

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 "Shall We Gather at the River"
"Put Your Hand in the Hand"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Scripture John 9:1-12

A Word of Faith Sermon Series: Encounters with Jesus
Sermon #3: The Times They are A-Changin'

Music "Peace Like a River"

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.



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!

Attendance on March 12th 909 - 74 11:00 - 47

Holy Week Schedule



Palm/Passion Sunday ~ April 2nd - services at 9:09 & 11:00am
Service of Healing ~ April 5th - 6pm in the F&FC
Holy Thursday Service ~ April 6th at 5:30pm in the sanctuary
Good Friday Service ~ April 7th at 5:30pm in the sanctuary
Easter Sunday ~ Sunday, April 9th
Sunrise Service at the Easter Cross on the front lawn at 7:00am
Easter Worship Services ~ 9:09 & 11:00am
- You may provide an Easter Lily for the sanctuary
Potluck Easter Brunch ~ 10:00am in the F&FC
Easter Egg Hunt ~ 10:00am on the front lawn

Welcome Dr. Mike Cordle - In Pastor Randy's absence this Sunday, we are delighted to hear Dr. Mike Cordle as our guest preacher. Dr. Mike will continue the sermon series on "Encounters with Jesus."

Church Happenings:

Lenten Sermon Series - Pastor Randy and Dr. Mike are combining on a four-part sermon series on Sundays in March entitled "Encounters with Jesus."

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!

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.

Candy Donations Needed! ~ Any individually wrapped candy (able to fit in a plastic Easter egg) will be greatly appreciated in preparation for the HUMC kids' Easter egg hunt! Donations can be placed in a bin in the Donation Stations marked Easter egg candy. Thank you!

Happy Anniversary to (March 22) Bruce & Ginger Bunnell; (March 25) Warren & Jane Lineberger

Potluck Easter Brunch

Breakfast casseroles and pastries needed for Easter Brunch on Easter Sunday, April 9th.

Please let Kristy know what you plan to bring.
Items are needed at the church at 9:30am.

Giving

Here is a report of your faithful giving on March 5th -

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.

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** focusing on "Spiritual Disciplines for Lent."

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Fourth 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	The Sound of Taransay	-trad. Irish/Clearman
Opening Prayer		
†Hymn of Praise	"Open My Eyes, That I May See"	UMH #454
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	The King of Love My Shepherd Is	-trad. Irish/Krapf
†Doxology	"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH #95 (Sung to the tune of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross")
†Offering Prayer		
Anthem	Be Thou My Vision	arr. Alice Parker
Scripture	John 9:1-12	
Sermon	Sermon Series: Encounters with Jesus Sermon #3: The Times They are A-Changin'	
†Hymn of Faith	"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	UMH #57
Dismissal with Blessing	Choral Amen	
Postlude	O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing -Glaser/Morgan,Carlson	

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. The Literacy Council and Learning Center are 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 Birthday to (March 19) David Leffler; (March 20) Pat Griffin, Lynn Long; (March 24) Stephanie Smart; (March 25) Pete Kleifgen

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: David Nettles, Will Reynolds, Dauer Stackpole, Dr. Selby, Daisy Stockpole

Long Term: middle school child, Laura Brown, Lisa Bullard, Dort Casey, Dan Chapman, Kathy Crawford, John & Gisele Hall, Bob Heim, Marge Heim, Sarah Hibbits, Bob and Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Carol King, Nancy LaCoe, Marie Lacoucere, Dana Martin, Karen Miglionic, 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, Vernon & Josh Wilson, 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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