

## 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** Charles, Leila, & Brooks Wood

**Music** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
"Away in a Manger"

#### 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** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**Scripture** Luke 1:39-45

#### A Word of Faith

**Music** "Silent Night"

#### 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.

### 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 11/30/18

(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.
\$1,292,000	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
\$1,214,000	Net remaining HUMC debt

#### Operating Fund ~ Year-to-Date - 11/30/18

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$650,300	\$734,400
Expenses	\$691,200	\$769,000
Net Income (deficit)	(\$40,900)	(\$34,600)

## 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

## Christmas Eve Worship Services

**Monday, December 24**

### 5:00pm ~ 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 ~ 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 ~ Midnight Eucharist

Join us as we welcome Christmas Day at the Lord's Table. The shortest of our Christmas Eve Services, this 15 - 20 minute Communion Service will conclude around midnight.

All Christmas Eve services will take place in the sanctuary.



### HUMC Holiday Office Hours -

Please make note of our HUMC Office Holiday Schedule -

**Monday, December 24th** - Office Open 9:00am - 12 noon

**Tuesday, December 25th** - Office Closed

**Wednesday, December 26th** - Office Closed

**Thursday, December 27th** - Office Open 9:00am - 12 noon

**Friday, December 28th** - Office Open 9:00am - 12 noon

**Monday, December 31st** - Office Open 9:00am - 12 noon

**Tuesday, January 1st** - Office Closed

**Wednesday, January 2nd** - Office Closed

**The altar flowers** in the sanctuary this morning are given as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior and with love and appreciation to our church family for your support and love the past 20 years as Samantha & Jason celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary.

**Birthday Wishes to** (December 26) Dana Reker; (December 27) Steven Bloedow, Donnie Edwards; (December 29) Beth Bowser

### 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.

## The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

### Fourth 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 Ave Maria -Franz Schubert

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Bob & Nancy Sutton

†Advent Hymn "Once in Royal David's City" UMH #250

Scripture Reading Micah 5:2-5a pew Bible, p.865

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  
(sung to the tune of The First Noel)

#### †Offering Prayer

†Christmas Hymn "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

#### 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 Boy Child of Mary African Malawi, arr. Hopson

Scripture Reading Luke 1:39-45 pew Bible, p.57

Sermon Leaping for Joy

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

Dismissal with Blessing "Star Child"

#### Postlude

## The Donation STATION

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

**Happy Anniversary to** (December 27) Jason & Samantha Moore

**There will be no Family Night Supper or Activities** on December 26th or January 2nd.

**Sunday, January 20th** ~ Bolivia Pizza Fundraiser ~ 12-8:00pm More details to come.

**Attendance December 16th:** 9:09-115 10:50

**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

**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: Craig Eister; Greeters: Team 2; Technologist: Tay Bronaugh

**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: Patty Campbell; Lay Reader: Patti Moschouris

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



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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December 23, 2018