

## 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** "Give Me That Old Time Religion"  
"Love Lifted Me"

**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** "Near the Cross"

**Scripture** 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

**A Word of Faith**

**Music** "The Old Rugged Cross"

**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 26) Laree Benton, Georgia Sanders; (January 27) Forrest Baker, Carol Forrester; (January 28) Billy Brooks; (January 29) Jeff Vidmar; (January 30) Bill Brooks; (January 31) Virginia Barnes, Mary Dotson, Sydnee Gordon, Jim Riddle, Allison Tate; (February 1) Glenda Bell, Chris Mouchet

**Happy Anniversary to** (January 29) Charles & Peggy Shackelford

**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](mailto: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](http://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](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.



## A Look Ahead

**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. Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 5th.

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

**Emergency American Red Cross Blood Drive at HUMC ~ Thursday, March 5th** from 11am-4pm. Kristy Lewis will be serving as the Director of our Blood Drive. The Drive will be held in the old Fellowship Hall. Appointments will be available every 15 minutes. Please see Kristy to sign up for this life-saving event.

## DID YOU KNOW ?

For the past 2 years HUMC has provided snack backpacks weekly for students who need extra help. Our annual pumpkin roll sales fund this valuable program. Thank you for your support!

### 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!

**Disciple IV Bible Study "Under the Tree of Life"** - This 32 week study will focus on the Old Testament Writings, the New Testament Gospel and Letters of John, and the Book of Revelation. The study will begin with an Orientation Session on Sunday, February 23rd at 7pm in the upstairs former Fellowship Hall. Please let Pastor Randy know by Sunday, February 9th if you would like to be part of this study.

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

**Attendance on January 19th** 9:09-95 10:50-57

# The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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                      *Lamb of God*                      arr. T. Fettke

## Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise                      *“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”*                      UMH #163

Scripture Reading                      **Psalm 27**                      pew Bible, p.503

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

## Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                      *Clair De Lune*                      arr. J. Ray  
(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                      *“The Old Rugged Cross”*                      UMH #504

## 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*                      -Mark Patterson

## 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                      *O Lord, My God, You Are My Refuge*                      J.S. Bach

Scripture Reading                      **1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5**                      pew Bible, p.166

Sermon                      **Foolishness Revisited**

†Hymn of Faith                      *“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”*                      UMH #480

Dismissal with Blessing                      *“Choral Amen”*

Postlude                      *The Old Rugged Cross*                      arr. S. Bruner



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

**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 February 9 & 23 and March 8, 15, 22, & 29.**

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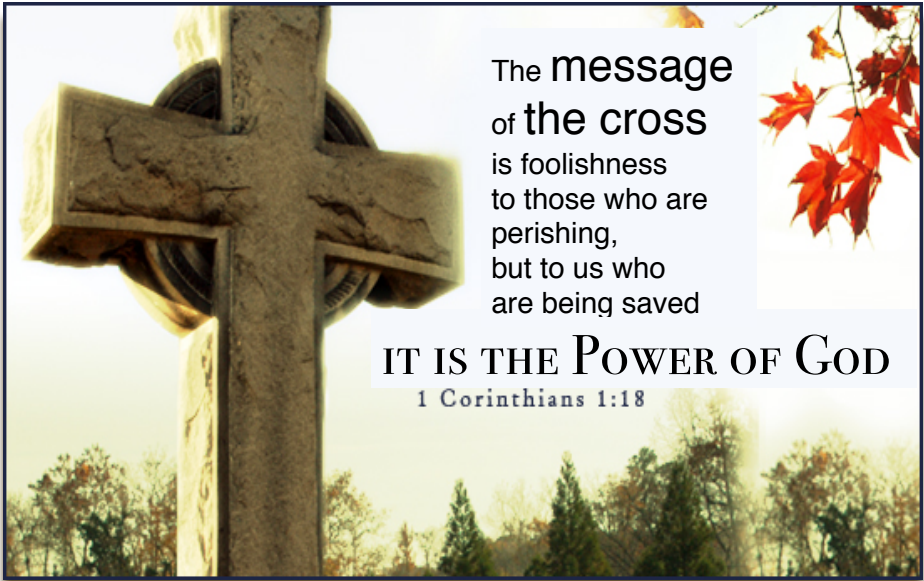
**Church Staff:** Rev. Randy Lucas, Senior Pastor; Les Scott, Minister of Music; Sonja DeFoor, Office Manager; Keith Crawford, Financial Secretary; Christine Murphy, Director of Children & Youth Ministries; Sherry Bruner, Pianist; Marlene & Gary Nix, Sextons; Kristy Lewis, Food Services Director; Terri Kennedy, Nursery Attendant

**The 9:09 Service:** Sermon: Randy Lucas; Worship Leader: Tay Bronaugh; 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; Choir Director: Lisa Gottwals; Accompanist: Sherry Bruner; Lay Reader: 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



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**January 26, 2020**