

## 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

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Jeanie Edwards & Ransom Bozeman

**Music** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"  
"Just Over in Gloryland"

### 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** "Sweet By and By"

**Scripture** Luke 21:25-36

### A Word of Faith

### Communion

**Music** "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

### Sending Forth

**Closing Music** "I'll Fly Away"

## 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 Children's Sunday School Room at 10:00am.

**Youth Sunday Chats!** Meet in the Youth Center between services.

**Note Cards** with a beautiful scene of HUMC are now for sale. 12 cards and envelopes for \$20. Proceeds will be used to purchase Christmas items for the F&FC. Cards can be found at the donation stations.

Set up one-time or automatic giving for your tithes and offerings on the website: [www.highlandsmethodist.org](http://www.highlandsmethodist.org)

You can also give on the kiosk in the Faith & Fellowship Center

### Faith & Fellowship Center ~ Year-to Date 10/31/18

(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. |
| \$1,271,000 | 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                                               |
| \$1,230,000 | Net remaining HUMC debt                                                                       |

### Operating Fund ~ Year-to-Date - 10/31/18

|                      | Actual     | Budget     |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Contributions        | \$593,800  | \$662,000  |
| Expenses             | \$623,100  | \$707,300  |
| Net Income (deficit) | (\$29,300) | (\$45,300) |

## WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

- \* Work with children in after-school program - see Christine
- \* Volunteer needed after the 9:09 service to collect clipboards. See Susan Herring for details.
- \* 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



To receive Pastor Randy's **daily email devotions**, "Ruminations and Reflections", please email him at [randyhumc@icloud.com](mailto:randyhumc@icloud.com)

To receive **church email updates and news** please email Sonja at [highlandsumc@icloud.com](mailto:highlandsumc@icloud.com)



**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.



# CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Breakfast with Santa** ~ On Saturday, December 8th join us for a very special family tradition! Families are invited to gather at 8:30am for breakfast followed by a visit from Santa Claus! Reservations are requested so please call the church office at 526-3376 by Wednesday, December 5th. Suggested donation of \$10 per family

### The Highlands Community Christian Chorale

Saturday, December 8th & Sunday, December 9th at 5:00pm at HUMC with a reception following Sunday's presentation.

**You can order a Poinsettia** for the 10:50 worship service on Sunday, December 16th on the church website, the kiosk, or pick up a form at one of the Information Stations or placed around the church.

**Church-wide Caroling** ~ Join us on Monday, December 17th as we spread Christmas cheer through song! Meet at HUMC at 3:30pm to carpool to Chestnut Hill, Fidelia Eckerd Nursing Home, & homes of our church family to participate in some good ole' Christmas caroling. Wear something festive!

## Christmas Eve Worship Services

**Monday, December 24**

**5:00pm ~ a Family-Oriented Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Come and bring the entire family for a festive celebration of Jesus' birth. This service will include a Children's Christmas Pageant and candle lighting. The approximate length of this service will be 1 hour.

**7:00pm ~ Christmas Eve Eucharist Service**

This 30 minute service of Holy Communion is offered with busy Christmas Eve Schedule's in mind, and will provide you with an opportunity to gather at the altar with your family, and to receive Communion in a quiet and intimate setting.

**9:00pm ~ a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols**

This quiet service combines Scripture and congregational caroling. This half-hour service will end in candlelight.

**11:45pm ~ a Midnight Eucharist**

This is a new addition to our Christmas Eve Schedule, and will provide the opportunity to greet Christmas Day at the Lord's Table. The approximate length of this service will be 15 - 20 minutes.



## Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries. For the month of **December** we're collecting: pasta and sauces, canned milk, canned vegetables, and canned meat for **The Emergency Council**.

**Birthday Wishes to** (December 3) Cynthia Codespoti, Sidney Futch; (December 5) Dori Moschouris; (December 7) Mike Bryson; (December 8) Tom Stribling

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

First Sunday of Advent

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 Come, Lord Jesus -Sally DeFord

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Dana, Paula, Elizabeth, & Wilma Gordon

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Expectation “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” UMH #196

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 pew Bible, p.738

Affirmation of Praise The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending -Arne/Clearman  
(During this time you may bring your Ministry Bag to the altar.)

†Doxology Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #94  
(sung to the tune of The First Noel)

†Offering Prayer and Prayer for the Ministry Bags

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 Glory to God -Jacques Berthier

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem Prepare Thyself, Zion -J.S. Bach, arr. Hal Hopson

Scripture Reading Luke 21:25-36 pew Bible, p.85

Sermon Living Alert

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II UMH p. 12

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.

†Advent Hymn “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” UMH #206

Dismissal with Blessing "Star Child"

Postlude Soon and Very Soon, We Are Going to See the King -Andrae Crouch



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

Wednesday Evening Activities for Children & Youth

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

**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.

**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. **Flowers are needed for  
December 23rd and 30th.**

**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: Richard Melvin; Communion Assistants:  
Paula Gordon & Steve Bruner; Organist: Susan Clearman; Flute: Paula  
Gordon; Violin: Melinda Spring

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

First Sunday of Advent



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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