

## 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.

### A Look Ahead

**Office Closed** ~ The church office will be closed on Monday, **September 2nd** for Labor Day.

**Impact Day** ~ Mark your calendars! Saturday, **September 7th** from 9am-2pm will be our Impact Day - a day of church-wide community service. Sign up on the poster on Christine's door to volunteer.

**Ways to Volunteer:**

|                                      |                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| bake muffins or cookies              | deliver muffins to merchants |
| hand out bottled water on front lawn | pick up trash                |
| sing at Fidelia Eckerd Center        | service project - TBD.       |

**Outdoor Fellowship** ~ Join us **September 15th** at noon on the front lawn for fellowship time and snacks.

**Women's Breakfast** ~ Join us on Saturday, **September 28th** at 8:30am in the Faith & Fellowship Center for a women's breakfast. We'll share a prepared casual meal full of fellowship and sharing. Dr. Sue Aery of Aery chiropractic will be discussing some of the issues surrounding women's health.

**9:09 Potluck Breakfast** ~ **September 29th** will be potluck at the 9:09. Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share by 8:30am.

**The Pumpkins Are Coming** ~ Wednesday, **October 2nd** the pumpkins will arrive!!

**Pumpkin Festival** on Saturday, **October 5th** from 11am-3pm

**World Communion Sunday** ~ **October 6th**

**Empty Bowls** ~ Help end hunger in the Highlands Community, Sunday, **October 6th** at the First Presbyterian Church from 11:30-1:30. Tickets \$25; includes soup bowl made by local potters, delicious soups provided by local chefs, drink & dessert. All proceeds support the Highlands Food Pantry.

**Homecoming Worship Service** ~ Sunday, **October 13th** at 10:00am in the F&FC - Please help us spread the word for this special day of celebration and memory. We'll gather for a combined worship service at 10:00am in the Faith and Fellowship Center, with a covered dish lunch to follow. We're collecting old photographs for a slide presentation during lunch. If you have pictures to share, please bring them by the office or send them via email. If you have any questions about the photographs, please contact Sonja Defoor, our Office Manager. Also, please help us to spread the word. Thank you!

**Red Cross Blood Drive** - Thanks to everyone who came out to donate blood on June 20th. With your help, we collected 26 pints, and that total includes 4 first-time blood donors! Please mark your calendars now for our next American Red Cross Blood Drive at HUMC - **Monday, October 28th from 10am - 3pm.**

**Halloween Pizza Party**, Thursday, **October 31st** at 5:00pm

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

## Giving

### Operating Fund ~ Year-to-Date - 7/31/19

|                      | Actual     | Budget     |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Contributions        | \$416,000  | \$420,200  |
| Expenses             | \$433,400  | \$450,300  |
| Net Income (deficit) | (\$17,400) | (\$30,100) |

### Faith & Fellowship Center ~ Year-to-Date - 7/31/19

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Bank Loan Balance         | \$1,421,694 |
| Unrestricted Capital Cash | \$329,419   |
| Balance Due               | \$1,092,275 |

## Sunday School for All

### Adult Sunday School Classes

**Calder's class** meets at Calder's Coffee Cafe 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 parlor and is led by Bob Hood. (10:00am)

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

**Pastor's Summer Sunday School Class** - June - August. The class meets in the Sanctuary Chapel. (10:00 - 10:30am)

**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.



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.



**2018 Golf Outing Items for sale** - We have some leftover items from our 2019 golf outing available for sale. Corkcicle Tumblers are available for a cost of \$20.00 each, golf balls are \$20.00 / dozen and bags of tees are available for a donation. Items can be found at the Information Stations.

**The altar flowers** in the sanctuary this morning are given by the children and grandchildren of Herb James, in memory of their father and grandfather.

**We are collecting** used backpacks for Haywood Street shelter. Please drop off at the church.

**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.

**Brochures** from the Sermon Series on the "Fruit of the Spirit" are available at the Information and Donation Stations throughout the church.

**Happy Anniversary to** (September 3) Robert & Judith Moore; (September 7) Charles & Carol Juengling

**Birthday Wishes to** (September 2) Allie Griffith, Gene Smith; (September 4) Ann Marie Moore, Gloria Smith; (September 7) Wayne Crowe, Dennis Leftwich, Bill Shoptaw

### Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries. For the month of **September** we're collecting: food, toys, and bedding for cats and dogs for the **Humane Society**.

**Thank you to everyone who supports our monthly ministries.**

**Attendance on August 25th** 8:30-21 9:09-256 10:50-132

**The Methodist Men's Breakfast** will meet on Saturday, September 7th at 9:00am. They will join in with Impact Day afterwards to do road cleanup. This will take the place of the September 14th meeting.

**New Prayer Ministry - "Pray for a Teacher"** ~ HUMC does a wonderful job supporting Highlands School with our donations of funds and volunteers. This year we would like to extend that support to a spiritual level. **We still have a few prayer cards available** with the name of a faculty/staff member of Highlands School. Please check at the Information Station outside of Christine's office to find one.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** - If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in the bulletin please contact the church office with your dates!

**The Church in the Wildwood** service is at at 7:00pm on Sunday evenings. Today is the last service. It is an old-fashioned hymn-sing, casual dress.

**Wednesday Evening Activities for Youth**  
6:00-7:00pm ~ Meet in big preschool room.

**We extend our sympathies** to Paul Christy and family on the recent death of Paul's Mother, Joan Christy. If you would like to send a card of condolence to the family, Paul's address is 935 1st St. NE, Hickory, NC 28601.

**Membership Class** - Pastor Randy will be offering a membership class soon for anyone who would like to explore Professing, Affiliate or Associate Membership at HUMC. If you're interested please let Pastor Randy know, or contact the church office by Sunday, September 15th.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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                      Dunwoody                      -Phillips

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise                      “Christ for the World We Sing”                      UMH #568

Scripture Reading                      Psalm 81:1, 10-16                      pew Bible, p.540

Affirmation of Faith                      The Apostles’ Creed                      UMH p.881

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                      Ave Verum Corpus                      -Saint-Saens  
(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                      “Gather Us In”                      TFWS #2236

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                      In the Lord                      -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                      Come, Sing Unto the Lord                      -Henry Purcell

Scripture Reading                      Luke 14:1, 7-14                      pew Bible, p.77

Sermon                      The Guest List

†Hymn of Faith                      “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”                      UMH #340

Dismissal with Blessing                      "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Postlude                      God Has Spoken to His People                      -trad. Hasidic



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

**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 September 29, October 13, and November 17.**

**Stephen Ministry** ~ Stephen Ministers meet with their care receivers who may be experiencing divorce, grief, loss of a job, loneliness, hospitalization, terminal illness, or any of a number of other life difficulties for as long as the care receiver will benefit by the relationship. To receive care please contact Christine Murphy or Patti Moschouris.

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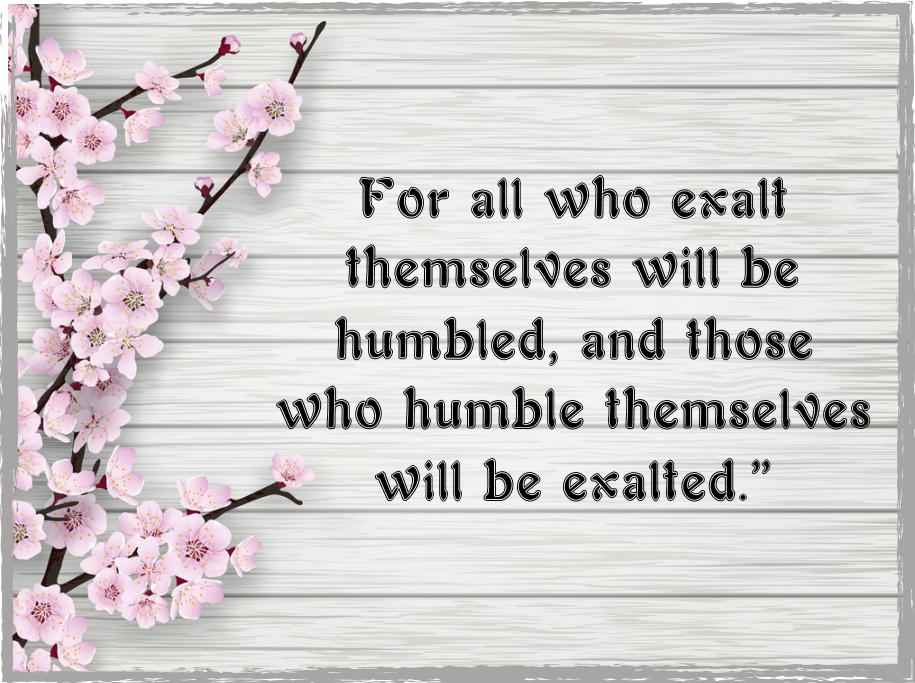
**Church Staff:** Rev. Randy Lucas, Senior Pastor; Les Scott, Minister of Music; Sonja DeFoor, Office Manager; Keith Crawford, Financial Secretary; Christine Murphy, Director of Children & Youth Ministries; Sherry Bruner, Pianist; Marlene & Gary Nix, Sextons; Kristy Lewis, Food Services Director; Terri Kennedy, Nursery Attendant

**The 9:09 Service:** Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leader: Tay Bronough; Greeters: Team 6; 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; Accompanist: Sherry Bruner; Lay Reader: Craig Eister, Vocal Solo: Samantha Moore

**Serving our 10:50 Service:** Ushers: Team 2: Team Leader: King Young; Team Members: Tom Stribling, Kenny Youmans, Wiley & Sarah Sloan



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