

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		The 909 Band
Music	<i>“Away in a Manger” “O Little Town of Bethlehem”</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>“Mary Did You Know”</i>	The 909 Band
Scripture	Matthew 1:18-25	
A Word of Faith	Emmanuel	
Music	<i>“Silent Night”</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 **December** we're collecting pasta and sauces, canned milk, canned vegetables, rice boxes, & canned meats for the Emergency Council.

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.

Prayer List

Short Term: The McMillan Family, Charles Owens, Karen Potts, Jack Smith, Dauer Stackpole, Daisy Stockpole, Bob Sutton

Long Term: Laura Brown, Phil Caldwell, Dort Casey, Judy Gooding, John & Gisele Hall, Colleen Holt, Bob and Sammie Houston, Bonnie Lunceford, Verlin Morton, Sharon Peek, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, Dana Recker, Jessica Robinson, Carol Sutton, Erika Taylor, Nisha Turner, Sherwood Turner, Olan Vinson, Willow Wright, Kenny Youmans, King & Janet Young

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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!

Christmas Eve Services

- 5pm** - Family-Oriented Candlelight Service, featuring our Children's Christmas Pageant
- 7pm** - Christmas Eve Eucharist Service (Church Sanctuary)
- 8pm** - Christmas Carol Singing with Les (Faith and Fellowship Center)

Christmas Day - December 25th

- 8:45am** - Christmas Eucharist (Church Sanctuary)
- 9:15am** - Christmas Breakfast (Faith and Fellowship Center)
- 10:00am** - Christmas Combined Worship Service (Church Sanctuary)

Covenant Renewal Service

On **January 1st** join us as we ring in the New Year in this special combined worship service. **No breakfast** this morning (coffee and juice will be available)
10:00am - Combined Worship (Faith and Fellowship Center)

Ministry Opportunity:

- * **Winter Clothing Drive** - 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.

Church Happenings:

Joy Group ~ Our JOY Group (Just Older Youth) will meet again on Thursday, January 12th.

Children & Youth meet on Wednesdays - 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.

Attendance on December 11th 909 - 82 11:00 - 133

Wednesday Night Supper ~ Will resume on January 11th.

Happy Birthday to (December 19) LaDonna Keener; (December 20) Ethan Tate, Meridith Watson; (December 22) Grace Crowe, Doug Holder, Elaine Reynolds; (December 23) Alexandra Clark

Giving

Here's a report of your faithful giving for December 4th & 11th

General
December 4th - \$19,115.00
December 11th - \$44,461.10

Internal Restricted -
Pastor's Fund - \$7,900.00
Food Pantry - \$3,750.00
Gordon Center - \$2,250.00
Bosnia Missions - \$1,200.00
Emergency Council - \$200.00
Trustees - \$600.00
UMCOR / Ukraine - \$20.00

Year-to-date Report, through November 30th
Income - \$521,327.44
Expenses - \$606,622.06 (-\$85,294.62)

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 **8:30am**. 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.



Happy Anniversary to (December 19) Mike & Becki Bryson; (December 20) Jeff & Melanie Carter; (December 21) Kevin & Gretchen Beck, Lance & Gwyn Hardin; (December 22) Harry & Lisa Gottwals, Jim & Virginia Nix

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Fourth 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 *O Come, O Come, Emanuel*--12th C chant/Schaum

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Margaret Tooke & Glenn Morris

Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* UMH #218

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 *Ave Maria* -Bach-Gounod [w Lindy Womack Spring, violin]

†Doxology *Christmas Doxology*
(Sung to the tune of The First Noel)

†Offering Prayer

Anthem *Ave Marie* -Franz Schubert

Scripture **Matthew 1:18-25**

Sermon **Emmanuel**

†Hymn of Faith *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* UMH #240

Dismissal with Blessing *"Star Child"*

Postlude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* -Pritchard/Cherwien

The Poinsettias in the Sanctuary this morning are given...



In memory of **Herbert James** and in honor of **my family** by Barbara James.
In memory of **Our Loved Ones** and in honor of **Our Children & Grandchildren** and to **the Glory of God** by Wilma Gordon.
In memory of **Butch Smart** by Judy & Stephanie Smart.
In honor of **Don & Sara Mac Germano** and **Larry & Mary Ann Ray** by James & Diane Riddle.
In memory of **Jamies Eister** and In honor of **Caroline Eister** by Craig Eister & Doug Van Orsdall.
In memory of **Douglas Van Orsdall, Sr.** and **Joan Weydert Van Orsdall** by Craig Eister & Doug Van Orsdall.
In honor of **Barbara & Lou Uctale** by Craig Eister & Doug Van Orsdall.
In memory of **Jeannie Anderson** by Michael & Lori Wasco.
In memory of **Clifford Talley** by Jerri Talley & The Bloedows.
In memory of **John Catlett** by Jack & Sara Mayer.
In honor of **Bob & Susan Hood** by George & Carolyn Miffleton.
In memory of **Maxie & Albert Duke** by Susan Clarkson.
In memory of **Joe & Rusty Clarkson** by Susan Clarkson.
In memory of **Carl Crowe, Bernice Crowe, & Robert Burel** by Michael Burel & Michael Crowe.
In honor of **Sue Burel** by Michael Burel & Michael Crowe.
In memory of **Butch Woodward** by Brenda Woodward.
In memory of **Jim & Lorraine Talley and Barry Talley** by Mike & Becki Bryson.
In memory of **Neville & Edna Bryson and Neddy Bryson** by Mike & Becki Bryson.
In memory of **Janey Sticka** by Dale Sticka.
In memory of **Shannon Sticka** by Dale Sticka.
In memory of **Our Parents** by Bob & Nancy Sutton.
In memory of **Herbert James** and in honor of **Barbara James** with love from your children and grandchildren.
In memory of **Melanie Nix** by Elizabeth Gordon.
In memory of **Adolph & Dorothea Heller** by Art & Vicki Heller.
In memory of **my mother, Delle Marie O'Neal** by Bonnie & Tom Kirtland.
In memory of **John R. Bonner, loving father, husband & church member** by His Family.
In memory of **Clark & Doris Picklesimer** by Terri Crowe & Greg & Jeanne Picklesimer.
In memory of **Ronnie Crowe** by Terri Crowe.
In memory of **my parents; Dr. & Mrs. Frank L. Guger, Jesee, Franklin, & Cordon** by Lucy Studepole.
In memory of **Ronnie Crowe** by Don & Sara Mac Germano.
In memory of **E.J. Chastain** by Naomi Chastain.
In memory of **Barbara Hill.**
In memory of **Elizabeth Poole** by Margaret Tooke.
In memory of **Howard McMillian, Jr.** by Glenn Morris & Margaret Tooke.
In memory of **Mrs. Dorothy S. Leftwich and Mr. Luther W. Hall, Jr.** by Dennis & Fran Leftwich.
In memory of **Vic & Juanita Emmert, George & Elaine Fleming, & Alan Mayer** by Betty Ann & Ty Emmert.
In memory of **Judy Hall and Bob Gibson** by Keith & Janice Hall.
In memory of **Richard Kattel** by Gay Kattel.
In memory of **Loved Ones** by Wayne & Geri Crowe.
In memory of **Our Parents** by Martha & Richard Betz.
In memory of **Dan, Hazel, Gene, Dick, Albert & Mary Ann Edwards** by Virginia E. Nix.



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