

## Welcome to the Highlands United Methodist Church

A joyous welcome to you!  
We are glad each of you has come to worship the Lord.

### Church Happenings:

**Church Office Closed on the Fourth** - The Church Office will be closed Monday in observance of the Fourth of July.

**Summer Eucharist** - You're invited to join us for a brief service of Holy Communion at **8:30am**, each Sunday through the end of August. Services are approximately 20 minutes in length.

**Joy Group** - Our JOY Group (Just Older Youth) meets for lunch and fellowship on **Thursdays at 11:30am** in the F&FC. **(Will NOT meet July 7th)**

**Blood Drive - Monday, August 29th 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.

**UMM Breakfast** - Will **not** meet in July - Next meeting will be **Saturday, August 13th at 8:30am**.

**New Member Class** - Pastor Randy is planning to offer a new member class in July. If you would be interested in exploring Professing, Affiliate or Associate Membership, please let Pastor Randy know by **July 10th** - randyhumc@icloud.com.

**The altar flowers** in the Sanctuary this morning are given in honor of Hiram and Mary Griffin, parents of Linda Coleman.



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.



**Did you know....**prayer bears are located throughout the church. If you know someone having surgery, feeling sick, or just needs to know someone's thinking of them please feel free to take one and give it out.

**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.

**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).

### The Church in the Wildwood Temporarily Meeting at HUMC -

With some work currently needed at the Church in the Wildwood building in Horse Cove, HUMC's old fellowship hall is the location for Highlands' summer tradition of Sunday Night singing at **7pm**. If you enjoy singing the old hymns from the Cokesbury Hymnal, please drop by for some good music and fellowship. For more information, please contact Les Scott.

### Wednesday Night Supper

There will be **no** Wednesday Night Supper this week.

**Attendance on June 26th**      9:09 - 200      11:00 - 66

**Employment Opportunity at HUMC** - Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries - HUMC is looking to hire a dedicated, energetic, enthusiastic and gifted Christian to lead us into the next chapter of our ministry to children, youth and families. If you, or someone you know, would like to explore this ministry and employment opportunity, please contact Pastor Randy - randyhumc@icloud.com.

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

Please continue to utilize hand-sanitizing stations, maintain appropriate distancing, refrain from attending if you're feeling sick, and continue to make the best decisions for your health and the health of your family. If you believe you have been exposed to the virus, please check with your health provider or the Macon County Health Department for guidance.

### Ministry Bags

*Each month we collect items for different ministries.*

For the month of **July** we're collecting School Supplies: notebook paper, scissors, crayons, markers, Kleenex, disinfecting wipes, binder notebooks, spiral notebooks.

**Thank you** to everyone who donated blood last Monday during HUMC's Red Cross Blood Drive. 15 units of blood were collected.

## Giving

**Here is a report of your generous giving  
on June 26th -**

### Internal Restricted Accounts -

Love Offering for Christine - \$285.00  
UMCOR / Ukraine - \$20.00

### General Fund -

\$6,414.10

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 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.

#### Pastor's Summer Sunday School Class

Pastor Randy is leading a summer book study on selected works of Frederick Buechner. During July, the class is reading Buechner's *Telling Secrets - a Memoir*. Meeting time - Sundays at 10:00am in the sanctuary chapel. Contact - Pastor Randy. 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 *The Guarantee - A Trail Lawyer Examines Salvation* by HUMC Seasonal Member Lewis Collins.

#### Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

The class is studying *Journey Through James: 30 Biblical Insights* by Douglas Estes - 6-weeks of discussion from the book of James and reflections on our readings. Books are available at the class. The class meets at **7:00pm** on **Tuesdays**. Contact - Debbie Brock at debbieharris@gmail.com or Sara Mayer at scmayer@nctv.com.

## The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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** *Faith of Our Fathers* -Hemy  
*Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord* -Hudson

#### Welcome

**Centering Music** *Let Tyrants Shake Their Iron Rods [Chester]*  
-Billings/Clearman

#### Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise "America the Beautiful" UMH #696

**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** *If My People Will Humble Themselves* -Owens/Clearman

†Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

#### †Offering Prayer

**Anthem** *My America* -Joyce Eilers

**Scripture** **2 Kings 5:1-14**

**Sermon** **The Healing We Didn't Know We Needed**

†Hymn of Faith "God of the Ages" (The National Hymn) UMH #698

**Dismissal with Blessing** *"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"*

**Postlude** *Tis a Gift to be Simple* -trad. Shaker

**Happy Birthday to** (July 3) Warren Lineberger; (July 4) Ivan Shchelgachov; (July 6) Jerry Barton, Jessica Carter; (July 8) Doug Campbell

**Happy Anniversary to** (July 4) Ty & Betty Ann Emmert, Frank & Kristin Edwards; (July 6) Tom & Joyce Stribling; (July 8) Mike & Sheri McGaughy; (July 9) Mike & Gayle Byrne, Dana & Paula Gordon

**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 11:00 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.

#### Prayer List

**Short Term:** Marvin DeBolt, Jo Mason, Frank Neely, Seth Satterwhite, Zan Smith, Glenda Talley

**Long Term:** Mark Ballard, Sherry Bruner, Ronnie Crowe, Wayne Crowe, Malcom Davies, John & Gisele Hale, Dick Hall, Mary Heffington, Bob & Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Cheryl Jenkins, Barrett & Caroline McKim, Emmett Moore, JC Norris, Hedy Okolichany, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Diana Potts, Logan Petrone, Brantley Potts, Terri Potts, Anne Prince, Alana Rich, Jessica Robinson, Mary Lee Simmons, D.R. Smith, Catherine Taylor, Erika Taylor, Olan Vinson, Rick Willeford, King Young

#### 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](mailto:highlandsumc@icloud.com) to be a part of this ministry.

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SHED HIS  
Grace ★  
ON THEE ★

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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July 3, 2022