

# 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"  
"Seek Ye First"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Honoring our Veterans

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Scripture Luke 2:5-19

A Word of Faith The Endurance Effect

Music "Heavenly Sunlight"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

**Christmas Cantata** - Les Scott, the Minister of Music at HUMC for nearly 15 years, has announced that he will retire from that position in February of 2023. Les will be directing a Christmas Cantata during our Traditional Worship Service on **December 11th**. Rehearsals are now underway, and we would love to add some extra voices to the chancel choir for this special worship opportunity. Cantata rehearsals are **Wednesdays from 7pm - 8pm**, and you're invited.

**Children's Christmas Pageant** - Luke Osteen and Tricia Smith are directing our Christmas Eve Children's Christmas Pageant for our Family-Oriented Candlelight Worship Service at 5:00pm. Please see Luke or Tricia, or contact the church office if your child or grandchild would like to participate in this special opportunity to tell the story of the birth of Jesus.

### Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.

For the month of **November** we're collecting new unwrapped toys for boys and girls of all ages for Toys for Tots.

## Church Happenings:

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

**Deck the Halls** ~ On Monday morning, **November 21st**, join us at **10:00am** as we decorate the Faith & Fellowship Center for Advent & Christmas.

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner** ~ Join us for dinner on **Tuesday, November 22nd at 6:00pm** at the Highlands Rec park. Prepared meals will be delivered to anyone in need. Let us know if you are anyone would like a meal delivered and for how many. Please see Kristy to volunteer.

**Highlands Christmas Parade** ~ **Saturday, December 3rd at 10:30am**. The Camels are coming! After the parade meet back at the church for hot cider, cookies, fellowship, and picture taking with the camels.

**Breakfast with Santa** ~ On **Saturday, December 10th** join us for a very special family tradition! Families are invited to gather at **8:30am** for breakfast followed by a visit from Santa Claus!

**Blood Drive** ~ **Monday, January 23rd**, 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.

### Wednesday Night Supper

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper at **5:15pm** in the Faith and Fellowship Center. Supper will be a prepared meal. Menu: Baked Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Vegetable, & Dessert. There will be no program.

**Gordon Center Fundraiser** - We're raising money to support the Gordon Center. Please consider taking an envelope and making a donation in the amount printed on it. If every denomination is donated (\$1-\$100), we will raise over \$5,000 in support of this vital ministry. Envelopes can be found in the lobby of the Faith & Fellowship Center.

**Children & Youth Groups** - Children and Youth to start meeting on Wednesdays - Beginning **Wednesday, November 30th** all children and youth (elementary - high school) are invited to join us after supper on Wednesdays for fun and fellowship.

**Adopt a Family** - Once again we are partnering with Highlands Emergency Council to adopt families for Christmas. Please Kristy if you are interested.

**Toys for Tots** - Boxes are ready for donations! Accepting new, unwrapped toys for all ages.

**Attendance on November 6th** 909 - 92 11:00 -53

**Small dorm-sized Fridge needed** - Our Youth Ministry is looking for a small dorm-sized refrigerator to put in the youth room. If you have one to donate, please contact Lora Speed-Beegle - speedbeegle@aol.com.

## Giving

We will report on  
**November 6th and 13th giving**  
in next week's bulletin

Year-to-date Report, through September 30th  
Income - \$417,880  
Expenses - \$477,275 ( -\$59,395)

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.

### 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.

### 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 7-week study on October 25th of *Elijah* as presented on DVD by Priscilla Shirer. 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.

**Coat Drive** - Once again this year, HUMC is partnering with the Highlands Mountain Top Rotary Club and other area churches to provide coats for children and adults this winter. Please bring your coat donations to the box provided in the lobby of the Faith and Fellowship Center. Thank you!

## The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Twenty-third 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 *Knowing You* arr. Mark Hayes

Opening Prayer

Honoring Our Veterans

†Hymn of Praise *"America the Beautiful"* UMH #696

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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* arr. Brad Nix

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem *Total Praise* -Richard Smallwood

Scripture **Luke 2:5-19**

Sermon **The Endurance Effect**

†Hymn of Faith *"My Hope Is Built"* UMH #368

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

Postlude *America* arr. Catherine Rollin

**Happy Birthday to** (November 13) Kristin Edwards, Marlene Viers; (November 14) Lee Byers; (November 15) Pat Allen, Jim Hines, Olan Vinson; (November 16) Riley Moseley, Sharon Willeford; (November 1) Megan James, Marsha Little, Tony Potts

**Happy Anniversary to** (November 15) Doug & Patty Campbell, Jim & Barb Rectenwald

**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:** Paul McLarty, Ellie Morrow, Charles Owens, Karen Potts, Nancy Sass, Seth Satterwhite, Kenny Youmans

**Long Term:** Judy Abshire, Nancy Anderson, Lona Ballard, Helen Blumenstock, Laura Brown, Wayne Crowe, Malcom Davies, Caroline Eister, Hailey Emmons, Rich Grove, Dick Hall, John & Gisele Hall, J.D. Head, Mary Heffington, Marge Heim, Carolyn Ann Holder, Colleen Holt, Jeff James, Skip Jolly, Mary Keener, Carol King, Marce LaCoture, Emmett Moore, Teresa & Ray Newman, Sheraldean Norris, JC Norris, Sharon Peek, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, Dana Recker, Jessica Robinson, Alan Smith, Carol Sutton, Catherine Taylor, Erika Taylor, David Tilson, Amanda Turner, Nancy View, Olan Vinson, Fred Wilson, Willow Wright, King Young

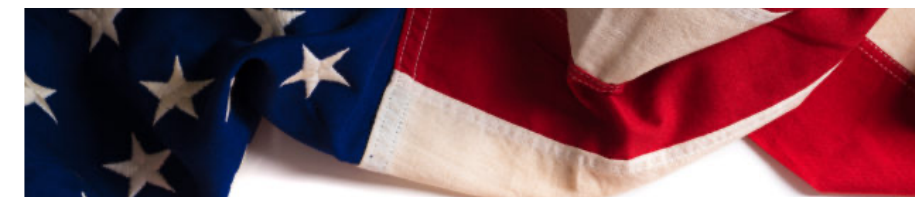
### Join Our Prayer Circle

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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**Church Staff:** Rev. Dr. Randy Lucas, Senior Pastor; Les Scott, Minister of Music; Sonja DeFoor, Office Manager; Keith Crawford, Financial Secretary; Sherry Bruner & Susan Clearman, Pianists; Marlene & Gary Nix, Sextons; Kristy Martin, Food Services Director



## Veterans' Sunday

*Thank you for your service!*

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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November 13, 2022