your Ministry Bag to the altar.)

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

†Offering Prayer and Prayer for the Ministry Bags

†Hymn of the Word “Lord of the Dance” UMH #261

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 Jazz Alleluia -Craig Curry

Scripture Reading Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 pew Bible, p.42

Sermon The Heart Revealed

†Hymn of Faith “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” UMH #357

Dismissal with Blessing "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Postlude Postlude in F -Cappelen



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

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

Pictures: From time-to-time, we would like to use pictures of HUMC activities in
our publications and on our website. This means that one or more individuals may
be captured in these pictures. In order to protect your privacy, if you **do NOT**
want a picture that includes your image, or that of your child, to be used in any of
our publications that are distributed outside of this building, including our website,
please call the church office, 526-3376.

The Pastor’s Fund is a wonderful outreach and ministry through which HUMC
is able to offer help to local families and individuals. If you would like to
contribute to the Pastor’s Fund, please indicate that in the “for” line on your
check. Thank you for supporting this ministry to this community.

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
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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: Jason Moore; Organist: Susan
Clearman

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



The Nature of the Heart

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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September 2, 2018