

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"  
"Put Your Hand in the Hand"

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" 909 Band Only

Scripture Luke 15:1-10

A Word of Faith The Other Lost and Found Parables

Music "What a Difference You've Made in My Life"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Wednesday Night Supper

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

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 altar flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of Larry & Mary Ann Ray's 59th wedding anniversary.

Pastor Randy will be at Duke Divinity School for a Study Retreat Monday - Friday. Call the church office for any pastoral need.

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/

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.

For the month of September we're collecting food, treats, toys, and bedding for dogs and cats at the Humane Society.

Children and Youth Sunday School Begins Today!!!

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!

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.

Church Happenings:

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 October 8th at 8:30am. Join us for great food and fellowship.

HUMC Homecoming, October 9th - Mark your calendar for our annual Homecoming Service. We will have a combined worship service at 10:00am in the Faith and Fellowship Center, followed by a covered dish potluck meal. Kenny Youmans will be our guest speaker, sharing his well-known presentation on the story of "Amazing Grace." Please help us spread the word.

Blood Drive - October 24th, from 11:00-3:00pm 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.

Membership Class - Pastor Randy will be offering a membership class for anyone interested in exploring Professing, Affiliate or Associate Membership at HUMC. The first class will be Sunday morning, September 18th at 10:00am. The class will meet in the church parlor. Please contact Pastor Randy for more information - randyhumc@icloud.com.

Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Center Fundraiser at HUMC - October 8th from 6pm - 8:30pm in the Faith and Fellowship Center, you're invited to dinner and entertainment featuring Comedian Mike Williams. There is no cost to attend. There will be an opportunity to support the ministry at the event. Registration is required at the link provided below. For more information, please call (828) 349-3200. https://smokypartners.com.

Giving

Here is a report of you generous giving for September 4th

Internal Restricted Accounts -  
Igniting Ministries - \$1,000.00  
Pastor's Fund - \$250.00  
Kentucky Flood Relief - \$200.00  
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00  
Food Pantry - \$20.00  
Youth - \$20.00  
General Fund - \$15,334.10

You may set up one-time or automatic giving for your tithes and offerings on the website: 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.

Children & Youth Sunday School

The children meet on the stage in the Preschool Room and the Youth meet in the youth room from 10:00-10:30am.

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 debbieharris@gmail.com or Sara Mayer at scmayer@nctv.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.

Halloween Flashmob - Calling all Zombies! On Thursday, September 22nd we begin rehearsals for HUMC's annual Halloween Flash Mob on Main Street in Highlands. We'll meet in the Faith and Fellowship Center at 7pm. It's a little bit of exercise and a whole lot of fun! Everyone is invited!

## The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

### Fourteenth 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** *El Shaddai* arr. Carol Tornquist

#### Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise *"Love Lifted Me"*

**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** *For Me Alone* -Sally DeFord

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

#### †Offering Prayer

**Anthem** *Loving Shepherd* -J.S. Bach

**Scripture** **Luke 15:1-10**

**Sermon** **The Other Lost and Found Parables**

†Hymn of Faith *"Amazing Grace"* UMH #378

**Dismissal with Blessing** *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

**Postlude** *Spirit Song* arr. Mark Hayes

**Happy Birthday to** (September 11) Daniel Long; (September 15) Becki Bryson, Donna Jacques, Marie Sharpe; (September 16) Patty Campbell

**Happy Anniversary to** (September 14) Richard & Margie Melvin, Larry & Mary Ann Ray

**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 Terri Crowe and family on the recent death of her husband Ronnie. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Terri at 1791 Poplar Cove Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

### Prayer List

**Short Term:** Seth Satterwhite, Glenda Talley

**Long Term:** Ruby Cox, Wayne Crowe, Malcom Davies, Ty & Betty Ann Emmert, Judy Gooding, Dick Hall, Mary Heffington, Marge Heim, Colleen Holt, Jeff James, Mary Keener, Carol King (wife of Dr. Baumrucker), Boyd Lee, Bonnie Lunsford, Barrett McKim, Emmett Moore, JC Norris, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Jessica Robinson, 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](mailto:highlandsumc@icloud.com) to be a part of this ministry.

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LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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