

## 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** "I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"  
"Keep on the Sunny Side"

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

#### Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

#### Joys

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

**Music** "Amazing Grace"

**Scripture** Ephesians 1:3-14

**A Word of Faith** The Power of Praise

**Music** "Put Your Hand in the Hand"

#### 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

Join us for Family Night Supper at 5:15. Serving protocols will be in place. Menu: grilled hot dogs, baked beans, Cole slaw, chips, & dessert

**Attendance** July 4th 9:09 - 195 10:50 - 42

**Church in the Wildwood:** A 20 year Highlands tradition has come back to life. The Church in the Wildwood, Horse Cove Road, Highlands, is now back open. 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 on 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 14) Bailey Baker; (July 16) Harriet Bauknight, Larry Dale, Terri Kennedy; (July 17) Ricky Bryson

**Happy Anniversary to** (July 10) Charles & Tillie Arwood; (July 12) Tay & Tamara Bronaugh

**New Hours for the Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry is now open Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday from 10:00am - 6:00pm.

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

## Giving

### We've Crossed the Finish Line!

Thanks be to God - and thanks to everyone who has supported our efforts to "Finish the Race" and retire the debt on our Faith & Fellowship Center. With your help we have been able to raise the money needed to retire the debt. Thanks for your generosity throughout the process of securing land, and during the fundraising efforts prior to, and during, construction. And thanks for your generous and faithful support of our 3-year "Finishing the Race" campaign. With your help we crossed the finish line on our stated goal of June 30, 2021. **Donations received the last week of the campaign through last Sunday totaled - \$106,588.24!**

#### Here is an accounting of giving for July 4th:

**General Fund** - \$17,536.00

**Restricted Accounts -**

Pastor's Fund - \$50.00

Youth Ministry - \$40.00

You may 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

### 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.

Prelude	<i>He Keeps Me Singing</i>	-Bridges
Welcome	<i>Praise Him! Praise Him!</i>	-Allen
Centering Music	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	-English trad./Clearman
Opening Prayer		
†Hymn of Praise	<i>"God of Grace and God of Glory"</i>	UMH #577
Affirmation of Faith	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	UMH p.881
Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer	<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>	
Joys		
Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Reflections on "O Store Gud" (How Great Thou Art)</i>	-Swedish trad/Glyncannon
†Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
†Offering Prayer		
Anthem	<i>For Me Alone</i>	-Sally DeFord
Scripture	<b>Ephesians 1:3-14</b>	
Sermon	<b>The Power of Praise</b>	
†Hymn of Faith	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	UMH #378
Dismissal with Blessing	<i>"Let There Be Peace on on Earth"</i>	
Postlude	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	-Knapp

### Upcoming Events:

**JOY Group Returns** - Our JOY Group will meet on **Monday, July 12th from 11:30-1:00pm** for a meal and a memorial service as we remember our JOY Group friends who have died in the past year.  
**Back to School Teacher's Breakfast** - Wednesday, August 18th at 8:30am  
**Back to School Service of Blessing** - Wednesday, August 18th at 3:00pm  
**Bolivian Mission Fundraiser** - Wednesday, September 15th at 5:30pm at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. Stay tuned for more info.

### 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 Carolyn Ann Holder and family on the death of her sister **May Adair Kaiser**; to Catherine Taylor and family on the death of her son **Tommy Vinson**; Susan Clarkson on the death of her first cousin, **Tommy Wright**; Nancy Bonner on the death of her husband **John**; and Jack Brinson on the death of his wife **Judith**.

**Short Term:** Sarah Knight

**Long Term:** Clarence Bauknight, Renee Bolt, Wayne Croft, 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, 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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