

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	
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	Gary & Alexandra Clark
Music	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" "Sweet By and By"
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	"Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Scripture	Matthew 24:36-44
A Word of Faith	
Communion	
Music	"I Surrender All"
Sending Forth	
Closing Music	"I'll Fly Away"

**Infant Baptism** - Greer McKinney Felder, is being baptized during the 10:50 service today. Greer was born on May 17th, 2019 and is the son of Michael & Heather Felder, the grandson of Terry & Meridith Watson, & great-grandson of Joy Still. Greer joins an older brother, Grady, who was also baptized at HUMC. The mailing address for the family is 15 Morgan Blvd, Arden, NC 28704.

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries. For the month of **December** we're collecting: pasta and sauces, canned milk, canned vegetables, and canned meat for **The Emergency Council**.

Thank you to everyone who supports our monthly ministries.

**Attendance on November 24th** 9:09-109 10:50-85

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

**Women's Breakfast** ~ There will be no women's Saturday morning breakfast in December.

**Birthday Wishes to** (December 3) Cynthia Codespoti, Sidney Futch; (December 5) Dori Moschouris; (December 7) Mike Bryson

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 - 10/31/19

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$601,480	\$623,540
Expenses	\$598,290	\$644,720
Net Income (deficit)	\$3,190	(\$21,180)

Faith & Fellowship Center ~ Year-to-Date - 10/31/19

Bank Loan Balance	\$1,135,630
Unrestricted Capital Cash	\$338,990
Balance Due	\$796,640

Sunday School for All

Adult Sunday School Classes

The Apostles' class

meets in the church parlor 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. (10:00am)

**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.



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.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Deck the Halls** ~ On Wednesday Night, **December 4th**, join us after supper for "Deck The Halls". Something for all ages as we decorate the Faith & Fellowship Center for Advent & Christmas.

**Highlands Christmas Parade** ~Saturday, **December 7th** at 11:00am. The Camels are Coming! After the parade meet back at the church for hot cider, cookies, fellowship, and picture taking with the camels. Volunteers are need to carry the sign and 1 king -costume provided. Call Gay at 526-2746.

**A Food Pantries Christmas** hosted by The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation - Saturday, **December 7th** from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. After the Highlands Christmas parade, attendees can enjoy a barbecue lunch for \$10, with all proceeds benefiting the Highlands Emergency Council Food Pantry and the Highlands Food Pantry. Donations of baked foods (no frosted cakes) are needed. If you are able to volunteer or contribute please contact Mary Anne Creswell at 828-526-2635.

**Breakfast with Santa** ~ On Saturday, **December 14th** join us for a very special family tradition! Families are invited to gather at 8:30am for breakfast followed by a visit from Santa Claus! Reservations are requested as space is limited, so please call the church office at 526-3376 by Wednesday, December 11th. Suggested donation of \$10 per family

The Highlands Community Christian Chorale

Saturday, **December 14th** & Sunday, **December 15th** at 5:00pm at The Episcopal Church with a reception following Sunday's presentation.

**You can order a Poinsettia** for the 10:50 worship service on Sunday, **December 15th** on the church website, the kiosk, or pick up a form at one of the Information/Donation Stations.

**Church-wide Caroling** ~ Join us on Wednesday, **December 18th** as we spread Christmas cheer through song! Meet at HUMC at 3:30pm to carpool to Chestnut Hill, Fidelia Eckerd Nursing Home, & homes of our church family to participate in some good ole' Christmas caroling. Wear something festive!

**The Mountain Top Ringers** will present their annual Christmas concert on **December 18th** at 6:00pm - right after our regular church supper. This concert will feature Christmas songs, both sacred and secular, a few familiar sing-alongs, some special children's songs, and a surprise (shhhh) ending.



**Women's Brunch** ~ Saturday, **January 25th** from 10:00-1:00pm. Featuring Lee Lyons-Master Story Teller. \$15 per person or \$120 per table of 8. All proceeds benefit the HUMC F&FC Fund. Contact Gwen Futch for reservations at 843-267-8559.

Wednesday Evening Activities for Youth

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

**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. Will not have a meal on December 24th & 31st.

**Happy Anniversary to** (December 4) Jim & Anne Gilmore

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service  
First Sunday of Advent

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		
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	The Joy Still family	
Opening Prayer		
Hymn of Expectation	<i>“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”</i>	UMH #196
Scripture Reading	<b>Romans 13:11-14</b>	pew Bible, p.162
Affirmation of Faith	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	UMH p.881
Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Arise and Shine Forth</i>	-Sally DeFord
(During this time you may bring your Ministry Bag to the altar.)		
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Offering Prayer		
Advent Hymn	<i>“People, Look East”</i>	UMH #202
Sharing of Our Concerns		
<i>(If you would like your prayer request to be added to the prayer list in the bulletin please indicate on the prayer request card.)</i>		
Call to Prayer	<i>Hear Our Prayer</i>	-George Whelpton
Silent Prayer		
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		
<i>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.</i>		
Anthem	<i>Ding! Dong! Merrily on High</i>	traditional French
Scripture Reading	<b>Matthew 24:36-44</b>	pew Bible, p.27
Sermon	<b>Advent's Call</b>	
Baptismal Hymn	<i>“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”</i>	UMH #611
The Baptism Covenant II		UMH p. 39
A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II		UMH p. 12
Dismissal with Blessing	<i>"Star-Child"</i>	
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

**Needed:** Men's winter coats sizes large and extra large. Please place donations in the Food Pantry bins located around the church.  
**Birthdays & Anniversaries** - If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in the bulletin please contact the church office with your dates!  
**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 December 29.**

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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: Craig Eister; Greeters: Team 3; Technologist: Tom Herring  
**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: Susan Clearman; Lay Reader: Sarah Knight; Communion Assistants: Gay Kattel & Nancy Butler; Solo: Becky Jacobs  
**Serving our 10:50 Service:** Ushers: Team 1: Team Leader: Nin Bond; Team Members: Richard Melvin, Ken Knight, Bob & Nancy Sutton

First Sunday of Advent



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December 1, 2019