

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

"Love Lifted Me"
"I Saw the Light"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music

Why Me Lord The 9:09 Band

Scripture

Luke 13:1-9

A Word of Faith The Problem with Barren Faith

Music

"I Surrender All"

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.



Church Happenings:

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

Combined Worship Service ~ On **Sunday, March 27th at 10:00am** in the Faith & Fellowship Center. Breakfast will be served starting at 9:15am.

UMM Breakfast - **Saturday, April 9th at 8:30am** the Methodist Men's group will resume the monthly breakfast. Please join us for some great fellowship.

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am - Sunday, April 17th

Blood Drive - Monday, June 13th 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.

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. The week of March 21st, we will focus on reaching out to our HUMC family members we haven't seen in awhile. The meetings will take place in the old fellowship hall.

Monday, March 21st at 4:30pm - "Regathering the Church"

Thursday, March 24th at 4:30pm - "Regathering the Church"

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.

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: chicken tenders, mac & cheese, baked beans, & dessert. There is no program this week.

Candy Donations Needed! ~ Any individually wrapped candy (able to fit in a plastic Easter egg) will be greatly appreciated in preparation for the HUMC kids' Easter egg hunt! Donations can be placed in a bin in the Donation Stations marked Easter egg candy. Thank you!

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 Fidelity Eckerd Center.

Attendance March 13th Combined service at 11:00 - 75

Masks are optional while attending indoor gatherings at HUMC.

Giving

Here's a report of your faithful giving for Sunday, March 13th -

Restricted Accounts -

Capital - \$250.00

Pastor's Fund - \$50.00

UMCOR / Ukraine - \$1,090.00

General Fund - \$11,400.00

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.

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.

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 "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 or Sara Mayer at scmayer@nctv.com.

Church Membership - Pastor Randy will be offering membership classes in the coming weeks. If you would like to explore Professing, Affiliate or Associate Membership at HUMC, please let Pastor Randy know by **today**.

Happy Birthday to (March 20) Pat Griffin, Lynn Long; (March 21) Mattson Gates; (March 24) Stephanie Smart; (March 25) Pete Kleifgen; (March 26) Art Heller, Vangie Rich

Happy Anniversary to (March 22) Bruce & Ginger Bunnell, Skip & Joanne Jolly; (March 25) Warren & Jane Lineberger

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. 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.

The 10:50am Traditional Worship Service Third 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.

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| Prelude | <i>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i> | -trad. Spiritual |
| Welcome | | |
| Centering Music | <i>Caislean Na Nor</i> | -trad. Irish |
| Opening Prayer | | |
| † Hymn of Praise | "God of Grace and God of Glory" | UMH #577 |
| 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>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i> | -trad. Irish |
| † Doxology | Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow | UMH #94 |
| † Offering Prayer | | |
| Anthem | <i>O Lord, From the Depths I Cry</i> | -Hal Hopson |
| Scripture | Luke 13:1-9 | |
| Sermon | The Problem with Barren Faith | |
| † Hymn of Faith | "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" | UMH #438 |
| Dismissal with Blessing "Let There Be Peace on on Earth" | | |
| Postlude | <i>St. Patrick's Breastplate</i> | -trad. Irish |

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: Craig Eister, Lynn Kleifgen, Dennis Ostema, Seth Satterwhite, Paul Smith, Bill Williams

Long Term: Mark Ballard, Clarence Bauknight, Henry Brown, Ronnie Crowe, Joann Dale, Malcom Davies, Dan Gordon, Dick Hall, John & Gisele Hall, Bob & Sammie Houston, Dennis Howard, Kendra Hughes, Jeff James, Cheryl Jenkins, Kelli Lampkin, Karen Miglionico, John McKey, Doug Parrott, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Penny Pollack, Beverly Postell, Logan Petrone, Brantley Potts, Terri Potts, Anne Prince, Jessica Robinson, Marty Sass, 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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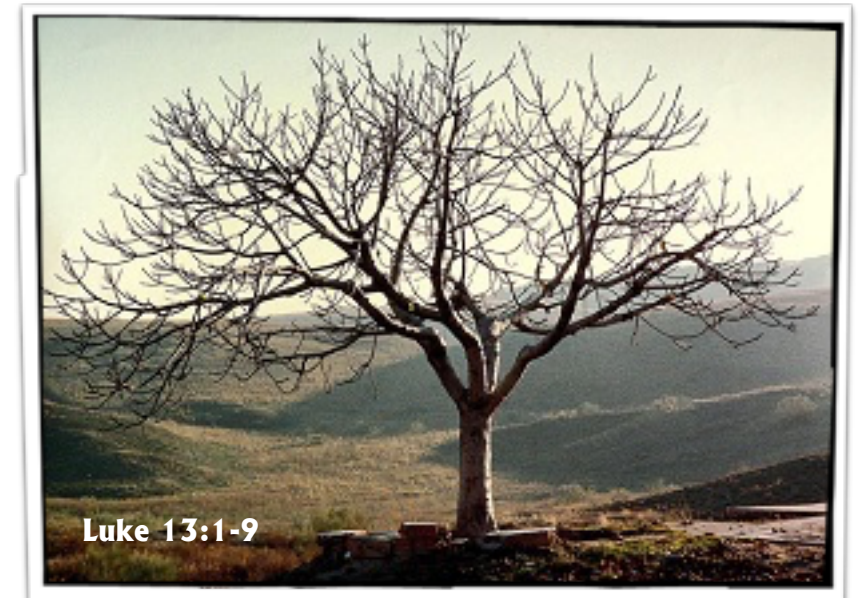
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LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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