

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 "Put Your Hand in the Hand"
"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

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 "What a Wonderful World" Lee Ladensack, solo

Scripture John 3:1-17

A Word of Faith

Music "Unclouded Day"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"



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.



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 - 1/31/20

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$44,653	\$37,138
Expenses	\$58,028	\$66,808
Net Income (deficit)	(\$13,375)	(\$29,669)

Faith & Fellowship Center ~ Year-to-Date - 1/31/20

Bank Loan Balance	\$847,646
Unrestricted Capital Cash	\$341,317
Balance Due	\$506,329

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.

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.

For the month of **March** we're collecting lotion, chapstick, tissue, socks, and small items residents may enjoy at the **Fidelia Eckerd Center**.

Thank you to everyone who supports our monthly ministries.

Birthday Wishes to (March 8) Beth Ham, Kathy Smith; (March 10) Robin Austin, John Baumrucker, Tay Bronaugh; (March 11) John Gordon; (March 12) Steve Ham, Oliver Oxford, Samuel Wheeler; (March 13) James Farrish

Housing needed for Duke Summer Ministry Intern - We are currently looking for housing during the intern's 10 week stay with us. Ideal accommodations would be a room with a private entry provided. If you can possibly help please contact Lora Speed-Beegle, our SPRC chairperson or Pastor Randy. The summer placement period is May 23rd - August 2nd.

Candy Donations Needed! ~ Any individually wrapped candy or small toys (able to fit in a plastic Easter egg) will be greatly appreciated in preparation for the annual HUMC kids' Easter egg hunt! Donations can be placed in a bin in the Donation Stations marked Easter candy. Thank you!

Do you love meeting new people? We are looking to start a new visitation team to meet with folks in our area. Schedules will be determined based on need. Please see Kristy.

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

A Look Ahead

One Church Worship - Sunday, **March 15th** we're combining our 9:09 and 10:50 Services. The service will be held at 10:00am in the Faith & Fellowship Center, preceded by a coffee hour at 9:15am. Please make plans to join us for this special opportunity to worship together as one church!

Memorial Garden Groundbreaking March 15th - After our one church worship service, you're invited to join us for a ground-breaking ceremony for our Memorial Garden. We anticipate the landscaping construction to begin soon, and believe this will be a meaningful addition for the HUMC family and the Highlands community. We will gather in the Spring Street parking lot at approximately 11:15am.

Women's Breakfast - All ladies are invited to join us for breakfast Saturday, **March 28th** at 8:30am in the Faith and Fellowship Center.

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

2020 Leadership Retreat Rescheduled - Due to snow, the Leadership Retreat has been rescheduled for Saturday, **April 4th** from 10-3:00pm at the Pinnacle Retreat Center in Clayton, Georgia. Please let the church office know by Monday, March 30th if you'll be able to attend, along with any dietary restrictions you may have.

Youth Lock-In ~ April 24-25

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday ~ Sunday, April 5th

Maundy Thursday Service ~ April 9th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary

Good Friday ~ April 10th ~ 12:00 noon - Stations of the Cross Walk 7:00pm - Good Friday Service in the sanctuary

Easter Sunday ~ Sunday, April 12th

6:45am - Ecumenical Sunrise Service

We will gather with other churches at (place to be determined).

9:09 & 11:00am - Worship Services

- provide an Easter Lily for the 10:50 service

- bring a flower to place on the Living Cross

10:00am - Easter Coffee Break

10:15am - Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday Evening Activities for Youth

6:00-7:00pm ~ Meet in big preschool room.

Notes from our Trustees - The Trustees are seeking assistance in helping with ice and snow removal at HUMC during the Winter months, especially on Sundays. Also, they would like to see who might be interested in taking on some gardening projects on the HUMC campus this Spring. If you're interested, please contact Marie Sharpe, our Trustee Chairperson at (828) 526 - 2341 or by email at msharpeconsulting@gmail.com.

Attendance on March 1st 9:09-131 10:50-91

Happy Anniversary to (March 14) John & Cyndi Gordon, Steve & Beth Ham

Did You Know?

The prayer animals sitting around the church are for anyone to use. If you know someone that needs extra prayers and love please feel free to give them an animal.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Second Sunday in Lent

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

Church Announcements

Opening Voluntary *How Great Is Our God* arr. Alex-Zsolt

Opening Prayer

†**Hymn of Praise** *"To God Be the Glory"* UMH #98

Scripture Reading **Psalm 121** pew Bible, p.571

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

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *I Love You, Lord* arr. Mark Hayes
(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** *"We Know That Christ is Raised"* UMH #610

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 *God So Loved the World* -Sir John Stainer

Scripture Reading **John 3:1-17** pew Bible, p.93

Sermon **For God So Loved the World**

†**Hymn of Faith** *"Blessed Assurance"* UMH #369

Dismissal with Blessing *"Let There Be Peace on on Earth"*

Postlude *There Is a Fountain* 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: Please bring in a Ziplock bag.

Eye Glasses - Glasses are for multiple mission projects

Can Tabs - collected for the Ronald McDonald House

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

Weather Related Announcements - We are compiling 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.

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 March 15, 22, & 29, April 19 & 26, and May 17 & 24.**

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.

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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 1; 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: Sherry Bruner; Lay Reader: Craig Eister

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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March 8, 2020