

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 "Calling You"
"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

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 6:17-26

A Word of Faith

Music "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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.

Attendance on February 10th 9:09-99 10:50-77

Wednesday Evening Activities for Children & Youth

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

Giving

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

Operating Fund ~ Year-to-Date - 12/31/18 (revised)

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$777,500	\$831,200
Expenses	\$757,400	\$831,200
Net Income (deficit)	\$20,100	\$-0-

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.

For the month of **February** we're collecting men's & women's toiletries, socks, soap, bandaids, & feminine hygiene products for **Haywood Street homeless shelter in Asheville.**

Disciple Bible Study Orientation - Our Disciple III Bible Study Students are reminded that we will have an orientation meeting **today at 7:00pm.** We will meet in the Old Fellowship Hall. Student Manuals and schedules will be available. The first 2-hour class will be on Sunday, March 3rd at 7:00pm.

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 March 10, 17, & 24, April 28, and May 19 & 26.**

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.



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

Combined Worship Service, March 3rd - We will have a one-church, combined service of worship on the Sunday following the called Special Session of General Conference. Our Worship will begin at 10:00am in the F&FC which will include Holy Communion, with a covered dish meal to follow. Please make every effort to join us for this special opportunity to affirm and celebrate our oneness in Christ.

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

Outing to Haywood Street in Asheville ~ Sunday, March 17th ~ to be in ministry, for anyone who would like to go. Meet at the church at 2:45pm. See Christine for more information.

Youth Mission Trip ~ The youth will be going to Haiti April 12-16. See Christine for more information.

Youth Retreat at Mt. Shepherd ~ April 26-28

Youth Sunday ~ May 5

The Altar Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in memory of Syndee Louise Rose by her mother, Ann Rose, Ken & Linda Rose, Heather & Tyler Clarke, and Hannah Rose

HUMC News ~ For those who don't have email, you can pick up a weekly hard copy of the HUMC News at one of the Information/Donation Stations around the church. To be added to the weekly email list, email the church at highlandsumc@icloud.com.

Birthday Wishes to (February 17) Sara Mac Germano; (February 18) Kenan Lewis; (February 19) Wayne LaCoe, Nancy Speer, Nancy Barton; (February 23) Emily Crowe, Harrison Gates, Jake Gordon

Nursery Help Needed ~ We will need substitute Nursery attendants on the following Sundays for both services: March 10, April 14, and April 21. If you would like to help and minister to our smallest during either service (or both), please call Christine or email her at christinehumc@icloud.com.

A word about the Called Session of General Conference - February 23rd - 26th, over 900 United Methodist delegates from across the globe will gather in St. Louis for a Special Called Session of General Conference. The purpose of this special session is to consider the denomination's stance on homosexuality, specifically as regards to Ordination and Same-sex marriage. Three primary plans have been submitted for consideration. The plans are a product of the work of "The Commission on a Way Forward". You can read about the Commission's work, and the three plans under consideration, at the Western North Carolina Conference Website.

This can be a time of some uncertainty, fear and concern for our church family. In an attempt to provide helpful information and to practice healthy conversations, we will be offering small group listening / sharing / praying opportunities for anyone who would like to ask questions, share concerns and join in prayer for the work of the Western North Carolina Delegation and all General Conference Delegates - both prior to, and after the Special Called Session of General Conference. We will meet Tuesday, February 19th - 5pm & Thursday, February 21st - 11am & 5pm in the church parlor. Randy will also meet one on one with anyone who is interested. If you'd like to schedule a meeting with him, please call the office or send him an email.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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 *Hymn to Saints Cyril & Methodius* -Tchaikovsky

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise "Marching to Zion" UMH #733

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10 pew Bible, p.719

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

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Lord, Have Mercy on Us* -Kendrick

(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 "I Want a Principle Within" UMH #410

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 *Blest Are They* -David Haas

Scripture Reading **Luke 6:17-26** pew Bible, p.64

Sermon **Woe is Me. Woe is Us.**

†Hymn of Faith "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" UMH #402

Dismissal with Blessing "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Postlude *We Are Marching in the Light of God* trad. S. African



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

Prayer Bear Ministry - Gently used small stuffed bears

Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic - new toothbrushes and sample size toothpaste

Humane Society - food and treats for dogs and cats

"Anatomy of Peace" and "The Outward Mindset" Small Group

Book Studies - If you would be interested in participating in a small group book study around either / both of these books by The Arbinger Institute that teach healthy ways to navigate the complexities of our human relationships, please let Pastor Randy know **by today**.

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 ideas about potential projects - big or small.

Be on the lookout for your 2018 Giving Statement. They have been mailed.

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: Sherry Bruner; Lay Reader: Richard Melvin; Organist: Susan

Clearman

Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 3: Team Leader: Lora Speed-

Beegle; Team Members: Alan Marsh, Dave Cashion, Luke Osteen, Tricia

Smith



Blessed
are
you...

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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February 17, 2019