

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 "The Church in the Wildwood"
"Down By the Riverside"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "Create in Me a Clean Heart" The 9:09 Band

Scripture Ephesians 4:25-5:2

A Word of Faith Imitators of God

Music "Love Lifted Me"

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.



Face Coverings Encouraged

Based on recent data indicating the possibility of viral transmission of the Delta variant of COVID-19 even through fully vaccinated individuals, and prompted by last week's updated guidelines from the CDC, NCHHS and the Bishop and Cabinet of the Western North Carolina Conference, we are encouraging everyone to wear a mask when attending indoor gatherings at HUMC, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are available if you need one.

Church Happenings:

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

Men's Breakfast: We are also temporarily pausing our plans for the return of Methodist Men's Breakfast. We hope to resume the men's breakfast soon. Please stay tuned for more information.

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 & Kilwin's Chocolates & Ice Cream. 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.

Wednesday Family Night Supper

Join us for a prepared meal at 5:15pm.
Menu: beef enchiladas, black beans, seasoned rice, & dessert

Attendance August 1st 9:09 - 155 10:50 - 58

Church in the Wildwood: Services are on hold for the present time. Stay tuned for updates.

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 **August** we're collecting items for Life Challenge: soaps, deodorant, razors, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, & hair brushes. Life Challenge is a Christian Residential Center created to help women with life controlling issues.

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

Chancel Choir - Given last week's updated guidelines, we are temporarily pausing our plans to resume the chancel choir. We hope to celebrate the return of the choir soon!

Giving

"The Race is Finished" - Thanks to everyone who has supported this effort so generously during our 36 month campaign!
We've reached our goal to finish the race by June 30th.

Here is an accounting of giving for August 1st:

General Fund - \$19,288.00

Restricted Accounts -

Pastor's Fund - \$50.00

Food Pantry - \$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.

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 \$60. 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.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service
Eleventh 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>Come Thou Almighty King</i>	arr. M. Hayes
Welcome		
Centering Music	<i>They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love</i>	arr. S Bruner
Opening Prayer		
†Hymn of Praise	"Woke Up This Morning"	TFWS #2082
Affirmation of Faith	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	UMH p.881
Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer <i>Our Father, who 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>Nearer, My God to Thee</i>	arr. Martha Mier
†Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
†Offering Prayer		
Anthem	<i>Make Us One</i>	-Sally DeFord
Scripture	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	
Sermon	Imitators of God	
†Hymn of Faith	"Help Us Accept Each Other"	UMH #560
Dismissal with Blessing "Let There Be Peace on on Earth"		
Postlude	<i>Sunday Joy!</i>	arr. Phillip Keveren

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

Happy Birthday to (August 8) Sarah Knight; (August 9) Sandy Carlton, Terry Watson; (August 10) Greg Clarkson, Ruth Getzen, Elizabeth Gordon, Sammie Leffler, Jan Potts; (August 13) Paul Iannacone, Kaitlin Lewis; (August 14) Greg Johnson

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 Joy Archer and family on the death of her mother, Barbara Guess Leemis.

Short Term: Sam & Bobbie Bockman, Michell Gillett, Marjorie Heim, John Vanacore

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 & Betty Ann 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, Tom Steagald, Leah Talley, Catherine Taylor, David Valin, Jackson VanHorn, 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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