

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 "Just Over in the Gloryland"
"Life's Railway to Heaven"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "Heavenly Sunlight"

Scripture Matthew 17:1-9

A Word of Faith That Day on the Mountain

Music "Unclouded Day"

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.

Welcome Michael Crowe - We are delighted to welcome Michael Crowe as our Interim Choir Director at HUMC. Michael has agreed to temporarily direct our Chancel Choir while the SPRC seeks to fill the position. We are grateful for Michael's leadership, and very appreciative of his willingness to help during this season of transition in our music ministry.

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! - Please join us on the first Tuesday of every month at the Highlands Community Building at 6pm for a great time of food and fellowship!

Membership Classes - Pastor Randy will be offering Membership Classes during March for anyone who is interested in exploring Professing, Affiliate, or Associate Membership at HUMC. Please contact Pastor Randy by Sunday, February 26th - randyhumc@icloud.com.

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.

For the month of February we're collecting travel-sized shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, socks, band-aids, feminine hygiene products, razors, soap, hairbrushes, & combs for various missions.

Wednesday Night Supper

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

Food Pantry Needs Egg Cartons - Please consider saving your egg cartons for the Food Pantry. You may place them in the Food Pantry bin in the Donations Stations in the F&FC and office wing. They will put them to good use. Thanks!

Ash Wednesday Service - The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Please plan to join us as we begin the forty-day spiritual pilgrimage to the cross with our Ash Wednesday Service at 6pm after Wednesday night supper in the F&FC.

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. The Literacy Council and Learning Center is looking for good volunteers. If you'd like to make a positive difference in the life of a child, please contact the Literacy Council Program Manager Caroline Cox - ccox@theliteracyandlearningcenter.org.

Happy Anniversary to (February 19) Keith & Janice Hall; (February 22) Chip & Mac Ramsay; (February 25) Bob & Sandy Carlton

Giving

Here is a report of your faithful giving on January 29th -

General Operating Fund \$5,482.00

Internal Restricted Accounts

Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00

Pastor's Fund - \$50.00

UMCOR / Ukraine - \$20.00

Youth Discretionary Fund - \$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 Romans. 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 group is starting a new study February 21 where we will watch and discuss Season 1 of the Chosen. They meet on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Parlor. . Contact - Debbie Brock at debbieharris@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 19) Wayne LaCoe, Nancy Speer; (February 20) Nancy Barton; (February 23) Emily Crowe, John Gordon; (February 24) Keith Hall, Mary James; (February 25) Gloria Padgett, Michelle Pendergrass

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Sixth 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	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	-Bach/Hess
Opening Prayer		
†Hymn of Praise	"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"	UMH #258
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	Hymne	-Vangelis
†Doxology	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94
†Offering Prayer		
Anthem	Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy arr. Ronald Turner	
Scripture	Matthew 17:1-9	
Sermon		
That Day on the Mountain		
†Hymn of Faith	"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"	UMH #173
Dismissal with Blessing	Choral Amen	
Postlude	O Zion, Haste	-Walch

Attendance on February 12th Combined Service - 99

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.

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.

Prayer List

Short Term: Colton Ledbetter, The McMillan Family, Charles Owens, 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, David Neely, 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

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 to be a part of this ministry.

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