

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 "Give Me That Old Time Religion"
"Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Music "Blessed Assurance"

Scripture Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

A Word of Faith Sermon Series - The Parables of Jesus
Sermon #1 - A Sower Went Out to Sow

Reception of New Members

Music "Because He Lives"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Welcome new members - We're delighted to welcome Carolyn and George Miffleton today into full membership at Highlands United Methodist Church. Formally members of Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte, we gladly welcome them today as Professing Members of HUMC!

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.

Online Giving - The charge for online gifts will no longer 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.

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, 2-4pm - 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!

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!

Wednesday Night Supper

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

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 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 9th 909 - 202 11:00 - 71

July / August Upper Rooms - Physical copies of the July/ August Upper Rooms are available at HUMC.

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

Giving

Here is a report of your faithful giving for July 2nd and 9th -

General Operating Fund -
July 2nd - \$16,524.00
July 9th - \$5,563.00

Internal Restricted Accounts -
Pastor's Fund - \$1,300.00
Trustees - \$600.00
Highlands Emergency Council - \$200.00
Library - \$100.00
Youth Discretionary Fund - \$20.00
Children's Discretionary Fund - \$20.00

Our 2023 year-to-date financial report through June -
Income - \$248,970
Expenses - \$323,955 (-\$74,985)

Current Studies and Small Groups

Pastor's Summer Sunday School Class

Pastor Randy's Summer Sunday School Class begins today. We begin by reading Barbara Brown Taylor's, An Altar in the World. Books will be provided. Please let Pastor Randy know if you would like to be part of the class - randyhumc@icloud.com. We will meet in the sanctuary chapel at approximately 10:00am this Sunday.

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

In July and August join us for Ladies' VBS, that is, Vacation Bible Study for Fellowship, Fun and Games. No books! No homework! Just lots of joy and laughter together. Join us each week or plug in when you can. 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

Seventh 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 "O Word of God Incarnate" UMH #598

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 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us arr. Bill Wolaver

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem

Scripture Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon Sermon Series - The Parables of Jesus
Sermon #1 - A Sower Went Out to Sow

†Hymn of Faith "Go, Make of All Disciples" UMH #571

Dismissal with Blessing

Choral Response Let Us Go Forth Crowe

Postlude Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah arr. Cindy Berry

Happy Birthday to (July 16) Harriet Bauknight, Larry Dale, Terri Kennedy; (July 18) Vivian Kennedy; (July 19) Steve Chenoweth, Durwood Early; (July 21) Naomi Chastain, Nicole Kallsen, Elizabeth Motz; (July 22) Ken Bowser, Linda Bubenick, Amanda Griffeth, Annabelle Ye

Happy Anniversary to (July 20) Mike & Christine Murphy, Tony & Terri Potts

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, Chris Crowe, 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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LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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