

# 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"
  - "Love Lifted Me"
- A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross
- Prayer / The Lord's Prayer
- Joys
- A Time to Offer our Gifts to God
- Music
  - "Jesus Loves Me"
- Scripture
  - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- A Word of Faith
  - The More Excellent Way
- Music
  - "His Eye is on the Sparrow"
- 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](mailto:randyhumc@icloud.com)

To receive **church email updates and news** please email Sonja at [highlandsumc@icloud.com](mailto:highlandsumc@icloud.com)



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

We have entered into a season of prayerful discernment in preparation for the next chapter of our shared life and ministry in the post- pandemic world. As part of this process, Pastor Randy hosted a series of listening sessions, both in-person and via Zoom, in December. 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 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?

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](mailto:randyhumc@icloud.com). Thanks to everyone who participated in December's listening sessions.

**The February dates will be announced next week.**

### Church Happenings:

**Joy Group - Thursday, February 3rd** - JOY Group will resume on Thursdays only.

**Blood Drive - Monday, March 7th** 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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter HighlandsUMC.

### Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday Night In-person meals have resumed at **5:15pm** in the Faith and Fellowship Center. Menu: Fried Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, Baked Beans, Fruit, and Dessert. Wednesday night programming will resume in the coming weeks.

**Winter Coat Drive** - HUMC is participating in a winter coat drive with the Mountain Top Rotary Club, the Emergency Council and other area churches. Designated boxes are available at HUMC for donations of coats and money. \$20.00 will buy a warm coat for an adult or child. Checks can be made out to "Mountain Top Rotary." If you have any questions, please see Kristy Martin.

### Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries. For the month of **January** we're collecting personal items, dried beans, canned goods, rice, oil, toilet paper, & toiletries for the Food Pantry.

## Giving

*Here is an accounting of giving for January 23rd:*

- General Fund - \$8,763.00
- Restricted Accounts -
- Pastor's Fund - \$110.00
- Capital Fund - \$5,000.00
- Food Pantry - \$20.00

You may set up one-time or automatic giving for your tithes and offerings on the website: [www.highlandsmethodist.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](mailto:debbiedharris@gmail.com) or Sara Mayer at [scmayer@nctv.com](mailto:scmayer@nctv.com).

**Attendance January 23rd** 9:09 - 51 10:50 - 32

While masks remain optional for individuals attending indoor gatherings at HUMC, with the spread of the COVID omicron variant and in consultation with our In-Person Worship Discernment Team, **face coverings are highly recommended** while attending indoor gatherings at HUMC. We will continue to make masks available if you need one..

**Positive COVID Test** - We've been notified of a Positive COVID-19 test result received by one of our members who attended this past Sunday's 909 worship service (January 23rd). This individual is not currently experiencing symptoms and has personally reached out to those with whom there was close contact.

# The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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 "The Gift of Love" UMH #408

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 You Are Lord -Pepper Choplin

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon The More Excellent Way

†Hymn of Faith "There's a Song" TFWS #2141

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** (January 31) Mary Dotson, Syndee Gordon, Jim Riddle, Allison Tate; (February 1) Glenda Bell; (February 3) Sharon Giddens, Carolyn Ann Holder; (February 4) Sabrina Cashion, Brenda Manning, Micah Ye; (February 5) Melanie Carter

## 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:** Short Term: Nancy Abner, Lynn Kleifgen, Alana Page, Jerri Talley, Bill Williams

**Long Term:** Clarence Bauknight, Henry Brown, John Crowe, Kenneth Crowe, Ronnie Crowe, Joann Dale, Ty & Betty Ann Emmert, 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, Jessica Robinson, 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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