

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 "Just Over in the Gloryland"
"He Keeps Me Singing"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "Whispering Hope"

Scripture James 3:1-12

A Word of Faith Sticks, Stones, & Words

Music "Peace in the Valley"

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.



Additional Outdoor Worship Option -

In addition to our 9:09 and 10:50 indoor worship services, we are offering an outdoor worship service (masks optional with appropriate distancing between family units) Sundays at 8:30am. We will post any weather-related cancelations via our Facebook Page on Sundays by 7:30am.

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)

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

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. Rehearsal are on **Thursdays 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. Some items are available in the old Fellowship Hall for viewing during normal church hours.

Face Coverings (nose and mouth) are 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.

Giving

Here is an accounting of giving for September 6th:

General Fund - \$14,010.14

Restricted Accounts -

Capitol Fund - \$600.00

Bolivian Missions - \$100.00

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.

HUMC's COVID-19 Communication Protocols

As we continue to care for one another during this global pandemic, please be mindful of the following guidelines to follow if you receive a positive COVID-19 test after attending a gathering at HUMC. If a person receives a positive COVID-19 test result after attending an indoor gathering at HUMC, that person should -

- (In the event of a small group on or off campus) notify the small group leader who should then immediately contact the pastor.
- Communicate to the other participants of the positive COVID case in order that they can follow up with their health care provider or health department to determine what course of action they should take.
- If the individual allows his or her name to be used, there will be an attempt to identify and alert individuals who may be at greater risk of viral spread - (individuals who were within 6 feet of the infected individual for 15 minutes or more)
- (In the event of a worship service) individual should notify the pastor immediately - an attempt will be made to identify and contact those individuals most at risk due to proximately with the infected individual. A mass email to the congregation will be sent if deemed necessary.
- The pastor will notify Mike Murphy (Church Council), Tony Potts (Trustees), Patti Moschouris (Lay Leader) and Lora Speed-Beegle (SPRC) by email and inform them of the actions being taken.
- Participants should continue to adhere to masking protocols, trying to maintain appropriate social distancing, and refrain from attending gatherings if not feeling well.

Wednesday Night Supper

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. Menu: Brunswick stew, cornbread, salad, & dessert

Thank you for the love and support to our family during the loss of our father, Vernon Smith. Hal & Verna Taylor

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.

For the month of **September** we're collecting items for the Humane Society: food, treats, toys, bedding for dogs and cats.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer and meditation

Prelude *Woke Up This Morning With My Mind Stayed on Jesus* -Spiritual
 Yield Not to Temptation- -Palmer

Centering Music *Prelude in D Minor [BWV851]* -Bach

†Hymn of Praise *"The Gift of Love"* UMH #408

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* UMH p.881

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.

Offertory *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* -Stebbins/Hassell

†Offering Prayer

Anthem *Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands* -Fred Kaan, John Bell

Scripture **James 3:1-12**

Sermon **Sticks, Stones & Words**

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

Postlude *Allegro Moderato from Maritana* -Wallace

Church Staff: Rev. Dr. Randy Lucas, Senior Pastor; Les Scott, Minister of Music; Sonja DeFoor, Office Manager; Keith Crawford, Financial Secretary; Christine Murphy, Director of Children & Youth Ministries; Sherry Bruner & Susan Clearman, Pianists; Marlene & Gary Nix, Sextons; Kristy Martin, Food Services Director



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