

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 "Down By the Riverside"
"Just Over in the 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 "Just As I Am"

Scripture Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

A Word of Faith

Remembering Our Baptism

Music "Victory in Jesus"

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)

Wednesday Evening Activities for Children & Youth

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

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 \$55. 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 February 17 & 24.**

Attendance on January 6th 9:09-102 10:50-88



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

"Anatomy of Peace" Book Study - Monday, January 14th at 5:00pm. Meet in the Faith & Fellowship Center.

Bolivia Pizza Fundraiser ~ Sunday, January 20th ~ 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

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

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

Staff Planning Retreat ~ Wednesday, January 23rd - the Staff will be away from the office for a planning retreat. The office will be open.

2019 Church Leadership Retreat ~ Saturday February 2nd 10am - 2pm in the Faith and Fellowship Center. Members of our Church Council, Trustees, Finance Committee and Ministry Team are encouraged to attend our annual Church Leadership Retreat. The retreat is also open to anyone in our HUMC family who is interested in attending. Please contact the church office by 12 noon on Thursday, January 24th if you plan to join us. Lunch will be provided. Please let us know of any dietary restrictions you have.

Super Bowl Party ~ Sunday, February 3rd at 6:00pm - Everyone is invited to join us for a Super Bowl watch party in our Faith and Fellowship Center. Please bring your favorite game day dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

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

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

Disciple Bible Study III - "Remember Who You Are" - Are you looking for an in-depth Bible Study? Would you like to have more structure in your daily Bible reading? Do you enjoy growing and studying together in community? Would you like to learn more about the Old Testament Prophets and the Letters of Paul? Then our next Disciple Bible Study offering may be for you. This 32 week study incorporates daily readings along with a weekly 2-hour group study session to provide a great opportunity to increase your knowledge of the Bible and enhance your spiritual growth. If you would like to be part of the class, please let Pastor Randy know **by Sunday, January 27th.**

A Word from our Ministries Team - It's an exciting time in these early days of 2019 to focus on our existing ministries, as well as looking forward to new ministries in the coming year. Please remember that we would love to hear any any ideas about potential projects - big or small.

Birthday Wishes to (January 13) Robert Edwards, Andy Marquez, Fred Smith; (January 14) Britt Iannacone; (January 15) Ronnie Crowe

Happy Anniversary to (January 18) Dave & Sabrina Cashion; (January 19) Wiley & Sarah Sloan

The Altar Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in honor of Don Germano's 80th birthday by Sara Mac.

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.

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 the Epiphany
Baptism of the Lord

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 *Prelude on the Introit of Epiphany* -Durufle

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise *“Baptized in Water”* TFWS #2248

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 43:1-7** pew Bible, p.672

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

Tithes and Offerings
Offertory *Just a Closer Walk* anon./arr. Clearman
(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 *“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”* UMH #605

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 *Down in the River to Pray* traditional, arr. Les Scott

Scripture Reading **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22** pew Bible, p.60

Sermon **Remembering, Giving Thanks**

Congregational Reaffirmation of Baptism

†Hymn of Faith *“Spirit Song”* UMH #347

Dismissal with Blessing *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

Postlude *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* -Thomerson

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
[who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, [the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.]

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare Christ’s works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared to us in our baptism. For you have washed away our sins, and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.



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