

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 "He's Got the Whole World"  
"This Little Light of Mine"
- A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross
- Prayer / The Lord's Prayer
- Joys
- A Time to Offer our Gifts to God
- Music "Whispering Hope"
- Scripture Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
- A Word of Faith A Sustaining Word
- Holy Communion
- Music "Let Us Break Bread Together"
- 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, Next Sunday! - Mark your calendar for our annual Homecoming Service. We will have a combined worship service at 10:00am in the Faith and Fellowship Center. Kenny Youmans will be our guest speaker, sharing his well-known presentation on the story of "Amazing Grace." We will have a potluck meal after worship. Please plan to stay for lunch and bring your favorite dish to share.
- 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.
- Halloween Pizza Party, Join us at HUMC at 5:00pm on Halloween, Monday, October 31st, with your costumes on. We will eat pizza and be ready for Main Street Trick or Treating at 5:30pm.
- All Saints Sunday ~ Join us on November 6th as we remember all those who have passed away this year.
- UMM Breakfast - Our next Methodist Men's Breakfast will be November 12th at 8:30am. Join us for great food and fellowship.
- Charge Conference - Sunday, November 13th at 10:00am in the F&FC.

Wednesday Night Supper

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper at 5:15pm in the Faith and Fellowship Center. Supper will be a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share.

Attendance on September 25th 909 - 178 11:00 - 58

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries. For the month of October we're collecting canned goods, dried beans, rice, oil, toilet paper, & toiletries for the Food Pantry.

We are collecting candy to hand out to Trick-or-Treaters on Monday, October 31st. Please place candy in the Donation Station bins across from the church office or in the F&FC. Also, volunteers are needed to help. Please call Fred Motz at 526-3083 to sign-up.

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.

Giving

Here's a report of your faithful giving over the past 3 Sundays -

- Restricted Accounts - Gordon Center - \$600.00 Capital Fund - \$600.00 Food Pantry - \$320.00 Emergency Council - \$300.00 Pastor's Fund - \$280.00 Church in the Wildwood - \$200.00 UMCOR / Ukraine - \$50.00 Youth Discretionary Fund - \$40.00

- General Fund - September 11th - \$7,925.00 September 18th - \$8,526.10 September 25th - \$7,801.00

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 beginning a new study. "What does it mean to be Chosen?" by Amanda Jenkins 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.

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.

## The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

### Seventeenth 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

Opening Prayer *Abide With Me* arr. Carol Tornquist

†Hymn of Praise **"One Bread, One Body"** UMH #620

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 *Above All* arr. Mark Hayes

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Jill Gallina

Scripture **Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7**

Sermon **A Sustaining Word**

A Service of Word and Table II UMH p.12

†Hymn of Faith **"Bread of the World"** UMH #624

Dismissal with Blessing **"Sevenfold Amen"**

Postlude *The Heart of Worship* arr. Mark Hayes

**Happy Birthday to** (October 2) Ken Wheeler; (October 4) Jane Lineberger, Charlotte Solomon; (October 6) Kristin Whatley; (October 7) Susan Herring, Ken Knight

**Happy Anniversary to** (October 2) Neal & Marsha Little; (October 5) Ken & Jean Hart; (October 8) Ken & Sharon Giddens

**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:** The Clarkson family in Florida, 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](mailto:highlandsumc@icloud.com) to be a part of this ministry.

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## World Communion Sunday



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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Methodist Church

October 2, 2022