

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

"Joy to the World"
"I Saw the Light"

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

"Put Your Hand in the Hand"

Scripture

Colossians 3:12-17

A Word of Faith

Music

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

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 **January** we're collecting personal items for **The Food Pantry**.

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 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)

HUMC Holiday Office Hours -

Please make note of our HUMC Office Holiday Schedule -

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 in honor of our children; Bill & Shane Swigert-Wilson, Brett & Nancy Swigert, Curt Rich, Kim Porter & Taylor Rich, Alana Rich, and Audryn Swigert by Curtis Vangie Rich.

Wednesday Evening Activities for Children & Youth

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



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



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.



A Look Ahead

Sunday, January 20th ~ Bolivia Pizza Fundraiser ~ 12-8:00pm

To order a pizza; pick up a form from one of the Information Stations, place your order on the kiosk, or on the church website

Sunday, January 20th ~ Outing to Haywood Street in Asheville, to be in ministry, for anyone who would like to go. Meet at the church at 2:45pm. See Christine for more information.

Monday, January 21st ~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday - office closed

Sunday, February 10th ~ Heart of Highlands; dinner, dance, and presentation of King & Queen at 5:30pm

Wednesday, March 6th ~ Ash Wednesday - Supper at 5:15pm with an Ash Wednesday Service following at 6:00pm in the Faith and Fellowship Center

Birthday Wishes to (December 30) Valerie Long; (December 31) Cynthia Berg, Samantha Moore; (January 1) All Bolt, Jeannie Edwards; (January 2) Jim Kay, Bill McMillan; (January 4) Jana Jared, Ray McCaskill, Joanne Oliver; (January 5) Anna Griffin

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.

Happy Anniversary to (December 31) Dennis & Nancy Ostema; (January 1) Tim & Ginger Moseley, Gene & Gloria Smith

There will be no Family Night Supper or Activities on January 2nd.

Pastor Randy will be away at Duke, January 1st - 5th. If the need for pastoral care should arise during that time, please contact the church office.

Altar Flowers for the sanctuary: The Altar Guild of HUMC welcomes the gift of flowers for our 10:50 worship service. Flowers may be given to remember or honor loved ones, to give thanks, or to celebrate a special event, such as a birthday, anniversary, or a baptism. The cost for altar arrangements is \$45. Special order arrangements may cost more. 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 or call the church office in the week. **Flowers are needed for January 20 & 27th.**

Be on the lookout for your 2018 Giving Statement. They will be mailed this year at the end of January.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

First Sunday after Christmas

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 *The Angel Gabriel* Traditional Basque

Opening Prayer

† **Hymn of Praise** *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* UMH #238

Scripture Reading **Luke 2:41-52** pew Bible, p.59

Affirmation of Praise *The Apostles' Creed* UMH p.881

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Traditional Spiritual
(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** *"There's a Song in the Air"* UMH #249

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 *Sleep, Holy Child* -John W. Peterson

Scripture Reading **Colossians 3:12-17** pew Bible, p.201

Sermon **The Christmas Word**

† **Hymn of Faith** *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* UMH #229

Dismissal with Blessing *"Star-Child"*

Postlude *Christmas Joy* English traditional



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

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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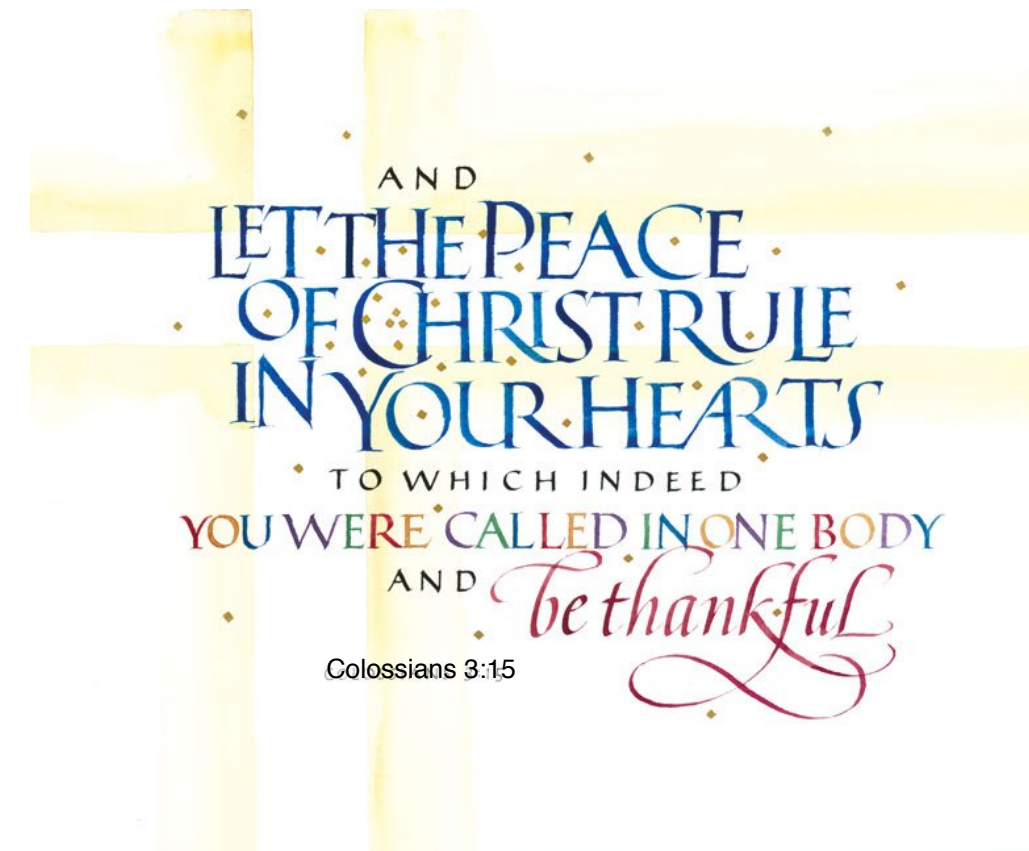
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The 9:09 Service: Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leader: Ken Knight;
Greeters: Team 3; Technologist: Elizabeth Gordon

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: Patty Campbell; Lay Reader: Patti Moschouris; Vocal Solo: Vangie Rich

Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 4: Team Leader: Hammond
Rauers; Team Members: Naomi Chastain, Fred Motz, Fred Smith, Ed
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December 30, 2018