

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 "Give Me That Old Time Religion"
"Give Thanks"
- A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross
- Prayer / The Lord's Prayer
- Joys
- A Time to Offer our Gifts to God
- Music "Seek Ye First"
- Scripture Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 12:1-5
- A Word of Faith Freedom: Me-2-We
- Music "Calling You"
- 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.



Church Happenings:

- World Communion Sunday** - We look forward to celebrating Holy Communion on **Sunday, October 3rd**, during both our 909 and 10:50 Worship Services. For those of you who will be worshipping with us virtually, please plan to have juice or some other fruit of the vine, along with bread or crackers.
- Homecoming 2021 -10/10/10** -Our annual combined Homecoming Worship Service will be **Sunday, October 10th at 10am** in the Faith and Fellowship Center (10am on the 10th day of the 10th month). Though we will not be sharing a fellowship meal this year, we look forward to worshipping together and giving thanks to God for the bounty of God's blessings we have known as a community of faith throughout the years. As part of our Homecoming worship, we will enjoy a slideshow of HUMC memories. If you have some pictures you'd like to share, please send them to our office manager, Sonja Defoor, by 12 noon on Monday, October 4th.
- Dedication of the F&FC** - In celebration of the retirement of the debt on the Faith and Fellowship Center this summer, our **Homecoming Service** will include **"A Service For the Dedication Of A Church Building Free of Debt."** The note-burning and ice cream social will be held at a later date.
- Blood Drive** - **Monday, October 25th** from **10:00-3:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. To make an appointment call Kristy at 526-3376, ext. 107 or call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter HighlandsUMC
- 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.

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.

Giving

Here is an accounting of giving for September 19th:
General Fund - \$5,931.10
Restricted Accounts -
Pastor's Fund - \$150.00

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.

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.

Disaster Relief Efforts

HUMC and Highlands Fire Department are once again teaming up to collect supplies in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season. Donations can be dropped off at the fire station **Monday through Friday from 10am - 3pm**. Below is a list of items needed-
Bottled water - Bleach - Contractor trash bags - Shovels - Tarps - Laundry detergent - Buckets - Paper towels, Rubbermaid tubs

Pastor Randy at Duke This Week - Pastor Randy will on a study leave at Duke, **September 27th - October 1st**. If the need for pastor care should arise during that time, please contact the church office.

Additional Outdoor Worship Option -

In addition to our 909 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)

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: breakfast frittata, sausage, fruit, bread, & dessert

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.

Attendance September 19th 9:09 - 76 10:50 - 36

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Eighteenth 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>Sonate, Allegro, Andante, Allegro Molto</i>	-WA Mozart Sallie Taylor & Sherry Bruner
Welcome		
Centering Music	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	-Cindy Berry
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 <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>Blessings</i>	arr. Melody Bober
† Doxology	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94
†Offering Prayer		
Anthem	<i>He Keeps Me Singing</i>	arr. Mary McDonald
Scripture	Exodus 20:1-17, Romans 12:1-5	
Sermon	Freedom: Me-2-We	
† Hymn of Faith	"Many Gifts, One Spirit"	UMH #114
Dismissal with Blessing "Let There Be Peace on on Earth"		
Postlude	<i>Sonatine - Allegretto</i>	-Handel

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

Happy Birthday to (September 26) Bob Carlton; (September 27) Will Araujo, Ann Rose; (September 28) Sally Wheeler; (September 29) Nancy Anderson, Caroline Eister; (October 1) Leo Montgomery

Happy Anniversary to (October 1) Tee & Lea Fulk; (October 2) Neal & Marsha Little

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, Dorothy Higdon, The Jessica Robinson family, John Vanacore, our country & safe release of Americans & those who helped us in Afghanistan

Long Term: Clarence Bauknight, Glenda Bell, Kenneth Crowe, Ronnie Crowe, Susan Crowe, Joann Dale, Ty & Betty Ann Emmert, Sidney Futch, Dan Gordon, Dana Gordon, Trent Haines, John & Gisele Hall, Michael Hebert, Mary Heffington, Bob & Sammie Houston, Virginia Huff, Kendra Hughes, Jeff James, Cheryl Jenkins, Lori Meservey, Logan Petrone, Anne Prince, Dana Edwards Reker, Lisa Richards, Catherine Taylor, David Valin, 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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September 26, 2021