

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 Niki, Steven, Coby, & Colson Bloedow
- Music "Just a Little Talk With Jesus" "I Shall Not Be Moved"
- 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 "Let it Be Christmas" (sung by the 9:09 Band)
- Scripture Luke 3:1-6
- A Word of Faith
- Music "Do Lord"
- 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)
- 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.

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.

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

The Highlands Community Christian Choral

Today at 5:00pm at HUMC with a reception following the presentation. (weather permitting)

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!

Blue Christmas Service/Longest Night Service

Friday, December 21st at 5:00pm - The holidays are often the loneliest time of the year for those who have experienced loss in their lives. These losses can be the death of a loved one, loss of a job, divorce, death of a dear pet, loss of health, or any of the other losses people deal experience. The Blue Christmas/Longest Night service allows us to grieve the losses, to acknowledge our pain, and to take comfort in God's abiding love and care for us. Everyone is welcome to attend this ministry of our local churches. This year the service will be held at the Presbyterian Church

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.



Attendance on December 2 9:09-151 10:50-88

Birthday Wishes to (December 9) Jacob Brooks, Claire Neely; (December 10) Carol Bailey, Bill Hall, Pamela Potts; (December 13) Jack Mayer; (December 15) Nin Bond

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Second 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 O Come, All Ye Faithful arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Bob & Nancy Sutton

Opening Prayer

†Advent Hymn "People, Look East" UMH #202

Scripture Reading Malachi 3:1-4 pew Bible, p.889

Affirmation of Praise The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Away in a Manger/Silent Night arr. Patricia Sanders Cota  
(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

†Hymn of the Word "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" TFWS #2089

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

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 O Come Little Children arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

Scripture Reading Luke 3:1-6 pew Bible, p.60

Sermon The Wilderness Cry

†Hymn of Expectation "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH #230

Dismissal with Blessing "Star Child"

Postlude Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Patricia Sanders Cota



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

**A big thank you** to the following for helping to keep Christ in our Christmas Parade: Scott & Becky Baker, Paul McLarty, Jim Kay, Brandon Picklesimer, Samantha Moore, Corey James, Ken Knight, Fred Motz, Jack Smith, & Olivia Cole and friends. In 12 years we have never had such bad weather. It didn't seem to bother the 3 camels though. Also, Sarah Knight , Susan Herring, Julie Jared, and Susan Kay helped our heroes with the costumes, etc. -Gay Kattel

**Happy Anniversary to** (December 9) John & Marjorie Crowe

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.

**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: Tay Bronaugh; Greeters: Team 8; Technologist: Jerry Moore

**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: Paula Gordon; The Mountain Top Ringers: Chris Boltz, Nancy Butler, Kristin Edwards, Barbara Newton, Jan Potts, Carol Shuttleworth

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



Charlotte  
Swift  
age 7

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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