

## 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 "Do Lord"  
"Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Scripture Matthew 5:1-12

A Word of Faith Blessed

Music "Amazing Grace"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

**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 **next Sunday**. We will acknowledge his faithful and lengthy service to our congregation with a reception after worship 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 today.**

**Community Table is Back!** - After a break in this popular community outreach due to COVID-19, we are delighted to resume this community fellowship meal on **Tuesday, February 7th at 6:00pm** in the Highlands Community Building. This will be a monthly gathering, on the first Tuesday of each month. Please help us spread the word!

#### 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.

#### 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.

**UMM Breakfast** - Our next men's breakfast will be **Saturday, February 11th at 8:30am**. Our featured speaker this month will be Dr. Mike Cordle. A retired United Methodist Pastor and Affiliate Member of HUMC, along with his wife Kandyss (Professing Member) became part of our church family in 2022. Dr. Mike served The United Methodist Church during a long and distinguished career. Join us for great fellowship and food!

**Blood Drive** ~ **Monday, March 27th, from 11:00-2:00pm** 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 for a prepared meal with a program, "Anxious About Anxiety" to follow.

**Super Bowl Sunday Combined Worship** - On **February 12th** we will combine our 909 and 11am worship services, worshipping together at **10am** in the Faith and Fellowship Center. **Join us for a "Christmas Day Makeup" Breakfast at 9:15am**. And if you have a favorite sports team (any sport), this will be a great day to wear your team colors. Please plan to join us for this unique and fun time of food, fellowship and worship.

**2023 HUMC Leadership Retreat** - You're invited to join us for a time of visioning and planning together on **Saturday, February 11th from 10:00am - 2:00pm** in the Faith and Fellowship Center. Pizza will be provided for lunch. While all church leaders are encouraged to attend, our Leadership Retreat is open to everyone in the HUMC family. In addition to a time of worship and planning, the Superintendent of the Smoky Mountain District, Rev. Dr. Jae Lee will join us at 11:00am to share information regarding denominational concerns during this season in The United Methodist Church.

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

**Welcome Literacy Council After School Program** - HUMC is the site of the Literacy Council After-school program while repairs are being made on their building caused by water damage. Children, staff and volunteers are meeting during the week in the old fellowship hall from **3:00pm - 5:00pm**. We are delighted to provide space for this vital community program.

**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.

Giving

Please check next week's  
HUMC News  
for an update on weekly giving.

2022 Year-end Report -  
Income - \$697,350.39  
Expenses - \$677,632.91 (+ \$19,717.28)

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](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).

**Attendance on January 15th** 909 - 107 11:00 - 42

**Winter Clothing Drive** - HUMC is 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.

## The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

### Fourth 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** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
-Southern Harmony, 1855/John Arnn

#### Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise **"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"** UMH #452

**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** *What Wondrous Love is This*  
American Folk Hymn/Dan Forrest

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

#### †Offering Prayer

**Anthem** *Blest Are They* -David Haas

**Scripture** **Matthew 5:1-12**

**Sermon** **Blessed**

†Hymn of Faith **"Near to the Heart of God"** UMH #472

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

**Postlude** *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*  
Foundry Collection, 1742/Dan Forrest

**Happy Birthday to** (January 31) Virginia Barnes, Mary Dotson, Sydnee Gordon, Jim Riddle; (February 1) Glenda Bell, Chris Mouchet; (February 3) Carolyn Ann Holder; (February 4) Sabrina Cashion

**Altar Flowers** - The Altar Guild of HUMC welcomes the gift of flowers for our worship services. 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.

**Our prayers and sympathies** go out to the family and friends of Ann Cook who recently passed away. Cards of sympathy may be sent to her son, Peter at 408 Shannon Way, Anderson SC. 29621.

#### Prayer List

**Short Term:** The Atwood Family, Colton Ledbetter, The McMillan Family, Charles Owens, the family of Gail Rogers, the family of Harold Roth, Fred Smith, Jack Smith, Dauer Stackpole, Daisy Stockpole

**Long Term:** Cole, Dale Bowling, Laura Brown, Lisa Bullard, Phil Caldwell, Dort Casey, Judy Gooding, Chuck Cooper, Kathy Crawford, Buz Dotson, John & Gisele Hall, Marge Heim, Carolyn Ann Holder, Colleen Holt, Bob and Sammie Houston, Carol King, Nancy Lowe, Bonnie Lunceford, Dana Martin, 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

#### 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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LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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