

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 "Down By the Riverside"
"I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "Victory in Jesus"

Scripture Luke 6:27-38

A Word of Faith Love Your Enemies

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

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

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.

Here is the schedule of February listening sessions for next week -

Wednesday, February 23rd - 11:00am (In-person)
3:00pm (In-person)

Thursday, February 24th - 10:00am (In-person)
4:30pm (In-person)
7:00pm (Zoom)

Friday, February 25th - 10am (In-person)

In person meetings will be held in the old Fellowship Hall

Church Happenings:

Joy Group - Our JOY Group (Just Older Youth) meets for lunch and fellowship on **Thursdays at 11:30am** in the F&FC.

Blood Drive - **Monday, March 7th** from **10:00-3:00pm** in the old 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

Wednesday Night In-person meals have resumed at **5:15pm** in the Faith and Fellowship Center. Menu: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, and Dessert. Wednesday night programming will resume in the coming weeks.

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries. For the month of **February** we're collecting travel-sized shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, socks, band-aids, feminine hygiene products, razors, soap, hairbrushes, & combs.

Attendance February 13th 9:09 - 65 10:50 - 38

Masks are optional while attending indoor gatherings at HUMC. Face-coverings are available if you would like one.

Giving

Here are the reports of your generous giving for
February 13th -

**Restricted Accounts -
Pastor's Fund - \$100.00**

**General Fund -
\$14,555.10**

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, "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 or Sara Mayer at scmayer@nctv.com.

Vacation Bible School -

We're gearing up for another exciting VBS at HUMC this summer, **Monday June 20th - Thursday 23rd from 5:15pm - 8:00pm** each evening. Christine Murphy, our Director of Children and Youth Ministries, is already busy making plans. The theme this year is "Food Truck Party!"

As always, volunteers are essential to the success of our VBS. In order to make this a wonderful experience for the children, many volunteers (adult and youth) are needed: small group leaders, craft leader, science leader, snack leader, and dinner preparation.

Please contact Christine Murphy to volunteer! Call (828) 200-0131 or email - christinehumc@icloud.com.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service Seventh 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	<i>You Are Lovely Prayer of St. Francis</i>	-Anon. -Temple
Welcome		
Centering Music	<i>Wonderful Words of Life</i>	-Bliss/Held
Opening Prayer		
† Hymn of Praise	"Freely, Freely"	UMH #389
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>Siciliano</i>	-Alcock
† Doxology	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94
†Offering Prayer		
Anthem	<i>Blest Are They</i>	-David Haas
Scripture	Luke 6:27-38	
Sermon	Love Your Enemies	
† Hymn of Faith	"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"	UMH #390
Dismissal with Blessing "Let There Be Peace on on Earth"		
Postlude	<i>Air in G Major from Suite XIV</i>	-Handel

Winter Coat Drive - HUMC is participating in a winter coat drive with the Mountain Top Rotary Club, the Emergency Council and other area churches.. \$20.00 will buy a warm coat for an adult or child. There is a specific need for children's winter coats in good clean condition. Checks can be made out to "Mountain Top Rotary." If you have any questions, please see Kristy Martin. Thank you for your generous support!

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

Happy Birthday to (February 20) Nancy Barton; (February 23) Emily Crowe, Harrison Gates, Jake Gordon; (February 24) Keith Hall, Mary James; (February 25) Gloria Padgett, Bobbie Russell; (February 26) Andrea Gabbard, Mitzi Rauers

Happy Anniversary to (February 14) Ronnie & Terri Crowe

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

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Dick Hall on the death of his son, Richard "Bo" Hall. Cards may be sent to 4125 D. Walker Ave, Greensboro, NC 27407

Short Term: Lynn Kleifgen, Seth Satterwhite, Bill Williams

Long Term: Clarence Bauknight, Henry Brown, Kenneth Crowe, Ronnie Crowe, Joann Dale, Dan Gordon, Paula Gordon, Harry Gottwals, John & Gisele Hall, Mary Heffington, Bob & Sammie Houston, Virginia Huff, Kendra Hughes, Jeff James, Cheryl Jenkins, Kelli Lampkin, Jill Olecki, Judy Pendergrass, Logan Petrone, Brantley Potts, Terri Potts, Anne Prince, Dana Edwards Reker, Jessica Robinson, Marty Sass, Rossie Spell, Catherine Taylor, Olan Vinson

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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