

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 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"  
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Scripture Colossians 1:11-20; 24-28; 2:6-8

A Word of Faith Flourishing in Christ

Music "Give Thanks"

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:

**Outdoor Worship Returns** - Beginning **next Sunday** we will once again offer an outdoor worship option on Sunday mornings at **8:30am**. We will gather in our lower back parking lot off of Spring Street. Please park on the street, bring your own chairs and join us for a brief 20 minute worship service featuring the 909 Band.

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

**UMM Breakfast** - Our next Methodist Men's Breakfast will be **August 13th at 8:30am** and will feature Steve Bruner who has recently founded the Beatitude Group, a non-profit ministry dedicated to mentoring disadvantaged young people between the ages of 17-25. He will share how the Beatitudes inspired him to start the ministry and how mentoring sets the Beatitude Group apart from other scholarship programs.

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

Wednesday Night Supper

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

**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.

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.

**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.

**Attendance on July 17th**      **9:09** - 167      **11:00** - 52

Giving

Here is a report of your generous giving on July 17th -

Internal Restricted Accounts -

Food Pantry - \$120.00  
Pastor's Fund - \$110.00  
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00  
Bolivian Mission - \$50.00  
UMCOR / Ukraine - \$20.00

**General Fund** - \$11,384.00

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](mailto: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](mailto:bobhood3@gmail.com).

Pastor's Summer Sunday School Class

Pastor Randy is leading a summer book study on selected works of Frederick Buechner. In August the class will be reading *The Eyes of the Heart - A Memoir of the Lost and Found*. Meeting time - Sundays at 10:00am in the sanctuary chapel. Contact - Pastor Randy. [randyhumc@icloud.com](mailto: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](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 *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 [debbiedharris@gmail.com](mailto:debbiedharris@gmail.com) or Sara Mayer at [scmayer@nctv.com](mailto:scmayer@nctv.com).

**Happy Birthday to** (July 25) Jo Ann Chapman, Ann Cook, Mike McGaughy; (July 26) James Moore; (July 27) Ty Emmert; (July 28) Lisa Carrig, Blake LaCoe; (July 29) Tamara Bronaugh  
**Happy Anniversary to** (July 24) Les & Deborah Scott; (July 30) Dabs & Jan Potts

## The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

### Seventh 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** *Adoration Medley: He is Lord/We Worship and Adore You*  
arr. Roger House

**Welcome**

**Centering Music** *Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee*  
Dykes/Lloyd Larson

**Opening Prayer**

† **Hymn of Praise** *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* UMH #110

**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** *I Am Thine, O Lord* Doane/Roger House

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

† **Offering Prayer**

**Anthem** *God Remembers* -Marty Haugen/Brian Wren

**Scripture** *Colossians 1:11-20; 24-28; 2:6-8*

**Sermon** *Flourishing in Christ*

† **Hymn of Faith** *"It Is Well With My Soul"* UMH #377

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

**Postlude** *Rejoice, The Lord is King* Darwell/Lloyd Larson

**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.

**Our prayers and sympathies** go out to Brenda Woodward and family on the death of her husband, Butch Woodward who passed away unexpectedly. Cards of sympathy can be sent to Brenda at P.O. Box 402, Cashiers NC 28717. A Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, July 22nd in the HUMC Sanctuary.

### Prayer List

**Short Term:** Nancy Anderson, Marvin DeBolt, Kathy Lucas, Seth Satterwhite, Glenda Talley, Charley Woodsby

**Long Term:** Clarence Bauknight, Sherry Bruner, Wayne Crowe, Malcom Davies, Ty & Betty Ann Emmert, Judy Gooding, John & Gisele Hall, Dick Hall, Mary Heffington, Traphene Hickman, Bob & Sammie Houston, Boyd Lee, Emmett Moore, JC Norris, Hedy Okolichany, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, Alana Rich, Jessica Robinson, Mary Lee Simmons, Carol Sutton, Catherine Taylor, Erika Taylor, Mandi Terporten, Olan Vinson, William Watkins, 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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