

# 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 "I Saw the Light"  
"Love Lifted Me"

### A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

### Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

### Joys

### A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "Put Your Hand in the Hand"

Scripture John 1:29-42

A Word of Faith Come and See

Music "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

### Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"



To receive Pastor Randy's **daily email devotions**, "Ruminations and Reflections", please email him at [randyhumc@icloud.com](mailto:randyhumc@icloud.com)

To receive **church email updates and news** please email Sonja at [highlandsumc@icloud.com](mailto:highlandsumc@icloud.com)



**Like us on Facebook** ~ Can't make it to church on a Sunday? You can now 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.



**Les Scott's Retirement** - After serving on staff at HUMC for the past 15 years, Les Scott is retiring. His last Sunday as our Minister of Music will be **February 5th**. We will acknowledge his faithful and lengthy service to our congregation with a reception after worship on February 5th in the Faith and Fellowship Center. At that time we will present Les with a love offering from the church. If you would like to participate in that love offering, please include "love offering" on the memo line of your check. If giving online chose the "other" tab and write "love offering" in the "note" box. **Donations should be received by Sunday, January 29th.**

### 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 on Wednesdays** - All children and youth (elementary - high school) are invited to join us after supper on Wednesdays for fun and fellowship.

**MLK Birthday Observance** - **January 16th** - Church office closed

**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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter HighlandsUMC.

**UMM Breakfast** - Our next men's breakfast will be **Saturday, February 11th at 8:30am**. Join us for great fellowship and food!

### Wednesday Night Supper

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

**"Anxious About Anxiety"** - Dave Hodgson, retired Counseling Psychologist (40 years) and Pilot HR Interviewer with Delta Air Lines will be offering a series of very helpful programs on cultivating good mental health in these gray and cold days of Winter. Join us on **January 18th, 25th and February 1st from 6:00pm - 6:30pm**.

**Poems from the Park Bench** - Pastor Randy's book of poetry is available online at Amazon and Barnes and Noble book sellers (\$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](mailto:randyhumc@icloud.com).

### Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.

For the month of **January** we're collecting personal items, dried beans, canned goods, rice, oil, toilet paper, & toiletries for the Food Pantry.

**Attendance on January 8th** 9:09 - 94 11:00 - 40

**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.

## Giving

Here's a report of your faithful giving for the final week of 2022 / first week of 2023 -

**General Fund (December 26th - 31st) -**  
\$104,257.08

**Total Giving / Income for December**  
\$176,016.18

**Internal Restricted Accounts (Dec 26 - 31)**

Pastor's Fund - \$300.00

Food Pantry - \$5,425.00

Gordon Center - \$3,000.00

Emergency Council - \$100.00

**Operating Fund (January 1st)**  
\$3,833.00

**Internal Restricted (January 1st)**

Trustees-Property Care - \$600.00

Pastor's Fund - \$250.00

Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00

**Year-to-date Report, through December 31st**

**Income** - \$697,350.39

**Expenses** - \$677,632.91 (+ \$19,717.28)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 They are currently studying the book, *The Generosity Habit* by Matthew Kelly.

#### 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](mailto:debbiedharris@gmail.com) or Sara Mayer at [scmayer@nctv.com](mailto: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](mailto:janpotts5@gmail.com), [merwats61@yahoo.com](mailto:merwats61@yahoo.com).

## The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

### Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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**      *Agnus Dei/ Lamb of God*      -Bizet

#### Opening Prayer

†**Hymn of Praise**      **"Rescue the Perishing"**      UMH #591

**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**      *O Morning Star, How Fair & Bright*      -Nicolai/Cherwien

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

#### †Offering Prayer

**Anthem**      *Lord, Here Am I*      -John Ness Beck

**Scripture**      **John 1:29-42**

**Sermon**      **Come and See**

†**Hymn of Faith**      **"Would I Have Answered When You Called"** TFWS #2137

**Dismissal with Blessing**      **"Spirit Song"**

**Postlude**      *We Are Marching in the Light of God*      -trad. S. African

**Happy Birthday to** (January 15) Janet Chitty

**Happy Anniversary to** (January 18) Dave & Sabrina Cashion

**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:** Colton Ledbetter, The McMillan Family, Charles Owens, Jack Smith, Dauer Stackpole, Daisy Stockpole, the family of Kiki Scaros, Dori Pappas, Grace Agnetti and the Moschouris family

**Long Term:** Cole, Dale Bowling, Laura Brown, Lisa Bullard, Phil Caldwell, Dort Casey, Judy Gooding, Chuck Cooper, Kathy Crawford, John & Gisele Hall, Marge Heim, Carolyn Ann Holder, Colleen Holt, Bob and Sammie Houston, Nancy Lowe, Bonnie Lunceford, Verlin Morton, Sharon Peek, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, Dana Recker, Jessica Robinson, Gail Rogers, Carol Sutton, Erika Taylor, Nisha Turner, Sherwood Turner, Olan Vinson, Willow Wright, Kenny Youmans, 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](mailto:highlandsumc@icloud.com) to be a part of this ministry.

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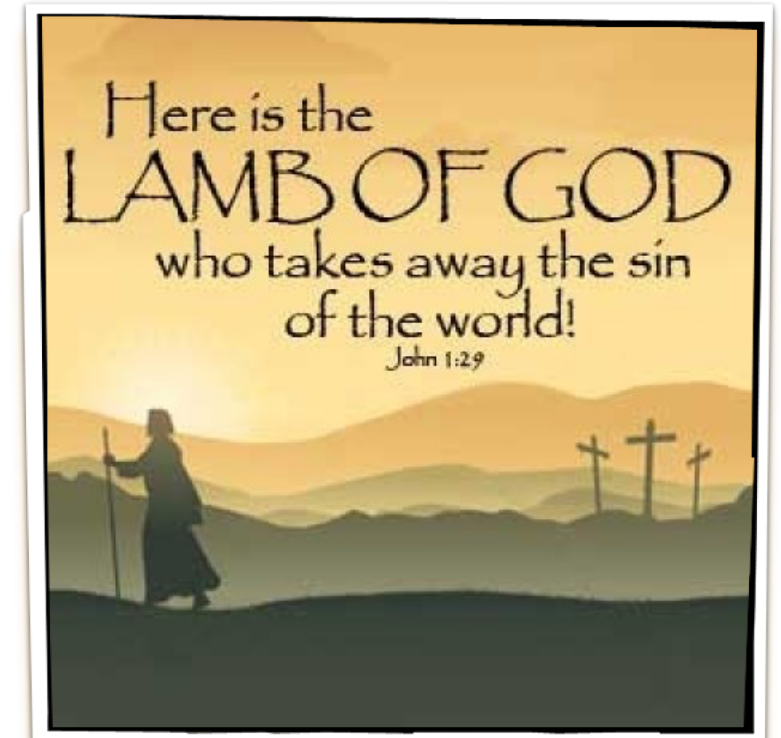
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LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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January 15, 2023