

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"
"Shall We Gather at the River"
- A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross
- Prayer / The Lord's Prayer
- Joys
- A Time to Offer our Gifts to God
- Music "Sweet By and By"
- Scripture Revelation 21:1-7
- A Word of Faith The Home of God
- Music Strength in the Lord
- A Service of Remembrance
- Communion
- Music "When the Saints Go Marching In"
- 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.



Adjustment to COVID-19 Protocols

In consultation with our In-Person Worship Discernment Team and the Church Council, HUMC has moved to a masking-optional protocol for all indoor gatherings. Masks are available if you need one. At this time there is no change in our temporary suspension of indoor meals. We encourage you to continue frequent hand-washing, and to maintain appropriate distancing when possible. Hand sanitizing dispensers are available at several locations inside the church building. And of course, please avoid gatherings if you are feeling sick. We continue to provide live-streaming of both our 909 and 10:50 services.

Church Happenings:

Charge Conference - Today at 10:00am in the F&FC. Please note, we may need a few minutes to transition after the end of the 909 Worship Service, but will begin as promptly as possible. 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

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 **November** we're collecting unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. Donation boxes are at the office & F&FC entrances.

Attendance October 31st 9:09 - 97 10:50 - 46

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.

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

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.

Giving

Here is an accounting of giving for October 31st:

General - \$12,737.10

Restricted Accounts -
Bolivian Mission - \$100.00

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.

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 11:00am 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.

Front Lawn Tree ~ Thanks to everyone who shared their thoughts concerning the front lawn tree. As you might imagine the opinions expressed were varied, and contributed to the overall discussion and process of discernment. In addition to gathering feedback from the HUMC family, an arborist was consulted regarding the current and anticipated future health of the tree. The discernment process led the Trustees to recommend, and the Church Council to approve, the removal of the current tree in 2022. It will be replaced by another tree, the size and location of the tree will be determined later. Once again Nin Bond and his crew at Highlands Cable Group will decorate our existing tree for the Advent and Christmas seasons. In the coming weeks we will be discerning appropriate ways to acknowledge and celebrate what the tree has meant to HUMC and to the Town of Highlands. If you have any ideas, please feel free to share them with the church office.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Twenty-fourth 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 *Shall We Gather at the River* -Lowry
Therefore the Redeemed of the Lord Shall Return -Lake

Welcome

Centering Music *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* -Hopkins/Clearman

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise **"For All the Saints"** UMH #711

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 *Deep River* -Spiritual/Shackley

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem *Gone, Gonna Rise Again* -Sikahn

Scripture **Revelation 21:1-7**

Sermon **The Home of God**

A Service of Remembrance

A Service of Word and Table II UMH p. 12

†Hymn of Faith **"When the Saints Go Marching In"**

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

Postlude *Jerusalem* -Parry

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.

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 9) Harry Gottwals, Sarah Sloan; (November 10) Frank Buskirk; (November 12) Linda G. Edwards; (November 13) Kristin Edwards, Marlene Viers

Happy Anniversary to (November 10) Bill & Linda Edwards

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: 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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