

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 "This is the Day"
"I Saw the Light"

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 "Turn, Turn, Turn" 909 Band

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 14-15

A Word of Faith Seasons

Music "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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 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.



We are delighted to welcome **Rev. Christine Murphy** back to HUMC. Please join us for a welcome reception for Christine and Mike between our worship services in the Faith and Fellowship Center.

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.

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**. August' guest speaker will feature HUMC's David Hodgson. His presentation will be "30 Minutes With a Counselor". Come join us for great fellowship and food. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

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?...." 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.

Nicole Kallsen is leading a study, entitled CreativeWitness, which explores the dynamics between art and theology. Come join her on **Sundays from 5-6pm**, 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 this study will run through July 30th. You can reach her at Nicole.kallsen@duke.edu for more information.

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries. For the month of **July** we're collecting **school supplies**: notebook paper, scissors, crayons, markers, Kleenex, disinfectant wipes, binder notebooks, & spiral notebooks.

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!

Online Giving - Starting **July 11th**, the charge for online gifts will not appear on your credit card statement as Servant Keeper. It will either read easyTithe or church today. If anyone has any questions, please let Keith know. Thank you.

Giving

We will report on July 2nd giving in the coming weeks.

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

Pastor Randy's Summer Sunday School Class begins **July 16th**. We will be reading two books written 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 debbieharris@gmail.com or Sara Mayer at scmayer@nctv.com.

Wednesday Night Supper

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper at **5:15pm** in the Faith and Fellowship Center for a prepared meal.

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

Attendance on July 2nd 909 - 282 11:00 - 82

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Sixth 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 "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" UMH #540

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

†Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

†Offering Prayer

Anthem God of Mercy, God of Grace -Jerry Davidson

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 14-15

Sermon Seasons

†Hymn of Faith "Near to the Heart of God" UMH #472

Dismissal with Blessing

Choral Response Let Us Go Forth Crowe

Postlude

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

Happy Birthday to (July 9) Mike Byrne, Beau Forshee; (July 14) Bailey Baker

Happy Anniversary to (July 9) Dana & Paula Gordon, Brandon & Loretta Picklesimer; (July 10) Charles & Tillie Arwood; (July 12) Tay & Tamara Bronaugh

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, Christ Green, 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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For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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