

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 "Down By the Riverside"
"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

Music "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Scripture Matthew 14:22-23

A Word of Faith That Sinking Feeling

Music "Love Lifted Me"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Seeking After-school Volunteers

Do you have 2 hours a week to give?
Do you enjoy tutoring and mentoring elementary children?
Do you enjoy reading, hiking, doing crafts/art,
and learning more about our community?
Then the After-School Program is a perfect place to volunteer!
If you are interested in learning more or volunteering for this vital
ministry that has been part of HUMC for over 15 years, please contact
Pastor Christine (call the office or email christinehumc@icloud.com).

Blood Drive ~ Monday, September 25th, 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.

New Library Books! Come check out a library book! They are located
by the Donation Station in the F&FC.

Welcome Marcia Franklin! - We are delighted to welcome Marcia
Franklin as our new Interim Chancel Choir Director. A former music
teacher at Highlands School, Marcia brings many years of experience in
choral direction and a love for music to us. We are blessed to have her
leadership among us and welcome her warmly to the HUMC family.

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.

Back to School Service of Blessing - Once again HUMC will host
an ecumenical Back to School Blessing. The service will be held in
the sanctuary on **Tuesday, August 22nd at 3pm**. Rev. Christine
Murphy is organizing this service which will include area clergy.
Everyone is invited to join us for this special annual service of
worship and blessing.

UMM Breakfast - The next Methodist Men's Breakfast will be this
Saturday, August 12th @ 8:30am. Our 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 **August** we're collecting collecting soaps, deodorant,
razors, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste,
toothbrushes, & hair brushes for the women at Life Challenge.

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.

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! **In September we'll meet on September 12th!**

Wednesday Night Supper

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

Upcoming Wednesday Night Programs -

August 16th - Pisgah Legal Services
August 23rd - Community Care Clinic

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

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**.

We will report on giving for August 6th

and 13th later this month.

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 thorough *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. If you don't have
a Sunday School Class, come and join us. We meet in the sanctuary
chapel at approximately **10:00am** on Sundays. Books will be provided.

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

No HUMC News Next Week

There will be no HUMC News for the week of August 14th.
The HUMC News will resume the week of August 21st

Attendance on August 6th 909 - 228 11:00 - 57

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Eleventh 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

†Hymn "Stand By Me" UMH #512

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 Jesus, Lover of My Soul -Parry/Wilson

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem Wonderful Words of Life -Philip P. Bliss

Scripture Matthew 14:22-23

Sermon That Sinking Feeling

†Hymn of Faith "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH #474

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude Love Lifted Me -Smith

Happy Anniversary to (August 15) Randy & Kathy Lucas; (August 16) Greg & Teresa Williams; (August 18) Sam & Jobie Austin; (August 19) David & Sammie Leffler

Happy Birthday to (August 13) Kaitlin Lewis; (August 14) Greg Johnson; (August 16) Dorothy Huckabee; (August 17) Ann Marie Crowe, Alex Osteen; (August 19) Ransom Bozeman, August Mehder

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: Ward Lawson, Rachael Schuelke, Dr. Selby, Tubby Zachary

Long Term: Charley Bethel, Lisa Bullard, Nancy Bonner, Mary Beth Brody, Amy Henderson Brown, Phil Caldwell, Dort Casey, Dan Chapman, Bonnie Chandler, Chris Crowe, Amanda DeShane, Cristin Foreman, Judy Gooding, Chris Green, Bob Heim, Gayle Henry, Sarah Hibbits, Bob and Sammie Houston, Floyd Houston, Jeff James, Carol King, Dana Martin, Rhone Michael, Verlin Morton, Chris Mullins, 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 to be a part of this ministry.

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LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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