

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 "Joy to the World"
"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

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 "The Old Rugged Cross"

Scripture Matthew 2:13-23

A Word of Faith

Music "Victory in Jesus"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

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.

The altar flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Maudie & Bill Huff in honor of their parents.

Birthday Wishes to (December 29) Beth Bowser; (December 30) Valerie Long; (December 31) Cynthia Berg, Samantha Moore; (January 1) Jeannie Edwards-Jones; (January 2) Jim Kay, Bill McMillan; (January 4) Jana Jared, Ray McCaskill, Joanne Oliver

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

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

Giving

Operating Fund ~ Year-to-Date - 11/30/19

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$655,754	\$677,361
Expenses	\$651,386	\$704,132
Net Income (deficit)	\$4,368	(\$26,771)

Faith & Fellowship Center ~ Year-to-Date - 11/30/19

Bank Loan Balance	\$1,123,164
Unrestricted Capital Cash	\$376,352
Balance Due	\$746,812

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

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

Office Closed ~ Monday, **January 20th** ~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday -

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.

Heart of Highlands ~ Sunday, **February 9th** ~ dinner, dance, and presentation of King & Queen at 5:30pm

Ash Wednesday ~ **February 26th** - Supper at 5:15pm with an Ash Wednesday Service following at 6:00pm in the Faith and Fellowship Center

Now Hiring - Nursery Worker ~ 8:30am-12:00 every Sunday morning during worship services, Wednesday nights from 5:45 - 7:00pm, and various events. See Christine Murphy for more details.

Happy Anniversary to (December 30) Greg & Susan Clarkson; (December 31) Dennis & Nancy Ostema; (January 1) Tim & Ginger Moseley, Gene & Gloria Smith

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 or January 7th.

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

There will be no Family Night Supper or Activities on January 1st.

HUMC Holiday Office Hours

Please make note of our HUMC Office Holiday Schedule

Monday, December 30th - Office Open 9am - 12 noon

Tuesday, December 31st - Office Open 9am - 12 noon

Wednesday, January 1st - Office Closed

Thursday, January 2nd - Office Closed

Friday, January 3rd - Office Open 9am - 12noon

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

First Sunday after Christmas

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 *Still, Still, Still* -trad. Austrian

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise *"What Child Is This"* UMH #219

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 63:7-9** pew Bible, p.693

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

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Lully Lullay (Coventry Carol)* -Croo/Schaum
(During this time you may bring your Ministry Bag to the altar.)

†Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94
(sung to the tune of *The First Noel*)

†Offering Prayer

†Hymn of the Word *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* UMH #218

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 *Hear Our Prayer* -George Whelpton

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 *Laudamus Te* -Antonio Vivaldi

Scripture Reading **Matthew 2:13-23** pew Bible, p.2

Sermon **The Other Christmas Story**

†Hymn of Faith *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* UMH #224

Dismissal with Blessing *"Star-Child"*

Postlude *Go Tell It On the Mountain* -Spiritual

The
Donation
STATION

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



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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 Bronaugh; 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; Accompanist: Susan Clearman; Lay Reader: King Young; Vocal Duet: Vangie Rich & Barbara Newton

Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 1: Team Leader: Nin Bond; Team Members: Richard Melvin, Ken Knight, Bob & Nancy Sutton

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

Highlands United
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