

# 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 “Give Me That Old Time Religion”  
“Leaning On the Everlasting Cross”

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music “Will the Circle Be Unbroken”

Scripture Revelation 21:10, 22:1-5

A Word of Faith The Water of Life - Part 3

Music “When the Saints Go Marching In”

Sending Forth

Closing Music “I’ll Fly Away”

**Summer Eucharist Returns** - We are excited to resume our pre-pandemic practice of weekly services of Holy Communion during the Summer months. From **June 5th - August 28th**, a brief service of Holy Communion will be offered in the church sanctuary at **8:30am**. The service will be approximately **20 minutes**.

**Membership Class** - Pastor Randy is offering a membership class for anyone interested in exploring Professing, Affiliate or Associate Membership at HUMC. Please email Pastor Randy by **today**, if you are interested - randyhumc@icloud.com.

**909 Dishwashers needed** - We’re looking for volunteer breakfast dishwashers during the 909 Bluegrass Worship Service. Please see Kristy to sign up.

**Wednesday Night Cooking Teams** - We’re ready to begin utilizing Wednesday Night Cooking Teams. If you’d like more information, please contact Kristy - kkltarheel@yahoo.com.

**From our Ministries Team** - We’re collecting children’s book (age 10 and under) for a church in Dulac, Louisiana. John Murphy will be leading a youth mission trip from Hickory First UMC in June. Please bring books to the church by June 1st.

### Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.  
For the month of **May** we're collecting dog & cat food, treats, toys and bedding for the Humane Society.

## Church Happenings:

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

**One Church Worship Service** - On **May 29th** our 909 and 11 o’clock worship services will join together in worship at **10am** in the Faith and Fellowship Center. Breakfast will be served at **9:15am**. Please plan to join us for this special opportunity for our entire church family to worship together.

**UMM Breakfast - Saturday, June 11th at 8:30am** - Ken Carrig will be speaking about helping establish a 5 Phase Life Skills Curricula for the youth that participate in our programs. Please join us for some great fellowship and food.

**Blood Drive - Monday, June 27th 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 Programs at 6pm in the F&FC -

**May 25th** - “Trivia Night with Mike” led by Mike Murphy (Memorial Day Edition)

**June 1st** - “Tonight’s Special Guest - Christine Murphy

### New Leadership Teams Forming -

Pastor Randy would like to meet with individuals who are interested in being part of new leadership teams. Please contact Pastor Randy if you are interested in any of the following ministry areas -

**Worship (909 and 11) Children’s Ministry Youth Ministry**

### Wednesday Night Supper

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper at **5:15pm** in the Faith and Fellowship Center. Supper will be a prepared meal.

**After-School Volunteers Needed!** The HUMC After-School Program needs adult volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year! Would you be willing to give 2 hours a week to our elementary students? The After-School program runs Tuesdays through Thursdays (3-5pm) throughout the school year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Judy Smart (526-8321 or 421-9306).

**Christine Murphy Stepping Down** - Christine Murphy was hired as HUMC’s Director of Children and Youth Ministries on January 15th, 2018. Since that time she has served faithfully in that role. She transitioned to part-time with us on July 1st, 2021 when she was appointed to serve as a Part-time Local Pastor, serving Loves Chapel and Webster United Methodist Churches in Sylva. As her heart for pastoral ministry grows, Christine has decided to bring her employment at HUMC to an end. She will continue to serve as Director of Children and Youth Ministries until June 24th. We are all grateful for Christine’s faithful work among us, and wish her well as she continues to discern and follow God’s call to ministry.

**Love Offering for Christine** - As a tangible expression of our love and appreciation for Christine, we will present her with a love offering from her HUMC family. If you would like to participate in that offering, please mark your gift - “Love Offering - Christine” and bring it by the office or place in the offering plate by Sunday, June 19th.

**Food Pantry Need** ~ The Food Pantry is in need of personal hygiene items: toothpaste/toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, & bar soap. Donations may be placed in the Donation Stations across from the church office and in the F&FC.

## Giving

### Report of giving for on May 15th:

#### Restricted Accounts -

Bolivian Mission - \$270.00  
UMCOR / Ukraine - \$100.00  
Pastor’s Fund - \$60.00  
Bosnia - \$49.00  
Food Pantry - \$20.00

**General Fund -**  
\$5,853.10

## Current Studies and Small Groups

### Seekers Sunday School Class

The class is currently studying the book of Matthew with an emphasis on the Beatitudes. Meeting time - **Sundays at 10:00am** in the financial secretary’s office. Contact - Steve Bruner - stevebruner@gmail.com.

### Bob Hood's Sunday School Class

The class is studying a book by Max Lucado, *Life Lessons from James* on **Sundays at 10:00am** in the former Scout room. Contact - Bob Hood at bobhood3@gmail.com.

### New Adult Sunday School Class

We’re excited to begin a new Adult Sunday School Class at HUMC! The new class is currently meeting in the former church library at **10:00am**. This summer the class will be utilizing the United Methodist Adult Bible Study, *Transform*.

### Pastor’s Summer Sunday School Class

After our two-year COVID interruption, Pastor Randy’s Summer Sunday School Class returns on **Sunday, June 5th**. As in previous years, the class will meet in the sanctuary chapel at **10am**. This summer the class will read selected books from noted Christian author Frederick Buechner. In June the class will read and discuss *The Hungering Dark*. Books will be provided. If you would like a copy, please email Pastor Randy by **May 25th** - randyhumc@icloud.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. 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

**Monday June 20th - Thursday 23rd from 5:15pm - 8:00pm.**

The theme this year is “Food Truck Party!”

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 11:00am Traditional Worship Service  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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	When They Ring the Golden Bells Sweet By & By	-De Marbelle -Webster
Welcome		
Centering Music	Jerusalem	-Perry
Opening Prayer		
†Hymn of Praise	“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”	UMH #103
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	Shall We Gather at the River	-trad/Wood
†Doxology	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94
†Offering Prayer		
Anthem	Come, All Who Thirst	-Luigi Cherubini, arr. Hal Hopson
Scripture	Revelation 21:10, 22:1-5	
Sermon	The Water of Life - Part 3	
†Hymn of Faith	“Shall We Gather at the River”	UMH #723
Dismissal with Blessing	"Let There Be Peace on on Earth"	
Postlude	Soon and Very Soon	-Crouch

**Attendance on May 15th** 9:09 - 145 10:50 - 48  
**Happy Birthday to** (May 23) Kyle Gabbard; (May 25) Kenneth Crowe; (May 27) McKinley Moseley, Deborah Scott  
**Happy Anniversary to** (May 24) Paul & Ruth McLarty, King & Janet Young; (May 26) Art & Vicki Heller, Steve & Sherry Bruner  
**Birthdays & Anniversaries** - If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in the bulletin please contact the church office with your dates!  
**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.

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.  
**Please be in prayer** for the family of Jim Ramsdell who passed away. Cards of sympathy may be sent to the family at 90 Laurel Heights Road, Highlands, NC 28741.

Prayer List

**Short Term:** Elaine Carlton, Jean-Ann L’Enfant and Howard, Frank Neely, The Moses Family, Seth Satterwhite, Glenda Talley  
**Long Term:** Mark Ballard, Clarence Bauknight, Victoria Bogdanova & family, Sherry Bruner, Henry Brown, Kenneth Crowe, Ronnie Crowe, Joann Dale, Malcom Davies, Betty Ann Emmert, Dan Gordon, Warren Gray, Dick Hall, John & Gisele Hall, Jeff James, Cheryl Jenkins, Mary Virginia Jones, Kelli Lampkin, Karen Miglionario, Emmett Moore, JC Norris, Doug Parrott, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Phyllis Pittas, Penny Pollock, Beverly Postell, Logan Petrone, Brantley Potts, Terri Potts, Anne Prince, Jessica Robinson, Catherine Taylor, Olan Vinson, Rick Willeford

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