

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 "Love Lifted Me"  
"Standing on the Promises of God"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "Why Me Lord?" 909 Band

Scripture John 4:5-42

A Word of Faith Sermon Series: Encounters with Jesus  
Sermon #2: A Visit by the Well

Music "Farther Along"

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:

Lenten Sermon Series - Pastor Randy and Dr. Mike are combining on a four-part sermon series in March entitled "Encounters with Jesus." This Sunday we will remember the Samaritan Woman at the well's encounter with Jesus - John 4:5-42.

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.

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.

UMM Breakfast - The next Methodist Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, April 8th @ 8:30am. Come join us. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

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

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries. For the month of March we're collecting lotion, chapstick, tissue, socks, and small items residents may enjoy at the Fidelia Eckerd Center.

Wednesday Night Supper

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper at 5:15pm in the Faith and Fellowship Center for a prepared meal followed by a program at 6pm, for a series of programs focusing on "Spiritual Disciplines for Lent."

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. Thanks!

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 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.

Attendance on March 12th 909 - 130 11:00 - 52

Pastor Randy and Kathy will be on vacation March 13th - 19th. Please contact the church office with any needs.

Bowl for Kid's Sake - March 26th from either 11-1 or 1-3 local churches and civic groups can have fun while also supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters. The event for Jackson, Macon and Swain Counties is scheduled for March 26th at the Galaxy Lanes in Sylva. HUMC would like to send a team in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters. If you're interested, please contact Pastor Randy by this today.

Giving

Here is a report of your faithful giving on February 26th -

General Operating Fund \$6,717.85

Internal Restricted Accounts  
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00  
Pastor's Fund - \$50.00  
UMCOR / Ukraine - \$20.00

Our 2023 year-to-date financial report through January -  
Income - \$25,771.49  
Expenses - \$53,671.84 ( -&27,900.35)

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 doing a 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 doing a study where they watch and discuss Season 1 of the Chosen. They meet on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Parlor. . 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.

Phishing / Fraudulent emails - We've been made aware that some members of our church family have recently received an email, purported to be from Pastor Randy, requesting some form of financial assistance. Please know Pastor Randy will never send an email requesting any kind of financial aid. You should delete and not reply. If you have received an email you're unsure about, please contact the church office. Thanks.

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Third Sunday in Lent

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	Saints Cyril & Methodius Hymn	-Tchaikovsky
Opening Prayer		
†Hymn of Praise	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	UMH #89
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	Fill My Cup, Lord	-Blanchard
†Doxology	"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH #95
(Sung to the tune of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross")		
†Offering Prayer		
Anthem	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	-J.S. Bach
Scripture	John 4:5-42	
Sermon	Sermon Series: Encounters with Jesus Sermon #2: A Visit by the Well	
†Hymn of Faith	"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"	UMH #127
Dismissal with Blessing	Choral Amen	
Postlude	Come & See/Kyrie	-Hamm

**Happy Birthday to** (March 12) Jamie Bolt, Steve Ham, Oliver Oxford, Samuel Wheeler; (March 13) James Farrish; (March 15) Ginger Moseley; (March 17) Leslie Sanders; (March 18) Betsy Batten, Mary Heffington

**Happy Anniversary to** (March 14) John & Cyndi Gordon, Steve & Beth Ham; (March 18) Ray & Joy Archer

**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:** Will Reynolds, Dauer Stackpole, Daisy Stockpole

**Long Term:** middle school child, Laura Brown, Lisa Bullard, Dort Casey, Dan Chapman, Kathy Crawford, John & Gisele Hall, Marge Heim, Sarah Hibbits, Bob and Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Carol King, Marie Lacoucere, Dana Martin, Karen Miglionico, Verlin Morton, David Neely, JC Norris, Sharon Peek, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, The Pyles Family, Dana Recker, Jessica Robinson, Karen Stauf, Carol Sutton, Nancy Sutton, Erika Taylor, Olan Vinson, 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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**Church Staff:** Rev. Dr. Randy Lucas, Senior Pastor; Sonja DeFoor, Office Manager; Keith Crawford, Financial Secretary; Sherry Bruner & Susan Clearman, Pianists; Marlene & Gary Nix, Sextons; Kristy Martin, Food Services Director; Michael Crowe, Interim Volunteer Choir Director



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