

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 "This is the Day"
"Keep on the Sunnyside"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "Because He Lives"

Scripture Luke 14:1, 7-14

A Word of Faith The Better Seat

Music "I Saw the Light"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Please Note~ There'll be no HUMC News the week of August 29th.
HUMC News will resume the week of September 5th..

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 - Is now meeting in Horse Cove Sunday Nights 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.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Event - On Tuesday, September 13th, Cullasaja Country Club will host a Fundraising Dinner / Music Gala. Ken Carrig gave a presentation at the Methodist Men's Breakfast earlier this summer and we wanted to share how you can support the strong work of BBBS in our area. To learn more, or to register for the event, please use the following link - <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/bigdinner/>

Attendance on August 21st 9:09 - 185 11:00 - 55

Wednesday Night Supper

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

Children and Youth Sunday School Begins September 11th

Sundays from 10:00am - 10:30am
(and something special for parents and grandparents)
We're excited to offer some new Sunday School opportunities for children, youth, and their families. Please help us spread the word!

Sunday, September 11th - 10am - 10:30am
Children's Class Leaders - Luke Osteen and Tricia Smith
Youth Class Leaders - Patti Moschouris and Corey James
Coffee and conversation for parents / grandparents -
led by Niki Bloedow

Youth Group Kick-Off - (6th - 12th Graders)

Sunday, October 2nd - 4pm - 6pm
Youth Leaders - April Getz and Lora Speed-Beegle

Fall Bible Study - "Jesus In the Gospels"

Co-Leaders - Jan Potts and Meridith Watson.
Orientation - Sunday, September 18th at 7pm
Location - Old Fellowship Hall
A second generation Disciple Bible Study series, this 30 week study takes a look at the life, ministry and mission of Jesus through the lens of each of the four gospel writers. This study will be led by Meridith Watson and Jan Potts. If you'd like to be part of this study, please let Pastor Randy know by August 31st - randyhumc@icloud.com. Orientation for "Jesus in the Gospels" will be Sunday, September 18th at 7pm.

Church Happenings:

Outdoor Worship - Sunday mornings at 8:30am. We 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.

Blood Drive - Tomorrow, 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 - Our next Methodist Men's Breakfast will be September 10th at 8:30am. Join us for great food and fellowship.

Impact Day ~ Calling all volunteers! Impact Day (a morning of church-wide volunteering) will be Saturday, September 10. A light breakfast will be served at 9 with the following available activities:

- Trash Pick up
- Packaging and delivering muffins to area merchants
- Handing out popcorn and drinks on Main St with Randy
- Singing at Chestnut Hill with Les
- Making goodie bags for residents of Fidelia Eckerd
- Writing Christmas cards to be sent to active duty soldiers

Sign-up sheet is on door across from Randy's office. See Kristy for details or to add any volunteer needs.

The altar flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Gene & Gloria Smith in celebration of their birthdays.

Giving

Here is a report of your generous giving on August 21st -

Internal Restricted Accounts -
Bolivian Mission - \$110.00
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00
Food Pantry - \$20.00
Youth Fund - \$20.00
UMCOR / Ukraine - \$10.00
Pastor's Fund - \$10.00
General Fund - \$7,550.00

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. 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

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 beginning a new 10-week study called *Journey through Psalms 1-50* by Mike Raiter from Our Daily Bread Publishing. They meet at 7:00pm on Tuesdays. Contact - Debbie Brock at debbiedharris@gmail.com or Sara Mayer at scmayer@nctv.com.

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.

For the month of August we're collecting soaps, deodorant, razors, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, & hair brushes for the women at Life Challenge.

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.

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Twelfth 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

Welcome

Centering Music *Nostalgia* -Clearman

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise *"All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"* UMH #166

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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* -Mason/arr. Hobby

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem *You Raise Me Up* -Loveland/Graham

Scripture **Luke 14:1, 7-14**

Sermon **The Better Seat**

†Hymn of Faith *"Gather Us In"* TFWS #2236

Dismissal with Blessing *"Threefold Amen"*

Postlude *To God Be the Glory* -Doane

Happy Birthday to (August 28) Gretchen Beck, Emily Gabbard, Cecil Hines, Tammy Lowe, Luke Osteen, Barb Recktenwald; (August 29) Buz Dotson; (September 30) Heather Felder, Christine Murphy; (September 1) April Getz; (September 2) Gene Smith

Happy Anniversary to (August 28) Fred & Elizabeth Motz; (August 30) Gary & Cathy Clark; (September 1) Bill & Evelyn Hall; (September 2) James & Claire Neely; (September 3) Robert & Judith Moore

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

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: Nancy Anderson, Seth Satterwhite, Joy Still, Glenda Talley

Long Term: Clarence Bauknight, Ruby Cox, Wayne Crowe, Malcom Davies, Ty & Betty Ann Emmert, Judy Gooding, John & Gisele Hall, Dick Hall, Mary Heffington, Marge Heim, Bob & Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Mary Keener, Carol King (wife of Dr. Baumrucker), Boyd Lee, Bonnie Lunsford, Barrett McKim, Emmett Moore, JC Norris, Hedy Okolichany, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, Jessica Robinson, Mary Lee Simmons, Carol Sutton, Catherine Taylor, Erika Taylor, Mandi Terporten, Gentry Trantham, 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 to be a part of this ministry.

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LOVE **G**od. Offer **C**HRIST to All.

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