

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 Tom & Debbie Brock
- Music "O Come, All Ye Faithful" "Do You Hear What I Hear"
- 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 "Mary Did You Know" Randy Lucas, solo
- Scripture Matthew 1:18-25
- A Word of Faith
- Music "Away in a Manger"
- 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 in honor of our mother, Barbara James and in memory of our father, Herbert James with much love & appreciation from your children and grandchildren.

Birthday Wishes to (December 22) Grace Crowe, Doug Holder, Elaine Reynolds; (December 23) Alexandra Clark; (December 26) Dana Reker, Steven Bloedow, Donnie Edwards

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.

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 - 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

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.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Worship Services Tuesday, December 24

5:00pm ~ a Family-Oriented Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Come and bring the entire family for a festive celebration of Jesus' birth. This service will include our Paper Bag Pageant - a kid-friendly, interactive version of lessons and carols where all children present are invited and welcome to participate as we celebrate Jesus' birth. The approximate length of this service will be 1 hour.

7:00pm ~ Christmas Eve Eucharist Service

This 30 minute service of Holy Communion is offered with busy Christmas Eve Schedule's in mind, and will provide you with an opportunity to gather at the altar with your family, and to receive Communion in a quiet and intimate setting.

9:00pm ~ a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

This quiet service combines Scripture and congregational caroling. This half-hour service will end in candlelight.

11:45pm ~ a Midnight Eucharist

This service will provide the opportunity to greet Christmas Day at the Lord's Table. The approximate length of this service will be 15 - 20 minutes.



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.

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

Happy Anniversary to (December 22) Jim & Virginia Nix; (December 27) Jason & Samantha Moore

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.

Attendance on December 15th 9:09-84 10:50-110

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 Wednesday, December 25th or January 1st.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Fourth 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 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Norman Dello Joio

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Fred Motz & Tom Stribling

Opening Prayer

† **Hymn of Praise** *"Once in Royal David's City"* UMH #250

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 7:10-16** pew Bible, p.636

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

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Silent Night* arr. Norman Dello Joio
(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** *"He Is Born"* UMH #228

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 *The Holly and the Ivy* arr. Richard Shephard

Scripture Reading **Matthew 1:18-25** pew Bible, p.1

Sermon **God Is With Us**

† **Hymn of Faith** *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* UMH #240

Dismissal with Blessing *"Star-Child"*

Postlude *Sleigh Ride* arr. Michael Edwards



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

HUMC Holiday Office Hours

Please make note of our HUMC Office Holiday Schedule

Monday, December 23rd - Office Open 9am - 4pm

Tuesday, December 24th - Office Open 9am - 12 noon

Wednesday, December 25th - Office Closed

Thursday, December 26th - Office Closed

Friday, December 27th - Office Open 9am - 12 noon

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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: Christine Murphy; Greeters: Team 6; 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; Piano: Sherry Bruner & Patty Campbell; Lay Reader: Patti Moschouris

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



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