

## 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

*"This Little Light of Mine"*  
*"Give Me That Old Time Religion"*

#### 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 *"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings"*

#### Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

#### A Word of Faith

#### Communion

#### Music

*"Keep on the Sunny Side"*

#### 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](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)

#### 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 January 20 & 27th.**



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.



## 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

**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.

**"Anatomy of Peace" Book Study** - Monday, January 7th at 5:00pm. We will meet in the former Fellowship Hall

**Birthday Wishes to** (January 7) Jim Nix, Cotton Russell; (January 9) Gayle Byrne, Jeff James, David Long, Cindy Reed; (January 10) Elaine Carlton, Owen Griffeth, Lora Speed-Beegle; (January 12) Fred Motz, Loretta Picklesimer

**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.

**Attendance on December 30th** 9:09-156 10:50-86

## The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

### Epiphany 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** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

#### Opening Prayer

† **Hymn of Praise** *"We Three Kings"* UMH #254

**Scripture Reading** **Isaiah 60:1-6** pew Bible, p.690

**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

#### 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** *O Come Little Children* arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

**Scripture Reading** **Matthew 2:1-12** pew Bible, p.2

**Sermon** **Gift of God**

**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.*

† **Hymn of Faith** *"The First Noel"* UMH #245

**Dismissal with Blessing** *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

**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



**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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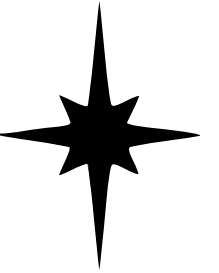
**The 9:09 Service:** Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leader: Ken Knight;  
Greeters: Team 4; Technologist: Jerry Moore

**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: Sarah Knight; Communion Assistants:  
Dana & 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 2: Team Leader: King Young;  
Team Members: Frank Buskirk, Tom Stribling, Kenny Youmans

They set out; and there,  
ahead of them,  
went the star that they had seen  
at its rising,  
until it stopped over the place  
where the child was.  
When they saw that the star had stopped,  
they were overwhelmed with joy.



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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January 6, 2019