

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 Saw the Light"
"Put Your Hand in the Hand"
- A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross
- Prayer / The Lord's Prayer
- Joys
- A Time to Offer our Gifts to God
- Music "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
- Scripture Job 1:1-2:10
- A Word of Faith When Calamity Strikes
- Holy Communion
- 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.



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 starting a new book by Max Lucado "3:16 The Numbers of Hope". **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 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.

- Disaster Relief Efforts**
WNCC Special Offering - Churches in Western North Carolina are encouraged to financially support the relief efforts for our sisters and brothers who are still recovering from the massive flooding due to Tropical Storm Fred. Donations can be submitted online OR if you prefer to pay by check, make checks payable to WNCC Treasurer, note "Special Offering: Fred Relief" in the memo line, and mail to: Western North Carolina Conference PO Box 2757, Huntersville, NC 28070-2757 Attn: Carol Bateman
- HUMC and Highlands Fire Department** are teaming up to collect supplies for the 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

- Front Lawn Tree** - At last week's Church Council meeting, a motion was passed to have the Trustees research what our options would be to remove and/or replace the tree in front of the Old Fellowship Hall building. While this has been a beloved tree on our HUMC lawn for many years, it is unhealthy and requires a lot of care. It has also grown much larger than anyone had originally planned when it was planted several years ago. If anyone has any thoughts/suggestions as we discern the best next steps regarding the tree and our overall front lawn space, please let either Pastor Randy, Mike Murphy, or Tony Potts know.
- 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.

We are collecting candy to hand out to Trick-or-Treaters on **Sunday, October 31st**. Please place candy in the Donation Station bins across from the church office or in the F&FC. Also, volunteers are needed to help. Please call Fred Motz at 526-3083 to sign-up.

Giving

Here is an accounting of giving for September 26th:
General Fund - \$6,009.00
Restricted Accounts - 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.

Church Happenings:

- Homecoming 2021 -10/10/10** -Our annual combined Homecoming Worship Service will be next **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.
- Charge Conference** - Sunday, November 7th at 10:00am in the F&FC.

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 cancellations 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

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 200-0477. Meals can be picked up between 4pm - 5pm.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Nineteenth 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 *Fill My Cup, Lord* arr. Bruner

Welcome

Centering Music *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Ray & Bruner

Opening Prayer

† **Hymn of Praise** *"How Firm a Foundation"* UMH #529

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 *Have Thine Own Way* arr. James Stevens

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

† **Offering Prayer**

Anthem *My Tribute* -Andraé Crouch

Scripture **Job 1:1-2:10**

Sermon **When Calamity Strikes**

A Service of Word and Table UMH p. 12

† **Hymn of Faith** *"My Hope is Built"* UMH #368

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

Postlude *Blessed Assurance* arr. Roger House

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.

For the month of **October** we're collecting items for the **Food Pantry**:
canned goods, dried beans, rice, oil, toilet paper, & toiletries.

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

Happy Birthday to (October 4) Jane Lineberger, Charlotte Solomon; (October 6) Almirena Codespoti, Kristin Whatley; (October 7) Susan Herring, Ken Knight

Happy Anniversary to (October 9) Michael & Heather Felder

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, Dorothy Higdon, John Vanacore

Long Term: Clarence Bauknight, 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, Harley Layow, Logan Petrone, Anne Prince, Dana Edwards Reker, Lisa Richards, Catherine Taylor, David Valin

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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Do this in remembrance of me.



LOVE **G**od. Offer **C**HRIST to All.

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Methodist Church**

October 3, 2021