

## 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** "Put Your Hand in the Hand"  
"I Love to Tell the Story"

#### Joys

#### A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

#### A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

#### Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

**Music** "From the Rising of the Sun" 909 Band

**Scripture** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**A Word of Faith** Sermon Series - The Parables of Jesus  
Sermon #2 - Sensible Question

#### Holy Communion

**Music** "Because He Lives"

#### Sending Forth

**Closing Music** "I'll Fly Away"

#### Today's Guest Speaker ~ Nicole Kallsen

We gladly welcome Nicole Kallsen as our guest speaker this morning. Nicole is our Duke Summer Ministry Intern. In addition to delivering this morning's sermon, she will once again provide this week's Wednesday night program at 6pm, wrapping up her series on "Dance and Christianity." This Wednesday's program is entitled "Dance and the Modern Church." She is also teaching a class entitled "Creative Witness" Sunday afternoons at 5:00pm in the church parlor. Nicole will be with us through Sunday, August 6th. If you have a chance to invite her to lunch before she leaves, her email address is nicole.kallsen@duke.edu.

**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.

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

## 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.

**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.

**A Denominational Conversation 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, 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" **August 10th at 5:30pm**. We will meet in the Old Fellowship Hall.

**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.

Then plan to stay for our program at 6:00pm, presented by our Duke Summer Ministry Intern Nicole Kallsen.

**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!

Here is a report of your faithful giving  
for July 16th -

Giving

**General Operating Fund** -  
\$8,738.00

**Internal Restricted Accounts** -  
Pastor's Fund - \$850.00  
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00  
Bolivian Mission - \$50.00  
Food Pantry - \$40.00  
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 is now underway. We are currently reading Barbara Brown Taylor's, *An Altar in the World*. Books are provided. If you don't have a Sunday School Class, come and join us. We meet in the sanctuary chapel at approximately **10:00am on 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.

**Attendance on July 16th** 909 - 224 11:00 - 64

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

## The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

### Eighth 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**      *"Lord, Speak to Me"*      UMH #463

**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**      *How Can I Keep From Singing*      -Lowry

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

#### †Offering Prayer

**Bell Anthem**      *The Old Rugged Cross*      arr. Dobrinski

**Scripture**      **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

**Sermon**      **Sermon Series - The Parables of Jesus**  
**Sermon #2 - Sensible Question**

**A Service of Word and Table II**      UMH p.12

†**Hymn of Faith**      *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*      UMH #358

#### Dismissal with Blessing

**Choral Response**      *Let Us Go Forth*      Crowe

**Postlude**      *True-hearted, Whole-hearted*      -Stebbins/Clearman

**Happy Anniversary to** (July 23) Dr. Mike & Kandyss Cordle, Jeff & April Getz; (July 24) Les & Deborah Scott

**Happy Birthday to** (July 25) Jo Ann Chapman, Mike McGaughy; (July 26) James Moore, Rachel Price; (July 27) Ty Emmert; (July 28) Lisa Carrig, Blake LaCoe; (July 29) 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.

**Our prayers and sympathies** go out to Lisa Gottwals on the recent death of her husband Harry. Many of you may remember that Lisa and Harry were married during a 10:50am Worship Service on December 22, 2019. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Lisa at 171 Tucker Court - Friendship, Maryland 20758. Let's keep Lisa and Harry's son Phillip in our prayers.

#### Prayer List

**Short Term:** Gay Kattel, Ward Lawson, Rachael Schuelke, Dr. Selby

**Long Term:** Charley Bethel, Lisa Bullard, Nancy Bonner, Mary Beth Brody, Amy Henderson Brown, Phil Caldwell, Dort Casey, Dan Chapman, Bonnie Chandler, Chris Crowe, Cristin Foreman, Judy Gooding, Christ Green, Bob Heim, Sarah Hibbits, Bob and Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Carol King, Dana Martin, Rhone Michael, Verlin Morton, JC Norris, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, Lauren Smith, Erika Taylor, Bonnie Tyler, Olan Vinson

#### 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](mailto:highlandsumc@icloud.com) to be a part of this ministry.

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**LOVE** **G**od. Offer **C**HRIST to All.

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**July 23, 2023**