

# 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 "Do Lord"  
"Peace in the Valley"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "Farther Along"

Scripture Luke 4:1-13

A Word of Faith Opportune Temptation

Holy Communion

Music "Amazing Grace"

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)



**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.



## 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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter HighlandsUMC.

**UMM Breakfast** - **Saturday, March 12th at 8:30am** the Methodist Men's group will resume the monthly breakfast. Please join us for some great fellowship.

### HUMC 2.0(22)

#### A Prayerful Time of Dreaming, Visioning and Planning for our Post-Pandemic Church

Thanks to everyone who has participated in our listening sessions over the past 3 months. As we have entered into March, we are inviting reflections around specific ministry areas. Please check the following dates and plan to attend if you have interest in these areas.

The following meetings will be held in the old fellowship hall at **5:30pm**.

**Monday, March 7th - 909 Worship Service**

**Tuesday, March 8th - 10:50 Worship Service**

**Thursday, March 10th - Christian Education**

We continue to invite reflections around the five foundation questions that are guiding our discernment as we prepare for the next chapter of our life and ministry together. If you would like to set up a one-on-one conversation with Pastor Randy in-person or via Zoom, please contact him at [randyhumc@icloud.com](mailto:randyhumc@icloud.com).

#### The 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?

### Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday Night In-person meals have resumed at **5:15pm** in the Faith and Fellowship Center. Menu: Baked Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, and Dessert.

### Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.

For the month of **March** we're collecting lotion, chapstick, tissue, socks, and small items residents may enjoy at the Fidelia Eckerd Center.

**Attendance February 27th** 9:09 - 68 10:50 - 38

**Masks are optional** while attending indoor gatherings at HUMC.

Face-coverings are available if you would like one.

**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!

# Giving

Here's a report of your faithful giving for the past two weeks:

**February 20th:**

**Restricted Accounts -**

**Pastor's Fund - \$60.00**

**Food Pantry - \$20.00**

**General Fund - \$4,867.00**

**February 27th:**

**Restricted Accounts -**

**Pastor's Fund - \$1,050.00**

**General Fund - \$22,872.00**

## 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 studying a 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 "*Gracism - The Art of Inclusion*" by David A. Anderson."

### Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

The group is reading the Christian fiction novel "*A Voice in the Wind*" by Francine Rivers about a Jewish Christian girl who is enslaved during the fall of Jerusalem and sent to serve in a Roman household. Everyone is responsible for ordering their own copy of the book. . 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).

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

**Happy Birthday to** (March 8) Beth Ham, Kathy Smith; (March 10) Robin Austin, John Baumrucker, Tay Bronaugh; (March 11) John Gordon; (March 12) Steve Ham, Oliver Oxford, Samuel Wheeler

**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.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service
First Sunday in Lent

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 "Jesus, Tempted in the Dessert" TFWS #2105

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 On Eagles' Wings -Michael Joncas

Scripture Luke 4:1-13

Sermon Opportune Temptation

A Service of Word and Table II UMH p.12

†Hymn of Faith "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" UMH #269

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

Postlude

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.

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: Lynn Kleifgen, Dennis Ostema, Seth Satterwhite, Bill Williams

Long Term: Mark Ballard, Clarence Bauknight, Henry Brown, Kenneth Crowe, Ronnie Crowe, Joann Dale, Malcom Davies, Dan Gordon, Paula Gordon, Dick Hall, John & Gisele Hall, Mary Heffington, Bob & Sammie Houston, Dennis Howard, Virginia Huff, Kendra Hughes, Jeff James, Cheryl Jenkins, Kelli Lampkin, John McKey, Marilyn Motz, PJill Olecki, Doug Parrott, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Beverly Postell, Logan Petrone, Brantley Potts, Terri Potts, Anne Prince, Dana Edwards Reker, Terry Rholetter, Jr., 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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