

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 "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings"
"I Saw the Light"

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 "Morning Has Broken"

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

A Word of Faith

Communion

Music "This Little Light of Mine"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries. For the month of January we're collecting: toothpaste, shampoo, household cleaners, laundry detergent, toilet paper, hand soap, deodorant, and canola oil for The Food Pantry.

Thank you to everyone who supports our monthly ministries.

Birthday Wishes to (January 7) Jim Nix; (January 9) Gayle Byrne, Don Germano, Jeff James, David Long, Cindy Reed; (January 10) Elaine Carlton, Lora Speed Beegle; (January 11) Travis Brooks

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

Table with 3 columns: Item, Actual, Budget. Rows: 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

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows: 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.



A Look Ahead

Monday, January 20th ~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday - office closed

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.

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

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

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 January 7th.

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 January 12, 19, & 26

Remember your baptism and be thankful. Next Sunday, in celebration of "Baptism of the Lord" Sunday, you will be invited to participate in a congregational reaffirmation of baptism during the 9:09 and 10:50 Worship Services. Please join us as we celebrate the gift, and the implications, of being baptized children of God.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Epiphany Sunday

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 *What Child Is This* trad. carol/Schaum

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"* UMH #254

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 60:1-6** pew Bible, p.691

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

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning* -Harding
(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

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 *Only a Baby Came* -Natalie Sleeth

Scripture Reading **Matthew 2:1-12** pew Bible, p.36

Sermon **The Search**

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II UMH p. 12

†Hymn of Faith *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"* UMH #251

Dismissal with Blessing *"Star-Child"*

Postlude *Shine, Jesus, Shine* -KendrickClearman



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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The 9:09 Service: Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leader: TBA; Greeters: Team 8; Technologist: Mike Murphy

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: Glenda Bell; Communion Assistants: Wilma Gordon & Paula Gordon

Serving our 10:50 Service: Ushers: Team 3: Team Leader: Lora Speed Beegle; Team Members: Alan Marsh, Dave Cashion, Luke Osteen, & Tricia Smith

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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Methodist Church**

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