

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 "When the Saints Go Marching In"
"Do Lord"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

Scripture John 20:19-31

A Word of Faith The Next Sunday

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.



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 - The next Methodist Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, May 13th @ 8:30am**. Our own Don Germano will discuss "The Ascension of Jesus". Come join us for great fellowship and food. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

Blood Drive ~ **Monday, May 22nd**, from **10:00-2:00pm** 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.

Food Pantry - The number of clients served at our Food Pantry has increased and the food received from Manna has decreased. Any financial contributions would be appreciated.

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries. For the month of **April** we're collecting small new toys and dolls for children up to 3rd grade, white t-shirts for grades 4-6, spam, serving spoons and spats, new or gently used baseball caps for Little Children of the World.

Attendance on April 9th 909 - 229 11:00 - 155

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!

Wednesday Night Supper & Program

Join us for Supper at 5:15pm in the F&FC for a prepared meal. David Hodgson begins a 3-part series after supper - "Finding Joy in the Age of Outrage."

Easter Cross - We are so grateful to those who have contributed to the rich long-standing tradition of the Highlands Easter Cross on the front lawn of HUMC. This year's team navigated through a cold and rainy Saturday to provide us with a beautiful representation of resurrection life for our Easter Celebration. Thanks so much to Jeanie and her team this year!

Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt - A special thank you to everyone who brought food for the Easter potluck brunch. What an amazing day of good food and fellowship. And a special thanks to all of our Easter egg hiders. The children and families had a great time!

From the Ministry Team - Do you enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles? Do you have a closet full of puzzles in good shape? We'd love to start a puzzle exchange in our newly expanded library (which looks great thanks to Jan and Pamela Potts)! Please place any donated puzzles on top of either donation station. Once we get them logged in, please feel free to take any home to work on at anytime!

Giving

Our Financial Secretary is away during April. We will report on April's giving at the beginning of May -

Our 2023 year-to-date financial report through February -
Income - \$58,423
Expenses - \$105,634 (-\$47,211)

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 new study, "Blessed. A study of Revelation" 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 *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.

Happy Birthday to (April 16) Ruth McLarty; (April 17) Rich Grove; (April 18) Brenda Pierson; (April 20) Betty Ann Emmert; (April 22) Priscilla Flowers

Happy Anniversary to (April 16) Jim & Diane Riddle; (April 20) Keven & Andrea Gabbard

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Second Sunday of Easter

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

Opening Prayer

†**Processional Hymn "Easter People Raise Your Voices"** UMH #304

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 *Rejoice, the Lord is King* arr. John Darwall

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem *Carol of St Thomas* trans. Neale / arr. Greening

Scripture **John 20:19-31**

Sermon **The Next Sunday**

†**Hymn of Faith** *"How Firm a Foundation"* UMH #529

Dismissal with Blessing

Choral Acclamation *Alleluia. Christ is Risen.* Crowe

Postlude *You Are Crowned With Many Crowns* arr. Jay Rouse

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 Mike Robinson on the death of his wife Jessica. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Mike at 1617 Sharp Road Baton Rouge, LA 70815-4855

Prayer List

Short Term: Michael Callahan, Dan Gordon, David Nettles, Will Reynolds, Dauer Stackpole, Dr. Selby, Daisy Stockpole

Long Term: Marvin, Mark, & Sharon Alsun, Laura Brown, Lisa Bullard, Phil Caldwell, Dort Casey, Dan Chapman, John & Gisele Hall, Judy Gooding, Lauren Harrel, Bob Heim, Sarah Hibbits, Bob and Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Carol King, Nancy LaCoe, Marie Lacoucere, Trent Lehrkamp, Dana Martin, Karen Miglionico, Verlin Morton, David Neely, JC Norris, Sharon Peek, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, The Pyles Family, Dana Recker, Karen Stauf, Carol Sutton, Nancy Sutton, Erika Taylor, Mike Thompson, 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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Highlands United Methodist Church

April 16, 2023

Blessed
are
THOSE WHO
HAVE NOT SEEN
and
YET HAVE
Believed
JOHN 20:29

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.