

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

"Unclouded Day"
"Life's Railway to Heaven"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Scripture

Ruth 1:1-18

A Word of Faith

Love That Will Not Let Go

Music

"Peace Like a River"

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, "What's So Amazing About Grace" by Philip Yancey.

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

The group is doing a book study on "What's So Amazing About Grace" by Philip Yancey. The class meets at **7:00pm on Tuesdays**. Contact - Debbie Brock at debbiedharris@gmail.com or Sara Mayer at scmayer@nctv.com.

Thanks for donating blood - Thanks to everyone who donated blood during last week's American Red Cross Blood Drive at HUMC. Twenty units of blood were collected!

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 the last 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.

Attendance October 24th 9:09 -88 10:50 -28

Giving

Here is an accounting of giving for October 24th:

General - \$14,286.00

Restricted Accounts -

Food Pantry - \$300.00

Pastor's Fund - \$199.00

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:

Charge Conference - **Sunday, November 7th at 10:00am** in the F&FC. Voting members are members of the Church Council, however everyone is invited to attend. We will gather in-person

Blood Drive - **Tuesday, January 4th from 11:00-4:00pm** 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

REACH of Macon in Need of Donations

REACH serves victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking.

They are in need of full size toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, etc), cleaning products (laundry detergent, lysol wipes, feminine hygiene products, diapers & wipes, hairbrushes, etc.), and gas & food cards for survivors. Donations may be taken to the Highlands Fire Department.

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.

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.

Upper Rooms - November / December Upper Rooms - Physical copies of the November / December Upper Rooms are here. Pick up your copy across from the church office or in the F&FC.

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

Twenty-third 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>Hine Ma Tov</i> <i>Bind Us Together With Love-</i>	-trad Israeli -Gillman
Welcome		
Centering Music	<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i>	-Luther/Young
Opening Prayer		
†Hymn of Praise	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	UMH #384
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>O, How My Heart Yearns for Thee</i>	-Baroni
†Doxology	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94
†Offering Prayer		
Anthem		
Scripture	Ruth1:1-18	
Sermon	Love That Will Not Let Go	
†Hymn of Faith	"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"	UMH #430
Dismissal with Blessing "Let There Be Peace on on Earth"		
Postlude	<i>God Has Spoken to His People</i>	-trad Hasidic

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

Happy Birthday to (November 1) Carla Gates, Bob Hood, Lee Lyons; (November 2) Gay Kattel, Ed Mawyer; (November 3) Fran Leftwich; (November 4) Mary Evelyn Feibelman, King Young; (November 5) Dick Chitty, Robert Moore; (November 6) Paula Gordon

Happy Anniversary to (November 6) Skip & LaDonna Keener

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.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Cindy & John Gaston. Cindy's son, Scott passed away. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Cindy at 1511 Star Flower Alley, John's Island, SC 29455

Prayer List

Short Term: Nancy Abner, John McKey, Sandra & Dave Reckell & family

Long Term: Clarence Bauknight, Kenneth Crowe, Ronnie Crowe, Susan Crowe, Joann Dale, Kenny Edwards, Ty & Betty Ann Emmert, Sidney Futch, Gloria Glenn, Dan Gordon, Dana Gordon, Mary Green, Trent Haines, John & Gisele Hall, Michael Hebert, Mary Heffington, Bob & Sammie Houston, Virginia Huff, Kendra Hughes, Jeff James, Cheryl Jenkins, Kelli Lampkin, 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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where
you go
I will
go...

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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October 31, 2021