

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" "Unclouded Day"

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 "The Old Rugged Cross"

Scripture Mark 8:27-38

A Word of Faith

Music "I Surrender All"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"



- * 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.

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 8/31/18

(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
\$1,312,000	Net remaining HUMC debt

Operating Fund ~ Year-to-Date - 8/31/18

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$482,200	\$506,900
Expenses	\$507,300	\$563,300
Net Income (deficit)	(\$25,100)	(\$56,400)

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

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. Tickets are available in the church office.

Homecoming Worship Service ~ Sunday, October 14th at 10:00am in the F&FC

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

2018 Homecoming, October 14th - Please help us spread the word for this special day of celebration and memory. We'll gather for a combined worship service at 10:00am in the Faith and Fellowship Center, with a covered dish lunch to follow. We're collecting old photographs for a slide presentation during lunch. If you have pictures to share, please bring them by the office or send them via email. If you have any questions about the photographs, please contact Sonja Defoor, our Office Manager. Also, please help us to spread the word, and if have some updated addresses for some of our former church members, please let us know. Thanks!

Don't forget to pick up your Church Directory. Come by the church office to get one.

Stephen Ministry Class - We're looking to begin training of our first class of Stephen Ministers soon. If you're looking for a one-to-one Christian Caregiving Ministry that trains you to walk along side of individuals in life's challenging moments, this may be the ministry for you. Please see Christine Murphy or Patti Moschouris if you have any questions. If you'd like to get an idea of what a Stephen Ministry Class is like, please join us for this Wednesday Night's Family Night Program at 6pm.

Finishing the Race - Thanks to everyone who has already joined our efforts to retire the building debt on our Faith and Fellowship Center by June 30, 2020. We're still looking for individuals and families to make weekly, monthly, or annual commitments, as well as one-time gifts toward this effort. Finishing the Race cards are available at the Information Stations at HUMC.

New Small Group - Steve Bruner is leading a 10-week small group, that meets on Thursdays at 7pm in the Parlor. If you have any questions, please see Steve.

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development - Our Nominations Committee will meet Tuesday, September 25th at 4pm.

Attendance on September 9th 9:09-167 10:50-120

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.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Seventeenth 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 “Lift High the Cross” UMH #159

Scripture Reading James 3:1-12 pew Bible, p.230

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 “Take Up Thy Cross” UMH #415

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 Hallelujah -G.F. Handel

Scripture Reading Mark 8:27-38 pew Bible, p.43

Sermon Denying and Losing - A Disciple's Journey

†Hymn of Faith “Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone” UMH #424

Dismissal with Blessing "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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

The Altar Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Larry & Mary Ann Ray in celebration of 55 years of marriage

Happy Anniversary to (September 20) Bill & Mary Brooks

Birthday Wishes to (September 16) Patty Campbell; (September 17) Graham Reker; (September 18) Betty Kizer, Neal Little, Margie Melvin; (September 19) Ken Giddens; (September 22) Taylor Carter, Alan Marsh, Shelby McMillan

Wednesday Evening Activities for Children & Youth

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

2018 Golf Outing Items for sale - We have some leftover items from our 2018 golf outing available for sale. Golf balls are available for a cost of \$25 / dozen and bags of tees and Warrior gift certificates are available for a donation. Items can be found at the Information Stations.

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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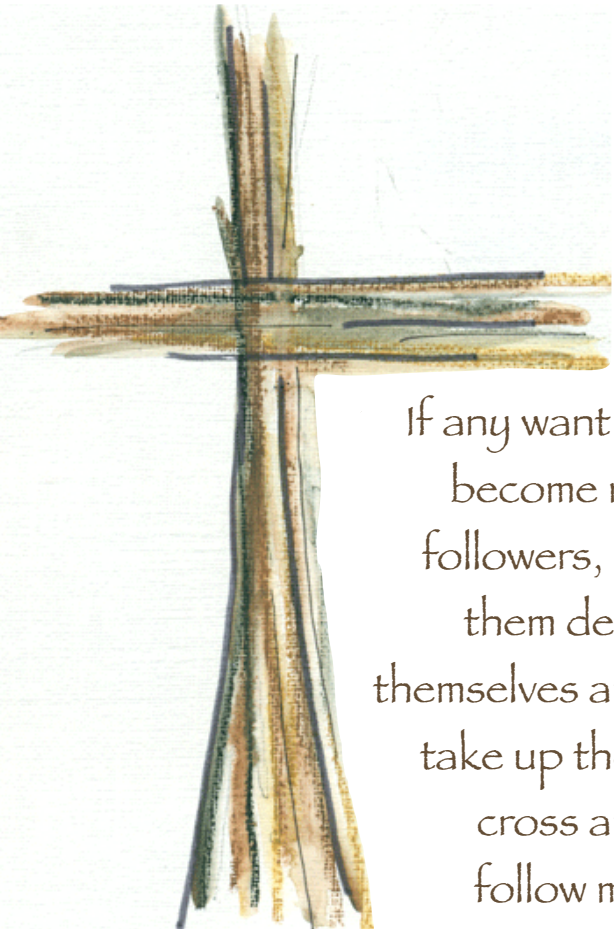
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The 9:09 Service: Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leader: Keven Gabbard; Greeters: Team 4; Technologist: Mike Murphy

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: Sarah Knight

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.

Highlands United Methodist Church
September 16, 2018