

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 "Put Your Hand in the Hand"
"Seek Ye First"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Scripture Matthew 5:13-20

A Word of Faith A Better Righteousness

Music "I Saw the Light"

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

To receive church email updates and news please email Sonja at 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.



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.

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.

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.

Wednesday Night Supper

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

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 this 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.

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 meet during the week in the old fellowship hall from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. We are delighted to provide space for this vital community program.

Attendance on January 29th 909 - 110 11:00 - 44

Happy Anniversary to (February 6) Joe & Annie Barone

Giving

Here is a report of your faithful giving on January 15th -

General Operating Fund \$5,280.00

Internal Restricted Accounts

Pastor's Fund - \$800.00

Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00

Food Pantry - \$20.00

Please note the following Adjustments to our 2022 End of Year Financial Report.

Due to the reception of some December donations that were post marked in 2022 but delayed in arriving to us, we have adjusted our year end figures, increasing our year-end surplus. Thanks to everyone who helped us to close the year very strong financially, and to all who continue to support the life and ministry of Highlands United Methodist Church.

2022 Income - \$727,350.39

2022 Expenses - \$678,016.07 (+ \$49,334.32)

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 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 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 Birthday to (February 5) Melanie Carter; (February 6) Diane Riddle; (February 7) Linda Edwards, Joanne Jolly, Bonnie Potts; (February 8) Keven Gabbard, Charles Shackelford; (February 9) Gina Cogswell; (February 10) Al Bolt, Emily Buskirk, Wilma Gordon; (February 11) Hudson Tilley

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Fifth 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 *Prelude on NICAEA* arr. Sandra Achterberg

Opening Prayer

† **Hymn of Praise** *"Gather Us In"* TFWS #2236

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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Nielson and Young

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem *This Little Light of Mine* arr. Mark Patterson

Scripture **Matthew 5:13-20**

Sermon **A Better Righteousness**

† **Hymn of Faith** *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* UMH #206

Dismissal with Blessing *Choral Amen*

Postlude *Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee* -Beethoven

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.

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 Elaine Reynolds who recently passed away. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Susan Coffeen at PO Box 23 Long Creek, SC 29658 and to Jane Youmans and family on the death of Kenny. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Jane at 1156 Moorewood Rd. Highlands NC 28741.

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: Marvin, Mark, & Sharon Alsum, Dale Bowling, Laura Brown, Lisa Bullard, Phil Caldwell, Dort Casey, Dan Chapman, Judy Gooding, Chuck Cooper, Kathy Crawford, John & Gisele Hall, Marge Heim, Bob and Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Junior Kelley, Carol King, Nancy Lowe, Bonnie Lunceford, Dana Martin, Verlin Morton, JC Norris, Sharon Peek, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, The Pyles Family, Dana Recker, Jessica Robinson, Carol Sutton, Erika Taylor, Nisha Turner, Sherwood Turner, Olan Vinson, Willow Wright, King & Janet Young

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February 5, 2023