

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		
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	Don & Sara Mac Germano	
Music	<i>“Morning Has Broken”</i> <i>“The First Noel”</i>	
A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross		
Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer		
Joys		
A Time to Offer our Gifts to God		
Music	<i>“Create in Me a Clean Heart”</i>	909 Band
Scripture	Matthew 24:36-44	
A Word of Faith	Keep Awake and Be Ready	
Music	<i>“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”</i>	
Sending Forth		
Closing Music	<i>“I’ll Fly Away”</i>	

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.

Attendance on November 20th 909 - 106 11:00 - 40

Poems from the Park Bench - Pastor Randy's book of poetry has now been published and is available online at Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Parsons Porch Books (\$18.95 + S&H). Cover art by Jeanie Edwards-Jones. A limited number of books are available at the HUMC Office, \$15.00 / copy (\$20.00 by mail). If you would like a signed copy, please contact Pastor Randy at randyhumc@icloud.com.

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

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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!

You can order a Poinsettia for the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, **December 18th**. Look for an insert in upcoming bulletins.

Christmas Cantata - Join us on **December 11th** during our Traditional Worship Service for our Christmas Cantata.

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** Join us as the children tell the story of the birth of Jesus!



Church Happenings:

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

Children & 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.

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 supper at 5:15pm. Menu: breakfast for supper
Program provided by the Gordon Center for Children.

Winter Clothing Drive - HUMC is once again partnering with the Highlands Mountaintop Rotary, the Highlands Emergency Council and other local churches. A box has been set up in the lobby of the Faith and Fellowship Center for donations of gently used or new winter coats, rain coats, gloves, scarves and hats. A box for monetary donations can be located at the donation station. Thanks for supporting this valuable ministry to our community.

Toys for Tots - Boxes are ready for donations! Accepting new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls of all ages.

Giving

Here's a report of your faithful giving
For November 20th -

Operating Fund
\$4,997.00

Restricted Accounts
Pastor's Fund - \$760.00
Bolivian Missions - \$175.00
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00
Food Pantry - \$20.00

From the Estate of John McKey -
In addition to your faithful giving for November 20th, we received a bequest from the Estate of John McKey in the amount of \$50,000. Since the Trustees are charged with the distribution of bequeathed funds, these funds are currently in the Trustees Restricted Account pending future discernment. We're grateful for John's faithfulness to Highlands United Methodist Church. His faith and generosity continue to be a blessing to the church he loved.

Year-to-date Report, through October 31st
Income - \$470,748.34
Expenses - \$541,499.20 (-\$70,750.86))

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.

Pastor Randy will be away this week - Monday, November 28th - Thursday, December 1st - Pastor Randy will be at the Abbey of Gethsemani in Trappist Kentucky. Call the office if you have a need.

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

First Sunday of Advent

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 *Sleepers, Wake! [Wachet Auf!]* -Walther

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Our Usher Team

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** UMH #196

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 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* -French trad/Carlson

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem *Keep Your Lamps* arr. Glenda E. Franklin

Scripture **Matthew 24:36-44**

Sermon **Keep Awake and Be Ready**

†Hymn of Faith **"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"** UMH #203

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

Postlude *Soon & Very Soon* -Crouch/Helgen

Happy Birthday to (November 27) Rick Willeford; (November 28) Jeanie Edwards-Jones; (November 29) - Kristy Martin, Nancy Sutton

Happy Anniversary to (November 27) Tom & Katrina Graham

Altar Flowers - 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, Amy Katherine Ahrberg, 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, Bob and Sammie Houston, 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 & Janet 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 God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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