

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 "Jesus Loves Me" "Put Your Hand in the Hand"

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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Scripture Mark 9:30-37

A Word of Faith

Music "This Little Light of Mine"

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.
- * 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

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.

Happy Anniversary to (September 24) Dennis & Fran Leftwich; (September 25) Jim & Allison Tate

Birthday Wishes to (September 23) Carole Oxford, Margie Potts; (September 24) Judy Mouchet; (September 26) Shirley Binder, Bob Carlton; (September 27) Will Araujo, Terri Crowe, Ann Rose; (September 28) Sally Wheeler; (September 29) Nancy Anderson

Attendance on September 16th 9:09-145 10:50-90

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

New Member Class ~ Thursday, September 27th at 4:00pm

Outdoor Fellowship ~ Join us at noon for fellowship and snacks on the front lawn on September 30th.

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

Hurricane Relief Supplies - The Highlands Fire Department is collecting items to take to the coast through Monday, September 24th. Items needed are pet foods, cleaning supplies, Clorox, buckets, personal hygiene items, flat shovels, pump sprayers, trash bags, and diapers. If you have any questions, please contact Robbie Forrester at the Fire Department.

Western North Carolina Conference Response to Hurricane

Florence - If you'd like to make a financial donation to the relief efforts, you may do so directly through the Western North Carolina Conference at - https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/hurricane-florence-disaster-response-11888055 Let's continue to pray and seek ways we can help our sister and brothers in North and South Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence.

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 if have some updated addresses for some of our former church members, please let us know!

New Member Class - If you're interested in exploring church membership (Professing / Affiliate / Associate), our next membership class will be Thursday, September 27th at 4:00pm. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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

Flash Mob Rehearsals - Join us for our flash mob fun on the streets of Highlands on Halloween Night. We'd love to have a large number of dancing zombies this year. If you're game, come and join us. We plan to have 4-5 rehearsals on Thursdays, time-TBA. You don't have to be a good dancer! It's loads of fun, and we'd love to have you join us! We will meet in the Faith and Fellowship Center.

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/Donation Stations at HUMC.

The Altar Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by John & Cindy Gaston on their last Sunday at HUMC; "We want to thank each of you for your many years of love and support."

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Eighteenth 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 Blessings arr. Melody Bober

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise “All Things Bright and Beautiful” UMH #147

Scripture Reading James 3:13-18 pew Bible, p.230

Affirmation of Praise The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Jack W. Jones
(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 “Children of the Heavenly Father” UMH #141

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 If I Listen with My Heart -Sally DeFord

Scripture Reading Mark 9:30-37 pew Bible, p.45

Sermon Welcome in Jesus' Name

†Hymn of Faith “Jesus Loves Me” UMH #191

Dismissal with Blessing "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Postlude Prelude in Classic Style arr. Lani Smith

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!



Thursday Small Group - Steve Bruner is leading a small group focusing on The Beatitudes on Thursday Nights at 7:00pm in the parlor. If you’re looking for a small group opportunity this fall, please give this small group a try. The group looks at a different Beatitude each week.

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

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 and December 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.

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. Items can be found at the Donation 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

The 9:09 Service: Sermon: Christine Murphy; Worship Leader: Craig Eister; Greeters: Team 5; 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: Christine Murphy; Minister of Music: Les Scott; Pianist: Sherry Bruner; Lay Reader: King Young

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



Whoever welcomes
one such child
in my name welcomes me

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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September 23, 2018