

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

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle The Gordon Family

Music "O Come All Ye Faithful"
"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music Let it Be Christmas 9:09 Band

Scripture Philippians 4:4-7

A Word of Faith Rejoice! The Lord is Near

Music "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

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.



HUMC 2.0(22)
A Prayerful Time of Dreaming, Visioning and Planning
for our Post-Pandemic Church

Pastor Randy is hosting a series of listening sessions - In-person and via Zoom. These conversations are designed to continue through the first quarter of 2022, informing a season of dreaming and visioning together as we consider the next chapter at HUMC. A vision for our post-pandemic church will be shared on Easter Sunday, April 17th. These listening sessions will seek to build on the following five foundational questions -

- 1 - What is the core identity of HUMC?
- 2 - What former or current practices are essential to the core identity of HUMC?
- 3 - What are the areas in need of refreshing, renewing, relinquishing or revisioning?
- 4 - What behaviors best contribute to the overall health and vitality of the church?
- 5 - What is the Holy Spirit leading us to do?

Here are the scheduled listening sessions for December -

Monday, December 13th - 5:30pm (In-Person)
Wednesday, December 15th - 11:00am (In-Person)
Thursday, December 16th - 5:30pm (Zoom)

In person meetings will be held in the old Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Randy is also happy to schedule one-on-one conversations. If you'd like to meet individually, or if you wish to receive a Zoom invitation, please email Pastor Randy at randyhumc@icloud.com. Come, let us pray and dream together.

Church Happenings:

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 December we're collecting personal items: soaps, deodorant, toothpaste, razors, shampoo, etc. for the Emergency Council.

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.

Giving

Here is an accounting of giving for November 28th:

General - \$4,226.00

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.

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 debbieharris@gmail.com or Sara Mayer at scmayer@nctv.com.

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 9:09 and 10:50 services.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Welcome

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

The Bloedow Family

Centering Music

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** UMH #240

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

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem *An Advent Garden* -Joseph Martin

Scripture **Philippians 4:4-7**

Sermon **Rejoice! The Lord is Near**

†Hymn of Faith **"He Is Born"** UMH #228

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

Postlude

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

Happy Birthday to (December 13) Jack Mayer; (December 15) Nin Bond; (December 16) Sherry Bruner, Miranda Dotson

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, Fred Motz, Alana Page

Long Term: Clarence Bauknight, John Crowe, Kenneth Crowe, Ronnie Crowe, Joann Dale, Ty & Betty Ann Emmert, Sidney Futch, Gloria Glenn, Dan Gordon, Paula 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, Judy Pendergrass, Brady Perryman, Logan Petrone, Anne Prince, Dana Edwards Reker, Lisa Richards, Rossie Spell, 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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LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

Highlands United
Methodist Church

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