Welcome to the Highlands United Methodist Church

A joyous welcome to you! We are glad each of you has come to worship the Lord.

The 9:09 Bluegrass Service

Welcome

Music "Calling You"

"I Love to Tell the Story"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 14

A Word of Faith This is NOT Goodbye

Music "What a Difference You've Made in My Life"

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 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.



Continuing our Journey Back

We have made adjustments to our worship experience at HUMC.

- Breakfast at 8:30am Sunday breakfast is once again being served prior to the 909 Bluegrass Worship Service. Consistent with the guidelines of the WNC Conference, we are currently refraining from a serve-yourself buffet style at present. Plates are prepared by masked and gloved servers. Individually prepared items will also be available to grab and go. Coffee will be provided.
- Passing the bowl/plate has resumed We have returned to our practice of taking up a formal offering at both worship services.
- **Hymnals are back** Hymnals have been placed back in the backs of Sanctuary pews.
- **Bathroom protocols removed** Restroom availability has returned to our pre-pandemic practices. Alcohol spray bottles will remain.
- Restricted Seating removed Every other pew seating restrictions have been lifted. You're invited to use your own best judgement regarding distancing.
- Water Fountains available Bags have been removed from our water fountains. Again, please use your own best judgement.

We continue to adhere to the recommendations of the CDC regarding face-coverings -

- Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a mask when attending worship or small group activities inside the building.
- Individuals who have not be vaccinated are still encouraged to wear a mask inside. Masks are available if you need one.

Church Membership Class

If you would be interested in exploring Professing, Affiliate or Associate Membership at HUMC, please contact Pastor Randy by today at randyhumc@icloud.com.

Wednesday Family Night Supper

Join us for Family Night Supper on Wednesday at 5:15pm. Serving protocols will be in place.

Ministry Bags

We're beginning our Ministry Bag collection again in July! Each month we will collect items for different ministries.

For the month of **July** we're collecting: **School Supplies**: notebook paper, scissors, crayons, markers, Kleenex, binder notebooks, spiral notebooks, pencils, & backpacks

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

Happy Birthday to (June 27) Evelyn Hall, Lynn Kleifgen; (June 28) Kathy Lucas, Ashlynn Wilson; (June 30) Ryan Bryson, Helen McGaughy; (July 3) Warren Lineberger, Amber Porter

Happy Anniversary to (June 27) Clarence & Harriet Bauknight; (June 28) John & Anne Tate

Giving

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

"Finishing the Race" enters the final lap

We are now in the 36th month of our 3 year campaign to retire the building debt on the Faith and Fellowship Center. Thanks to everyone who has supported this effort so generously, and thanks for your continued and future support of our debtretirement efforts.

Our goal is to finish the race by June 30th.

Current amount needed to "Finish the Race" - \$118,146.59

Here is an accounting of giving for June 13th:

"Finishing the Race" - \$29,890.47 General Fund - \$17,058.10

Current Studies and Small Groups

Seekers Sunday School Class

The class is currently studying the book of Isaiah. They meet in person on **Sundays at 9:45am**. Contact - Steve Bruner at stevebruner@gmail.com.

Bob Hood's Sunday School Class

The class is studying, John Orthberg's "Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them". Meeting time - Sundays at 10:00am in the Scout Room. Contact - Bob Hood at bobhood3@gmail.com.

Home Lectionary Study Group

A weekly study around the upcoming week lectionary readings. Meeting time - **Tuesdays at 7:00pm**. Contact - Fred Motz at bigbearpen@gmail.com

Men's Tuesday Breakfast

This group meets for breakfast at the Blue Bike on **Tuesday** mornings at **8:00am**. They are currently studying the book, "*So Amazing About Grace*" by Philip Yancey.

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

The group is doing a study of *Gracism*, by Dr. David A. Anderson. The class meets at **7:00pm** on **Tuesdays**. Contact - Debbie Brock at <u>debbiedharris@gmail.com</u>.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Prelude River Flows in You arr. Yiruma

Welcome

Centering Music

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH #156

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's 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.

Joys

Tithes and Offerings
Offertory

†Doxology Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #94

†Offering Prayer

Anthem I Come to Him -Sally DeFord

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 14

Sermon This is NOT Goodbye

†Hymn of Faith "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH #399

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

Postlude Spirit Song -John Wimber

Office Hours The Church Office is open Monday - Thursday from 9am - 4pm.

New Hours for the Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is now open Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday from 10:00am - 6:00pm. To volunteer at the Pantry please email Keller Torrey -kellertorrey@gmail.com, or Andrea Smith andrea@internationalfriendshipcenter.or

Upcoming Events:

Back to School Teacher's Breakfast - Wednesday, August 18th at 8:30am

Back to School Service of Blessing - Wednesday, August 18th at 3:00pm

Have a Prayer Need?

To put someone on the Prayer List please call the church office (526-3376) or Joy Still (526-8097). Please provide an address of the person(s) for whom you are requesting prayer so we may send a card to let them know we are praying for them.

We will keep names on the **Short Term** list two weeks & the **Long Term** list four weeks. At the end of two or four weeks your loved one will be removed from the list. Please contact the church office again for your loved one if you wish for them to be put back on the list. This way we can be sure our list is kept up to date.

Prayer List

Short Term: Sarah Knight

Long Term: Clarence Bauknight, Renee Bolt, Kenneth Crowe, Ronnie Crowe, Winston Decker, Ty Emmert, Sidney Futch, Barbara Griffith, Michael Hebert, Mary Heffington, Mickey Henry, Virginia Huff, Jeff James, Logan Petrone, Prince Family, Catherine Taylor, Tutu Arwood Wise

Join Our Prayer Circle

We welcome you to join our Prayer Circle to lift up those who are in need of prayer. Prayer requests are emailed to the Prayer Circle as they come in. Please email Sonja at highlandsumc@icloud.com to be a part of this ministry.

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