

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 "This Little Light of Mine"
"Give Me That Old Time Religion"
- A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross
- Prayer / The Lord's Prayer
- Joys
- A Time to Offer our Gifts to God
- Music "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen / We Three Kings"
- Scripture Matthew 2:1-12
- A Word of Faith Overwhelmed by Joy
- Holy Communion
- Music "Do Lord"
- Sending Forth
- Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"



Church Happenings:

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.



An Order of Farewell for Lisa and Harry

This morning we pray God's blessings upon Lisa and Harry Gotwals as they leave Highlands and move to Friendship, Maryland. We remember fondly December 22, 2019, when Lisa and Harry were married during a service of worship at HUMC. Their faithful witness, spiritual gifts and sweet spirits have been a blessing to the HUMC family as we have lived, worshiped and served together. They have contributed much to this community of faith, and we send them forth with gratitude and love. We thank God for Harry and Lisa, and we pray God's rich blessings upon them in this next chapter of their lives.

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

On January 4th the group will begin a new DVD-based study from Discovery House Publishers with Mart De Haan. The title of this 8-week study is *Jewish Foundations: Sacrifice, Worship, and the Messiah*. No books accompany this study. The class meets at **7:00pm on Tuesdays**. Contact - Debbie Brock at debbiedharris@gmail.com or Sara Mayer at scmayer@nctv.com.

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

January's schedule will be announced soon.

Upper Rooms - Physical copies of the January / February 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 December 12th:

General - \$22,053.10

Restricted Accounts -

Pastor's Fund - \$2,316.67

IFC/Food Pantry - \$1,666.66

Gordon Center - \$1,666.67

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.

Adjustment to COVID-19 Protocols

In consultation with our In-Person Worship Discernment Team and the Church Council, we currently have a masking-optional protocol for all indoor gatherings. Masks are available if you need one. Face-coverings are encouraged for unvaccinated and immunocompromised individuals. 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.

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

Happy Birthday to (January 2) Jim Kay, Bill McMillan; (January 4) Jana Jared; (January 7) Jim Nix, Cotton Russell, Gayle Byrne, Don Germano, Jeff James; (January 8) Tom Stribling

Happy Anniversary to (January 1) Tim & Ginger Moseley

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Epiphany Sunday

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

Centering Music

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise **"We Three Kings"** UMH #254

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 *Away in a Manger* traditional, arr. L. Scott

Scripture **Matthew 2:1-12**

Sermon **Overwhelmed by Joy**

An Order of Farewell to Church Members

A Service of Word and Table II UMH p.12

†Hymn of Faith **"The First Noel"** UMH #245

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

Postlude

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, Jerri Talley, Bill Williams

Long Term: Clarence Bauknight, Henry Brown, John Crowe, Kenneth Crowe, Ronnie Crowe, Joann Dale, Ty & Betty Ann Emmert, Sidney Futch, Gloria Glenn, Dan Gordon, Paula Gordon, Harry Gottwals, Mary Green, Trent Haines, John & Gisele Hall, Michael Hebert, Mary Heffington, Bob & Sammie Houston, Virginia Huff, Kendra Hughes, Jeff James, Cheryl Jenkins, Kelli Lampkin, Jill Olecki, Judy Pendergrass, 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.



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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