

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 "Keep on the Sunny Side"
"Victory in Jesus"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "Put Your Hand in the Hand"

Scripture 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

A Word of Faith The Wisdom of Seeking Wisdom

Music "Seek Ye First"

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.



Updated Mask Requirements / COVID-19 Protocols at HUMC

Based on updated guidelines regarding the possibility of viral spread even among individuals who are fully vaccinated from the CDC, NCHHS, the WNC Bishop and Cabinet, in light of Macon County's current "red" status in the CDC's county-by-county data tracker, and in consultation with HUMC's In-Person Worship Discernment Team, we are putting the following protocols in place:

Face Coverings are now required for all indoor gatherings at HUMC.

This includes indoor worship services, committee meetings, Sunday School Classes, Bible Studies and any other small groups. Masks are available if needed.

Indoor meals are currently suspended

This includes JOY Group, 909 Breakfasts, Wednesday night suppers, Methodist Men and any other indoor gatherings.

Drive-thru meals resume

With the temporary suspension of our in-person meals on Wednesday nights, we have returned to providing drive-thru meals. If you are already on our previous drive-thru list, a meal will be available for you, and there is no need for you to call. If you wish to be added to the drive-thru meals list this week, please call or text Kristy by 10am Wednesday (828) 200-0477. Meals can be picked up between 4pm - 5pm.

Additional outdoor worship options -

In addition to our 9:09 and 10:50 indoor worship services, we are offering 2 brief (masks optional with appropriate distancing between family units) outdoor prayer and worship opportunities. **Morning prayers** on the front sanctuary lawn (15 minutes) at **8am** and **morning worship** in the back parking lot (20 minutes) at **8:30am**.

Church Happenings:

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

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

"Note Burning" Service and Ice Cream Celebration

Postponed - We have temporarily postponed our scheduled celebration on August 22nd and look forward to rescheduling at a later date.

Bolivian Mission Fundraiser - Wednesday, September 15th at **5:30pm** at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. Envelopes with more information are available across from Sonja's office.

Attendance August 8th 9:09 - 127 10:50 - 52

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

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.

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 8th:

General Fund - \$7,957.10

Restricted Accounts -
Bolivian Mission - \$10.00

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 altar flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in honor Joe DiPrima's birthday on August 16th by his wife, Pennie, and Linda Coleman.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Twelfth 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 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH #133

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH p.881

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Joys

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

† Offering Prayer

Anthem Close to Thee -Fanny Crosby

Scripture 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Sermon The Wisdom of Seeking Wisdom

† Hymn of Faith "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

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 (August 15) Gwen Futch; (August 16) Dorothy Huckabee; (August 17) Ann Marie Crowe, Alex Osteen, Janet Young; (August 19) Ransom Bozeman, August Mehder, Rimson Solomon; (August 20) Eliza Tate; (August 21) Gail Garland, Cyndi Gordon

Happy Anniversary to (August 15) Randy & Kathy Lucas; (August 16) Greg & Teresa Williams; (August 18) Sam & Jobie Austin; (August 19) David & Sammie Leffler; (August 20) Gary & Carol Forrester

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 Verna Taylor & family on the death of her father, Vernon Smith.

Short Term: Sam & Bobbie Bockman, Michell Gillett, Marjorie Heim, Dorothy Higdon, 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, Trent Haines, John & Gisele Hall, Jack Harrison, Michael Hebert, Mary Heffington, Mickey Henry, Cath Hudson, Virginia Huff, Kendra Hughes, Jeff James, Normal & Lori Meservey, Dr. Patel, Logan Petrone, Anne Prince, Dana Edwards Reker, Lisa Richards, Tom Steagald, Leah Talley, Catherine Taylor, David Valin, Jackson VanHorn, 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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LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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