

## 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 Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"  
"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 "Amazing Grace"

Scripture Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A Word of Faith The Folly of Majoring in the Minors

Music "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

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)

**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, the following protocols are now 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 have resumed

With the temporary suspension of our in-person meals on Wednesday nights, we have returned to our practice of 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 909 and 10:50 indoor worship services, we are offering 2 brief (masks optional with appropriate distancing between family units) outdoor Sunday morning prayer and worship opportunities. We will post any weather-related cancellations via our Facebook Page on Sundays by 7:30am.

#### 8:00am: Morning Prayers -

Location - Sanctuary Front Lawn on Main Street

Length - 15 minutes

Description - Scripture Readings, Prayers and Music

#### 8:30am: Outdoor Worship -

Location - Back Parking Lot on Spring Street

Length - 20 minutes

Description - 909 Band, Prayers, Biblical Storytelling  
(no cars in the parking lot please - bring your own chair)

### Church Happenings:

**Calling All Zombies** - Once again this year we are gathering zombie dancers for a flash-mob performance during our Highlands' Halloween street festival. Our first rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 2nd at 6:30pm**. So grab your best zombie mask and join us in the Faith and Fellowship Center.

**Bolivian Mission Fundraiser - Wednesday, September 15th at 5:30pm** is the date and time for the silent and live auction at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. Jewelry from Bolivia will be among the items available for auction. Items are also available for sale each Saturday morning at the Farmers Market in Highlands. Envelopes with information on the Bolivian Mission and donation cards are available across from Sonja's office. For more information, please contact Dr. John Baumrucker, President of the Highlands Bolivian Mission - [rucker@dnet.net](mailto:rucker@dnet.net).

## Giving

Here is an accounting of giving for August 22nd:

General Fund - \$5,224.00

Restricted Accounts -

Pastor's Fund - \$300.00

Ministries - \$200.00

Bolivian Mission - \$120.00

JOY Club - \$35.00

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, "Three Simple Rules for Christian Living". Meeting on **Sundays at 10:00am by Zoom**. 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).

### 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.

**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

Fourteenth 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>My Jesus I Love Thee</i>	arr. Adoniram Gordon
<b>Welcome</b>		
<b>Centering Music</b>		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>		
†Hymn of Praise	<b>"Fairest Lord Jesus"</b>	UMH #189
<b>Affirmation of Faith</b>	<b><i>The Apostles' Creed</i></b>	UMH p.881
<b>Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b> <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>		
<b>Joys</b>		
<b>Tithes and Offerings</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Love Medley</i>	arr. Marilyn Ham
†Doxology	<b><i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i></b>	UMH #94
<b>†Offering Prayer</b>		
<b>Anthem</b>		
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</b>	
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>The Folly of Majoring in the Minors</b>	
†Hymn of Faith	<b><i>"Just as I Am"</i></b>	UMH #357
<b>Dismissal with Blessing</b> <b><i>"Let There Be Peace on on Earth"</i></b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	arr. Bruner

**Attendance** August 22nd 9:09 - 72 10:50 - 41

**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 29) John Dotson; (August 30) Heather Felder, Christine Murphy; (September 2) Allie Griffeth, Gene Smith; (September 4) Ann Marie Moore, Gloria Smith

**Happy Anniversary to** (September 1) Bill & Evelyn Hall; (September 2) James & Claire Neely; (September 3) Robert & Judith Moore

## 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:** Sam & Bobbie Bockman, Greg Clarkson, Marjorie Heim, Dorothy Higdon, John Vanacore

**Long Term:** Clarence Bauknight, Glenda Bell, Wayne Croft, Kenneth Crowe, Ronnie Crowe, Susan Crowe, Joann Dale, Winston Decker, Ty & Betty Ann Emmert, Sidney Futch, Barbara Griffith, Dana Gordon, Trent Haines, John & Gisele Hall, Jack Harrison, Michael Hebert, Mary Heffington, Mickey Henry, Bob Houston, 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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