

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 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Fifth 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		
†Proclamational Hymn	"America the Beautiful"	UMH #696
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	O Beautiful for Spacious Skies	-Ward/Callahan
†Doxology	"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH #95
†Offering Prayer		
Anthem	As the Deer	-Martin Nystrom
Scripture	Matthew 10:40-42	
Sermon	The Gift of Welcome	
†Hymn of Faith	"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"	UMH #557
Dismissal with Blessing		
Choral Response	Let Us Go Forth	Crowe
Postlude	I believe Stars & Stripes Forever	-Sousa

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.

Joy Group ~ Our JOY Group (Just Older Youth) meets for lunch and fellowship on **Thursdays at 11:30am** in the F&FC. **Will NOT meet this week.**

Author's Tea ~ Saturday, July 29th - Tickets may be purchased for **\$25** each after both services on Sunday. For more info 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!

Church Office Closed on the Fourth -The Church Office will be closed Tuesday in observance of the Fourth of July.

WHLC Radio - Did you know Pastor Randy offers a weekly radio message on WHLC, 104.5 FM in Highlands? It airs Sunday mornings at approximately **11:00am**.

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.

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, and having provided weekly links to "Ask the UMC - Is the United Methodist Church Really...." over the past twelve weeks, Pastor Randy is offering an opportunity for a small group conversation around denominational questions. You're invited to attend a "Denominational Conversation with Pastor Randy" on **Thursday, July 13th at 5:30pm**. We will 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.

Thank You!! - A big thank you to all the volunteers, parents, and children for another successful VBS! A special thank you to our director, Elizabeth Gordon and also Kristy Martin for their direction and efforts in making VBS a success!

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!

Here's a report of your faithful giving
on June 25th -

Giving

General Operating Fund - \$14,017.00
Internal Restricted -
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00
Pastor's Fund - \$50.00
Children's Discretionary Fund - \$20.00
Our 2023 year-to-date financial report through May -
Income - \$186,650.00
Expenses - \$273,244.00 (- \$86,594)

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 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 **8:15am**. They are currently studying They are currently studying the book, *A Visit from John Wesley* by our own Don Germano.

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 debbiedharris@gmail.com or Sara Mayer at scmayer@nctv.com.



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 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.



The altar flowers are given this morning in honor of Mary Griffin's 98th birthday by her daughters, Linda Coleman and Laura Balthun.

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

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

Attendance on June 25th 909 - 231 11:00 - 59

Happy Birthday to (July 2) Ann Forshee; (July 3) Warren Lineberger, Amber Porter; (July 4) Ivan Shchelgachov; (July 5) Janet Avery; (July 6) Jerry Barton, Jessica Carter; (July 7) Barbara Westholm; (July 8) Doug Campbell

Happy Anniversary to (July 4) Ty & Betty Ann Emmert; (July 5) Frank & Kristin Edwards; (July 6) Tom & Joyce Stribling; (July 8) Mike & Sheri McGaughy

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, Bonnie Chandler, 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.

God ★
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Grace ★
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LOVE G
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