

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 "I Shall Not Be Moved"  
"Give Me That Old Time Religion"

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

Music "This Old House" 909 Band

Scripture Acts 2:42-47

A Word of Faith A Vision for the Church

Music "Just Over in the Gloryland"

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.



2023 / 2024 Pastoral Appointments Announced

This past Sunday was "Announcement Sunday" for United Methodist Churches in the Western North Carolina Conference. Our Staff Parish Relationship Committee Chairperson Lora Speed-Beegle shared with the congregation that Pastor Randy will be returning for his 8th year as Senior Pastor of HUMC. In addition, Lora shared the happy news that Rev. Christine Murphy has been appointed to serve as Assistant Pastor of HUMC, effective July 1st. We are thrilled to welcome Christine and her husband Mike back home!

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.

Author's Tea ~ Saturday, July 22nd - We're looking for volunteers. Please call Barb Recktenwald at (612) 730-8776 or email at bjarstudios@gmail.com or Gay Kattel at 526-2746.

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.

Denominational Conversations With Pastor Randy - In addition to meeting one-on-one with anyone with questions or concerns about the current season of The United Methodist Church, along with providing weekly links to "Ask the UMC - Is the United Methodist Church Really?...." Pastor Randy is offering periodic opportunities for group conversations around denominational questions. The next "Denominational Conversation with Pastor Randy" will be Thursday, May 11th at 5:30pm. We will meet in the Old Fellowship Hall.

Membership Class - Pastor Randy is offering a membership class to anyone who would like to explore Professing, Affiliate or Associate Membership at HUMC. If you're interested, please contact Pastor Randy by Sunday, May 14th - randyhumc@icloud.com.

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.

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!

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 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 & Program

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

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!

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Fourth 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 "Christ Is Alive" UMH #318

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 Psalm -Young

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem The King of Love My Shepherd Is -Henry Baker / arr. Mark Schweizer

Scripture Acts 2:42-47

Sermon A Vision for the Church

†Hymn of Faith "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" UMH #381

Dismissal with Blessing

Choral Acclamation Alleluia. Christ is Risen. Crowe

Postlude La Choquante -Boismortier

Happy Birthday to (April 30) Vicki Heller; (May 1) Tom Brock, Allen James, Colin Weller; (May 2) Ken Carrig; (May 6) Barbara James

Happy Anniversary to (May 2) Donnie & Linda Edwards; (May 3) Wise & Betsy Batten; (May 4) Buz & Mary Dotson

Attendance on April 23rd 909 - 120 11:00 - 39

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: Michael Callahan, Dan Gordon, Jon Michaels, David Nettles, Dr. Selby

Long Term: Marvin, Mark, & Sharon Alsun, Lisa Bullard, Phil Caldwell, Dort Casey, Dan Chapman, John & Gisele Hall, Judy Gooding, Joyce Griffin, Lauren Harrel, Bob and Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Carol King, Nancy LaCoe, Marie Lacoucere, Trent Lehrkamp, Dana Martin, Karen Miglionico, Verlin Morton, David Neely, JC Norris, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, The Pyles Family, 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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