

Welcome to the Highlands United Methodist Church

A joyous welcome to you!
We are glad each of you has come to worship the Lord.

One Church Worship Service

Welcome

Centering Music

Opening Prayer

Congregational Songs

*“I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”
“Just Over in the Glory Land”*

Joys

Offering

Offering Prayer

Congregational Song

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

Take it to the Cross

Prayer

Special Music *Be Still My Soul/You Raise Me Up Medley* Gary Clark

Scripture Reading **Matthew 5:21-37**

Sermon **The Inconvenient Jesus**

Congregational Song *“When the Saints Go Marching In”*

Benediction

Closing Song *“I’ll Fly Away”*

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, March 11th at 8:30am**. 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! - Join us on **Tuesday, March 7th at 6:00pm** in the Highlands Community Building. This is 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.

After supper join us for a special Wednesday night program on "Storytelling with Lee Lyons"

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 February 5th 909 - 99 11:00 - 75

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.

Happy Birthday to (February12) Barbara Newton; (February 13) Vance Bailey, Jeff Weller; (February 16) Anne Barone, Griffin Bell, Bobby Newton, Judy Smart; (February 17) Sara Mac Germano; (February 18) Kenan Lewis

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.

Giving

Here is a report of your faithful giving on January 22nd -

General Operating Fund
\$7,158.10

Internal Restricted Accounts
Food Pantry - \$500.00
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00
UMCOR / Ukraine - \$20.00

Please note the following Adjustments to our 2022End 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.



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.



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.



Thanks to everyone who donated to the love offering for Les Scott. Pictured above is SPRC Chair Lora Speed-Beegle presenting Les with a check and cash totaling \$2,550.00 this past Sunday during Les' retirement reception.

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, 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, Wilma Gordon, John & Gisele Hall, Marge Heim, Colleen Holt, 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



LOVE **G**od. Offer **C**HRIST to All.

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