

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 "Down By the Riverside"
"Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

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 "Shall We Gather by the River"

Scripture Matthew 3:13-17

A Word of Faith

Remembering Our Baptism

Music "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

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 12) Fred Motz, Loretta Picklesimer; (January 13) Robert Edwards, Fred Smith; (January 14) Britt Iannacone; (January 15) Janet Chitty, Ronnie Crowe, Cayden Pierson

Happy Anniversary to (January 18) Dave & Sabrina Cashion

Weather Related Announcements - We are looking to compile a list of email addresses for our year-round residents who are most likely to be impacted by weather-related cancellations and schedule changes during the winter months. If you would like to receive weather-related notifications via email, please contact the church office at highlandsumc@icloud.com. If you do not have access to email or our Facebook Page, please let the church office know.

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 - 12/31/19

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$767,286	\$774,301
Expenses	\$732,834	\$774,301
Net Income (deficit)	\$34,834	\$0.00

Faith & Fellowship Center ~ Year-to-Date - 12/31/19

Bank Loan Balance	\$960,538
Unrestricted Capital Cash	\$422,081
Balance Due	\$538,457

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.

Super Bowl Party ~ **Sunday, February 2nd at 6:00pm** - Everyone is invited to join us for a Super Bowl watch party in our Faith and Fellowship Center. Please bring your favorite game day dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

Staff Planning Retreat ~ **Monday, February 3rd** - the Staff will be away from the office for a planning retreat. The office will be open.

2020 Leadership Retreat - Our annual leadership retreat will be held once again at the Pinnacle Retreat Center in Clayton, Georgia on Saturday, February 8th from 10am - 3pm with lunch provided. This gathering for prayer and planning is open to our entire HUMC family. However, we do need to provide an accurate number for lunch, along with any dietary restrictions. If you plan to attend, please contact the church office no later than Monday, January 27th at 12 noon.

Heart of Highlands ~ **Sunday, February 9th** ~ dinner, dance, and presentation of King & Queen at 5:30pm. Sign-up sheets can be found places around the church, you can sign up on the kiosk, and on the church website.

Ash Wednesday, February 26th - 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.

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 19 & 26, and February 9, 16, & 23.**

Be on the lookout for your 2019 Giving Statement. They will be mailed this year at the end of January.

Attendance on January 5th 11:00-65 (snow/ice)

Next Sunday you'll have an opportunity to participate in our annual "Human Relations Day" Offering, one of the Six Special Sunday Offerings of The United Methodist Church. This offering supports our connectional efforts to help those who struggle on the margins of society. Envelopes will be provided in next week's bulletin if you wish to donate next Sunday.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Baptism of the Lord 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

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise *“Fairest Lord Jesus”* UMH #189

Scripture Reading **Acts 10:34-43** pew Bible, p.129

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

†Offering Prayer

†Hymn of the Word *“Baptized in Water”* TFWS #2248

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 *Lord, 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 *Down in the River to Pray* arr. Les Scott

Scripture Reading **Matthew 3:13-17** pew Bible, p.3

Sermon **In the Waters of Baptism**

Congregational Reaffirmation of Baptism

†Hymn of Faith *“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”* UMH #605

Dismissal with Blessing *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

Postlude

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
[who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose
again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, [the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.]**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare Christ’s works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared to us in our baptism. For you have washed away our sins, and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**



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January 12, 2020