

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 "Victory in Jesus" "Love Lifted Me"

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 "Softly and Tenderly"

Scripture Luke 13:1-9

A Word of Faith

Music "Blessed Assurance"

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)

Crossroads meets between services ~ 20's -50's - Study-Social Activities-Service Projects

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 March 17th 9:09-106 10:50-86

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 - 2/28/19

| | Actual | Budget |
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| Contributions | \$99,500 | \$101,500 |
| Expenses | \$125,800 | \$111,800 |
| Net Income (deficit) | (\$26,300) | (\$10,300) |

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries. For the month of March we're collecting lotion, chapstick, tissue, socks, and small items residents may enjoy for the Fidelia Eckerd Center.

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 May 19, June 9, 23, & 30, and July 14, 21, & 28.

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

9:09 Potluck Breakfast ~ March 31st will be potluck at the 9:09. Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share by 8:30am.

Staff Developmental Day ~ Monday, April 8th The staff will be out of the office on this day.

Palm Sunday ~ Sunday, April 14th

Maundy Thursday Service ~ April 18th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary

Good Friday ~ April 19th ~ 12:00 noon - Stations of the Cross Walk 7:00pm - Good Friday Service in the sanctuary

Easter Sunday ~ Sunday, April 21st 6:45am - Ecumenical Sunrise Service We will gather with other churches at (place to be determined). 9:09 & 10:50am – Worship Services - provide an Easter Lily for the 10:50 service - bring a flower to place on the Living Cross 9:45am – Easter Coffee Break 10:00am – Easter Egg Hunt

Youth Retreat at Mt. Shepherd ~ April 26-28

Youth Sunday ~ May 5

Outdoor Fellowship ~ Join us at noon on May 19th on the front lawn for fellowship time and snacks.

Outdoor Service ~ May 26th at 9:09am at the Town Square

Membership Class During Lent - If you would be interested in exploring church membership at HUMC as either a Professing, Affiliate or Associate Member, please let Pastor Randy know by today.

Outward Mindset Book Study - Pastor Randy will be leading a small group book study of the Arbinger Institute book, "The Outward Mindset", beginning Monday, March 25th at 5pm. If you would like a copy of the book, please let Pastor Randy know.

The Vacation Bible School Arts & Crafts Station is looking for donations of empty paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls and 16 or 24oz clear water bottles with caps! You can leave them in Christine's office or in the VBS basket in the Donation Stations! Thank you!

New Sunday School ~ Crossroads- meets between services. We'll discuss: single life, dating, careers, marriage, parenting children, divorce, empty nesting, all the crossroads of your 20's to 50's Meet for coffee & goodies in the F&FC and monthly for an Adult Night Out Adventure.

The Altar Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Curtis Rich in honor of his wife Vangie on her 82nd birthday.

Thank you toJim Nix for making the new cross for the front of the Faith and Fellowship Center, Gay Kattel for adorning our crosses with purple cloths, Greg and Doug Parrott for putting up the main street cross, Gary Nix for putting up our new cross in front of the F&FC, and to Sarah Knight for coming in to answer the phones on Monday, March 11th. We appreciate our volunteers!

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service
Third Sunday in Lent

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

Opening Prayer

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| †Hymn of Praise | “Amazing Grace” | UMH #378 |
| Scripture Reading | Isaiah 55:1-9 | pew Bible, p.685 |
| 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.) | |

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| †Doxology | Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow | UMH #94 |
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†Offering Prayer

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| †Hymn of the Word | “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” | UMH #348 |
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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.)

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| Call to Prayer | Come and Find the Quiet Center -Shirley Erena Murray |
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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.

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| Anthem | Compassion Hymn | Getty/Getty/Townend |
| Scripture Reading | Luke 13:1-9 | pew Bible, p.76 |
| Sermon | Repentant Fruit | |
| †Hymn of Faith | “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord” | UMH #438 |
| Dismissal with Blessing | “Let There Be Peace on Earth” | |
| Postlude | | |



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

Birthday Wishes to (March 24) Stephanie Smart; (March 25) Willa Almlof; (March 26) Art Heller, Vangie Rich; (March 28) Joe Barone
Happy Anniversary to (March 24) John & Willa Almlof; (March 27) Jeff & Nancy Butler, John & Nancy Speer
Nursery Help Needed ~ We will need substitute Nursery attendants on the following Sundays for both services: 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.
UMCOR stands for United Methodist Committee on Relief - When watching disaster unfold around the globe, many of us feel the call to help but are at a loss as to what we can actually do to help. UMCOR Sunday is the day for congregations around the globe to help. We will take up an offering on Sunday, March 31st.
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: Jeannie Edwards; Greeters: Team 7; 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: Sherry Bruner; Lay Reader: Joey Schwartz; Organist: Susan Clearman
Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 4: Team Leader: Hammond Rauers; Team Members: Naomi Chastain, Fred Motz, Fred Smith, Ed Mawyer



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