

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

"Do Lord"
"I Saw the Light"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music

"This Little Light of Mine"

Scripture

Ephesians 2:11-22

A Word of Faith From Hostility to Hospitality - The Reconciling Work of the Cross

Music

"Near the Cross"

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.



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!

Wednesday Family Night Supper

Join us for Family Night Supper at 5:15pm.
Serving protocols are in place.

Menu: chicken tenders, Mac & cheese, potato salad & dessert.

Attendance July 11th 9:09 - 195 10:50 - 64

Chancel Choir Resuming - We're excited to welcome our chancel choir back in August during our traditional worship service at 10:50am in the Church Sanctuary for individuals who have been fully vaccinated. Please contact Les Scott, our Minister of Music - les.h.scott@gmail.com.

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 are 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

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.

Church Happenings:

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, August 7th at 8:30am we will resume our monthly Highlands United Methodist Men's breakfast. Come join us for breakfast and great fellowship.

JOY Group - Our JOY Group meets on **Mondays from 11:30-1:00pm** for a meal and social time.

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

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

Celebration! Save the Date - On **Sunday, August 22nd at 4pm** we will have "A Service For the Dedication Of A Church Building Free of Debt," complete with a "Burning of the Mortgage," and ice cream - complements of Jerry Moore. It will be a great day of celebration. Please plan to join us!

Bolivian Mission Fundraiser - **Wednesday, September 15th at 5:30pm** at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. Stay tuned for more info.

Giving

The Last Payment Has Been Made! The Debt Has Been Retired!

Thanks be to God - and thanks to everyone who has supported our efforts to "**Finish the Race**" and retire the debt on our Faith and Fellowship Center. With your help the debt has officially been retired. 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. Monies received beyond the amount needed to retire the debt will be allocated for future capital expenses.

Here is an accounting of giving for July 11th:

General Fund - \$12,583.10

**Restricted Accounts -
Pastor's Fund** - \$50.00

You may 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

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 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 or Sara Mayer at scmayer@nctv.com.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Eighth 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

Welcome

Centering Music

Opening Prayer

† Hymn of Praise "The Church's One Foundation" UMH #546

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 A Place in the Choir -Bill Staines

Scripture Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon From Hostility to Hospitality -
The Reconciling Work of the Cross

† Hymn of Faith "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" UMH #2158

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

Postlude

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 18) Vivian Kennedy; (July 19) Steve Chenoweth, Durward Early; (July 21) Naomi Chastain, Elizabeth Motz; (July 22) Ken Bowser, Linda Bubenick, Amanda Griffith, Annabelle Ye

Happy Anniversary to (July 20) Mike & Christine Murphy, Tony & Terri Potts; (July 24) Paul & Britt Iannacone, Les & Deborah Scott

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: Michell Gillett

Long Term: Clarence Bauknight, Renee Bolt, Jonathan, Kayla, Benjamin, Emily & Matthew Clarkson, Wayne Croft, Kenneth Crowe, Ronnie Crowe, Susan Crowe, Joann Dale, Winston Decker, Ty Emmert, Sidney Futch, Barbara Griffith, John & Gisele Hall, Jack Harrison, Michael Hebert, Mary Heffington, Mickey Henry, Cath Hudson, Virginia Huff, Jeff James, Dr. Patel, Logan Petrone, Anne Prince, Dana Edwards Reker, Lisa Richards, Leah Talley, 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 to be a part of this ministry.

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The Reconciling Work of the Cross



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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