

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"

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Introduction of Our Speaker

Music "Create in Me a Clean Heart" 909 Band

Scripture Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 John 4:7-12

A Word of Faith Re-Membering Who We Are

Music "Amazing Grace"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Welcome Bishop Carter

We're delighted to welcome Bishop Kenneth Carter and his wife Pam to HUMC this morning. Bishop Carter is the Resident Bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference. You're invited to join us for a Q&A session with Bishop Carter from **10 - 10:30** this morning, and encouraged to join us for a fellowship meal at **12 noon**.

Duke Ministry Intern - Nicole Kallsen is leading an upcoming study, entitled **Creative Witness**, which will explore the dynamics between art and theology. Come join for the first session on **June 25th** to discuss humanity's participation in art and creativity in light of our Creator God! Come for one meeting, or come for all— no pre-work is required. Located in the Parlor on **Sundays from 5-6pm**, this study will run from June 25th to July 30th. You can reach her at Nicole.kallsen@duke.edu for more information.

June Book Study - Today we will begin a study of Bishop Willimon's latest book, *Don't Look Back - Methodist Hope for What Comes Next*. We will meet in the Old Fellowship Hall at **5:30pm**. Copies of the book will be provided.

Bishop Willimon will be preaching at HUMC on June 25th.

Church Happenings:

Summer Eucharist - You're invited to join us for a brief service of Holy Communion Sundays at **8:30am** through August in the Church Sanctuary. These services are approximately **20 - 30 minutes** in length. **There will be no Eucharist Service next Sunday.**

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.

Annual Conference - Thursday, June 15th - June 18th - Western NC Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska

Vacation Bible School ~ June 19-22 - 5:15-8:00 pm (Dinner Included) - Ages 3-Rising 6th Graders. Adult volunteers are needed to lead a station or be a group leader. Please let Elizabeth Gordon know if you can help by Sunday, June 4th at 828-200-0805 or elizabethrobyn244@gmail.com.

Blood Drive ~ Monday, July 24th, 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 29th - 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.

UMM Breakfast - The next Methodist Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, August 12th @ 8:30am**. Come join us for great fellowship and food. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

Denominational Conversations With Pastor Randy - In addition to meeting one-on-one with anyone with questions or concerns regarding 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, July 13th at 5:30pm**. We meet in the Old Fellowship Hall.

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries. For the month of **June** we're collecting we're collecting unscented baby wipes, family size puffs tissues, free & clear laundry detergent, unscented 13 gallon trash bags with drawstrings, plastic spoons & forks, & single color packs of construction paper for the Gordon Center for Children.

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

Join us for Supper at **5:15pm** in the F&FC for a prepared meal.

Attendance on June 4th 909 - 210 11:00 - 48

Ministry Minute: If you love doing jigsaw puzzles, please feel to borrow one from the library in the Faith and Fellowship Center lobby!

Here's a report of your faithful giving
on June 4th -

Giving

General Operating Fund -
\$17,172.65

Internal Restricted -
Trustees Property Care - \$600.00
Gordon Center - \$500.00
Youth Discretionary Fund - \$320.00
Pastor's Fund - \$250.00
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00
Food Pantry - \$20.00
Children's Discretionary Fund - \$20.00

**Our 2023 year-to-date financial report
through April** -
Income - \$93,979
Expenses - \$155,757 (-\$61,778)

Current Studies and Small Groups

Pastor's Summer Sunday School Class

With a very busy summer schedule, Pastor Randy's Summer Sunday School Class will begin a bit later this year. The tentative start-date is July 16th. This Summer we will read selected works by Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World* and *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. Books will be provided. Please let Pastor Randy know if you would like to be part of the class - randyhumc@icloud.com.

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 6-week study by Beth Moore is titled *The Quest: an excursion toward intimacy with God*. Come join us for the DVD lessons followed by discussion in the church parlor. They meet on **Tuesdays at 7:00pm** in the Parlor. Contact - Debbie Brock at debbieharris@gmail.com or Sara Mayer at scmayer@nctv.com.

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* UMH #139

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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* arr. Brad Nix

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

†Offering Prayer

Introduction of Our Speaker

Anthem *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Text F. W. Faber/arr. Schweizer

Scripture **Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 John 4:7-12**

Sermon **Re-Membering Who We Are**

†Hymn of Faith *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* UMH #57 vs. 1-5, 7

Dismissal with Blessing

Choral Response *Let Us Go Forth* Crowe

Postlude *Praise The Lord Who Reigns Above* arr. Jean-Joseph Mouret

The altar flowers are given in recognition of the 61st wedding anniversary on June 12th by Don & Sara Mac Germano.

Happy Birthday to (June 13) Suzie Gregory

Happy Anniversary to (June 11) Steven & Niki Bloedow; (June 14) Brock & Betzy Warren

Name Tags ~ If anyone would like a name tag please contact the church office.

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: Dan Gordon, Ward Lawson, Jon Michaels, Jeff Miller, Rachael Schuelke, Dr. Selby

Long Term: Lisa Bullard, Mary Beth Brody, Amy Henderson Brown, Phil Caldwell, Dort Casey, Dan Chapman, John & Gisele Hall, Judy Gooding, Bob & Gail Granger, Joyce Griffin, Lauren Harrel, Kim Hay, Bob Heim, Sarah Hibbits, Bob and Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Carol King, Nancy LaCoe, Trent Lehrkamp, Dana Martin, Rhone Michael, Verlin Morton, JC Norris, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, Lauren Smith, Erika Taylor, Mike Thompson, Olan Vinson, Deloras Zimmerman

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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Saved
BY
Grace
THROUGH
Faith
EPHESIANS 2:8

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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