

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"
"Do Lord"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

Scripture Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

A Word of Faith Staking Our Claim in Tomorrow, Today

Music "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Get
Connected!

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.



Church Happenings:

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

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.

UMM Breakfast - Our next Methodist Men's Breakfast will be
November 12th at 8:30am. Join us for great food and fellowship.

Wednesday Night Supper

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

Attendance on September 18th 909 - 168 11:00 - 60

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.

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

Sundays from 10:00am - 10:30am

(Coffee and Conversation for Parents and Grandparents)

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.

Sundays at 7pm in the 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.

Giving

Please note -

Giving reports for September 11th, 18th and 25th
will be available in the October 2nd bulletin.

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

Jesus in the Gospels

A second generation Disciple Bible Study led by Jan Potts and Meridith
Watson. Meeting time - Sundays at 7pm in the old fellowship hall.
Contact Jan or Meridith - janpotts5@gmail.com, merwats61@yahoo.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.

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

Sixteenth 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 *Amazing Grace* -trad. American/Callahan & Lovelace

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise **"God Hath Spoken by the Prophets"** UMH #108

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 *The Day Thou Gavest [St. Clement]* -Scholefield

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem *Bought with A Price* -Natalie Sleeth

Scripture **Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15**

Sermon **Staking Our Claim in Tomorrow, Today**

†Hymn of Faith **"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"** UMH #117

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

Postlude *Allegro from Water Music* -Handel

Happy Birthday to (September 26) Bob Carlton; (September 27) Will Araujo, Terri Crowe, Ann Rose; (September 28) Sally Wheeler; (September 29) Nancy Anderson, Caroline Eister; (October 1) Leo Montgomery, Susan Silverthorn

Happy Anniversary to (September 25) Jim & Allison Tate; (October 1) Tee & Lea Fulk

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: Maryn Gaynor, Nancy Sass, Seth Satterwhite

Long Term: Clarence Bauknight, Helen Blumenstock, Wayne Crowe, Malcom Davies, Caroline Eister, Ty & Betty Ann Emmert, Hailey Emmons, Judy Gooding, Dick Hall, John & Gisele Hall, Hailey Emmons, J.D. Head, Mary Heffington, Marge Heim, Carolyn Ann Holder, Colleen Holt, Jeff James, Mary Keener, Carol King (wife of Dr. Baumrucker), Bonnie Lunsford, Emmett Moore, Teresa & Ray Newman, Sheraldean Norris, JC Norris, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, Jessica Robinson, Catherine Taylor, Erika Taylor, Mandi Terporten, David Tilson, Gentry Trantham, Olan Vinson, 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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Staking Our Claim in Tomorrow, Today

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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September 25, 2022