

## 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 "America the Beautiful"  
"My Country 'Tis of Thee"

#### A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

#### Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

#### Joys

#### A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "When the Saints Go Marching In"

Scripture 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

A Word of Faith Finding Strength in Weakness

Music "When We All Get to Heaven"

#### 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](mailto:randyhumc@icloud.com)

To receive **church email updates and news** please email Sonja at [highlandsumc@icloud.com](mailto:highlandsumc@icloud.com)



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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.



## Welcome Back!

It's wonderful to worship together in-person once again and to enjoy the easing of restrictions. And we're so excited to welcome our seasonal family back to 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.

#### 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.

## Wednesday Family Night Supper

There will be no Family Night Supper on July 7th.

**Attendance** June 27th 9:09 - 165 10:50 - 58

**Church in the Wildwood:** A 20 year Highlands tradition is coming back to life. The Church in the Wildwood, Horse Cove Road, Highlands, will hold its opening service of hymn singing with Tillie Arwood at the piano on Sunday evening, July 4th at 7:00pm. Anyone entering the church should have had the Covid-19 vaccine, natural immunity, or wear a mask. Non-vaccinated guests may sit on the porch without a mask although space is limited. Services will be held on subsequent Sunday nights until Memorial Day from 7 to 8 pm. If questions, call Mary Bean, 828-506-0125 or Les Scott, 828-200-9532.

**Nursery:** A nursery is provided for children ages 4 and under during the 9:09 service. See a greeter for help locating the nursery.

## Ministry Bags

Each month we 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** (July 5) Janet Avery; (July 6) Jerry Barton, Jessica Carter; (July 8) Doug Campbell, Morgan Minus; (July 9) Mike Byrne

**Happy Anniversary to** (July 4) Ty & Betty Ann Emmert; (July 5) Frank & Kristin Edwards; (July 6) Tom & Joyce Stribling; (July 9) Mike & Gayle Byrne; Dana & Paula Gordon

**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](mailto:kellertorrey@gmail.com), or Andrea Smith [andrea@internationalfriendshipcenter.or](mailto:andrea@internationalfriendshipcenter.or)

## Giving

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

#### Here is an accounting of giving for June 27th:

**General Fund** - \$10,385.50

**Restricted Accounts -**

Children and Youth - \$100.00

Food Pantry - \$100.00

JOY Group - \$100.00

Pastor's Fund - \$20.00

**Congratulations Mike and Jerry** for their faithful work and leadership provided for the vaccination efforts in Highlands through the Highlands Cashiers Vaccine Initiative, HUMC's Jerry Moore and Mike Murphy, along with Tom Neal, CEO of Highlands Cashiers Hospital, were recognized as Rotarians of the Year for 2020-2021 during Tuesday's year-end meeting of the Rotary Club of Highlands. Congratulations Mike and Jerry! Your HUMC family is very proud of you! And the entire community owes a debt of gratitude to each of you for your vital leadership.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 beginning a new book study on "Refresh Your Faith; uncommon devotions from every book of the Bible", by Lori Hatcher. The class meets at **7:00pm** on **Tuesdays**. Contact - Debbie Brock at [debbiedharris@gmail.com](mailto:debbiedharris@gmail.com) or Sara Mayer at [scmayer@nctv.com](mailto:scmayer@nctv.com).

## The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

### Seventh 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.

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Come Thou Fount</i>	-Wyeth
	<i>Through it All</i>	-Crouch
<b>Welcome</b>		
<b>Centering Music</b>	<i>If My People Shall Humble Themselves</i>	-Owens/Clearman
<b>Opening Prayer</b>		
† <b>Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>"America, the Beautiful"</i>	UMH #696
<b>Affirmation of Faith</b>	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	UMH p.881
<b>Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		
	<i>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.</i>	
<b>Joys</b>		
<b>Tithes and Offerings</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>O Beautiful for Spacious Skies</i>	-Ward/Callahan
† <b>Doxology</b>	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
† <b>Offering Prayer</b>		
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>God Bless America</i>	-Irving Berlin
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 12:2-10</b>	
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Finding Strength in Weakness</b>	
† <b>Hymn of Faith</b>	<i>"This is My Song"</i>	UMH #437
<b>Dismissal with Blessing</b>	<i>"Let There Be Peace on on Earth"</i>	
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Grace that is Greater</i>	-Towner

### 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

**Office Hours:** Week of July 4th Office Hours - The Church Office will be closed Monday, July 5th, open Tuesday - Thursday from 9am - 4pm.

### 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

**Our prayers and sympathies** go out to Melody Miller and family on the death of **Rex Miller** and to the family and friends of **Barbara Hill** on her death.

**Short Term:** Sarah Knight

**Long Term:** Clarence Bauknight, Renee Bolt, Kenneth Crowe, Ronnie Crowe, Winston Decker, Ty Emmert, Sidney Futch, Barbara Griffith, John & Gisele Hall, Jack Harrison, Michael Hebert, Mary Heffington, Mickey Henry, Virginia Huff, Jeff James, May Adair Kaiser, Dr. Patel, Logan Petrone, Anne Prince, Dana Edwards Reker, Catherine Taylor, Tommy Vinson, 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](mailto:highlandsumc@icloud.com) to be a part of this ministry.

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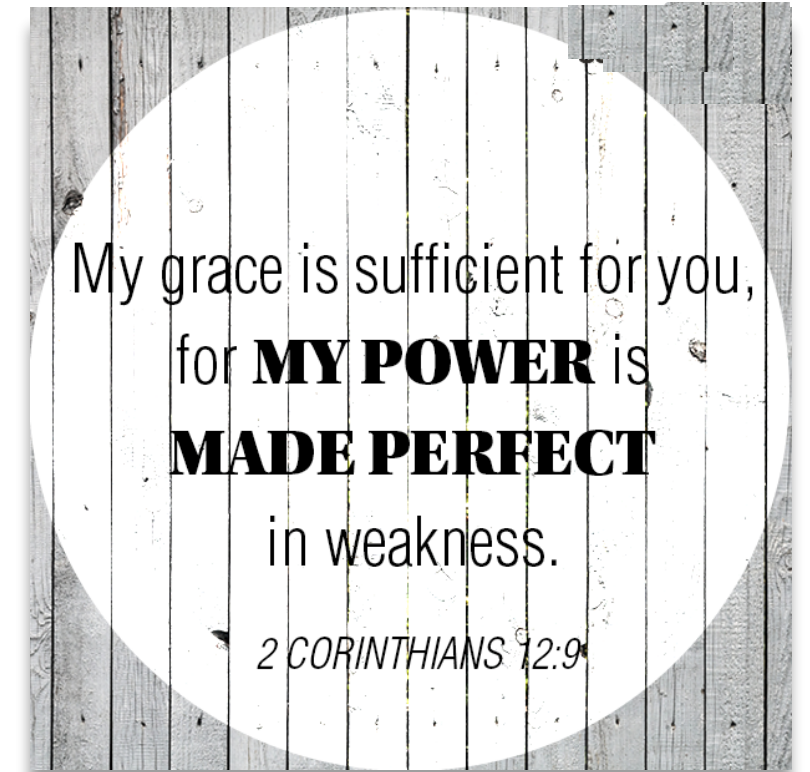
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