

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 "Give Me That Old Time Religion"
"Put Your Hand in the Hand"

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 Without One Plea"

Scripture Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

A Word of Faith

Music "Lord, I'm Coming Home"

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.

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
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

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

Palm Sunday ~ Sunday, April 14th

The HUMC Men's group is going to attend an Atlanta Braves game on Thursday April 18th. It is a 12:10 start. We will be taking the Church bus. Seating is limited. Contact Bob Sutton 526-5427 or Tom Brock 205-451-9496 for details.

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

A New Grief Support Group - begins in May for anyone who has lost a spouse and seeks to know more about the process of grief and recovery while experiencing fellowship and support from others. The group will meet on Thursdays (6:00 - 7:30 pm) for 12 weeks to discuss the book "Seven Choices" by Elizabeth Harper Neeld, Ph.D; providing a roadmap of the critical choices one makes through the grieving process. The group will be led by Debbie and Tom Brock who will share their own story of spousal loss and recovery.

New Project - Jodie Zoellner is heading up a new project, making mats for our homeless missions. She is using recycled grocery bags as yarn so drop off all those bags sitting at home. Anyone who wants to learn about the process please contact Jodie. You don't need to know how to crochet already. It's a great time to learn!

Our Annual Author's Tea will be June 15th. Tickets and books will go on sale starting Wednesday, May 1st. Local author Diane C. McPhail will be our featured writer. Tickets are \$25 each, books will sell for \$26, with all proceeds going towards the HUMC Building Fund.

The Vacation Bible School Arts & Crafts Station is looking for donations of empty paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls. Also needed for Summer Camp - 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!

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Fourth 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

† Hymn of Praise "Love Lifted Me" Cok #233

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 pew Bible, p.181

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.)

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

† Offering Prayer

† Hymn of the Word "Living for Jesus" TFWS #2149

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 Come and Find the Quiet Center -Shirley Erena Murray

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 I Will Arise -Tony Alonso

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b32 pew Bible, p.78

Sermon Welcome Home

† Hymn of Faith "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" TFWS #2151

Dismissal with Blessing "Choral Amen"

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

The Altar Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Gwen & Sidney Futch in memory of their mothers.

Birthday Wishes to (March 31) Grady Felder, (April 1) Hammond Rauers, Andrew Watson; (April 2) Tricia Smith, Wyatt Wilson; (April 3) Scott Baker; (April 4) Melanie Ye; (April 5) Mildred Wilson; (April 6) Larry Cummings

Happy Anniversary to (April 4) Bobby & Barbara Newton

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.

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: Keven Gabbard; Greeters: Team 8; 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: King Young

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

Abundant Grace

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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March 31, 2019