

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"
"Seek Ye First"

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Music "The Old Rugged Cross"

Scripture Exodus 16:2-15

A Word of Faith Give Us This Day

Music "Blessed Assurance"

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.



Church Happenings

Joy Group ~ Our JOY Group (Just Older Youth) meets for lunch and fellowship on Thursdays at 11:30am in the F&FC.

Messy Church ~ Sunday, October 1st - 4:30-6:30pm in the F&FC. Theme: "Be Who You AreCalled To Be" - Isaiah 6:8. Join us for a worship service like no other! All-Ages, Creativity,Celebration, Fellowship and Food!

Homecoming ~ Please make plans to join us for a combined worship service on Sunday, October 8th at 10:00am in the Faith and Fellowship Center. Then plan to stay as we enjoy a potluck covered dish lunch together, immediately following the worship service. Once again, Sonja is putting together special slides for Homecoming. If you have some pictures to share, please get those to Sonja by Monday, October 2nd.

UMM Breakfast - Our next Methodist Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, October 12th @ 8:30am. Our guest speaker for October for will be John Deville. John is a History teacher from Franklin High School. John will discuss the history of the "Tail of Two cities: Franklin & Highlands, NC," how they were chartered and how & why they are dependent on each other. 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 September we're collecting collecting food, treats, bedding for dogs & cats, & toys for the Humane Society.

Pastor Randy's Books - Pastor Randy's latest collection of writings, Are you Jesus - and other poems, prayers and ponderings, is now available online at Amazon, Books-A-Million and Barnes and Noble. Cover art by Jeanie Edwards Jones. The cost is \$18.95 plus S&H. Copies are available in the church office for \$15.00 (\$20.00 by mail). A limited number of Pastor Randy's first book, Poems from the Park Bench, are available in the church office. Cover art by Jeanie Edwards Jones. Also available online at Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Books-A-Million.

Blood Drive ~ Tomorrow - 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.

Wednesday Night Supper

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

Program for September 27th:
Community Care Clinic

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!

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.

Here is the report of your faithful giving for the past 3 weeks -

Giving

General Operating Fund

September 3rd - \$25,030.96
September 10th - \$13,038.00
September 17th - \$11,602.10

Internal Restricted Accounts
September 3rd, 10th and 17th -

Pastor's Fund - \$320.00
Highlands Emergency Council - \$300.00
JOY Group - \$295.00
Missions - \$200.00
Children's Discretionary - \$100.00
Library - \$100.00
Youth Discretionary - \$60.00
Food Pantry - \$40.00

Our 2023 year-to-date financial report
through July -

Income - \$300,826
Expenses - \$377,336 (-\$76,510)

Current Studies and Small Groups

Seekers Sunday School Class

The class is currently studying "The Beatitudes and Sermon on the Mount" and how it relates to the entirety of scripture. Meeting time - Sundays at 10:00am in the financial secretary's old office. Contact - Steve Bruner - stevebruner@gmail.com.

Bob Hood's Sunday School Class

The class is doing a new study, "Creed, Exploring the Apostles' Creed" by Adam Hamilton 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

They are beginning our new study and reflection on Season TWO of The Chosen, a TV series about the ministry of Jesus. 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.

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

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Seventeenth 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 "Lift Every Voice and Sing" UMH #519

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 Holy Manna -Moore-Southern Harmony/Organ

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem Take My Life and Let It Be -Hal Hopson

Scripture Exodus 16:2-15

Sermon Give Us This Day

†Hymn of Faith "Go Forth for God" UMH #670

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah -Hughes/Webb & Lovelace

Bolivia Mission Trip

October 26th - November 8th

Airline tickets - just over \$800

Visas are available at the airport for \$160

Passport needed

Contact Dr. John if you are interested in going or with questions at 828-200-0902.

Happy Birthday to (September 24) Judy Mouchet; (September 26) Bob Carlton; (September 27) Terri Crowe, Ann Rose; (September 28) Sally Wheeler; (September 29) Nancy Anderson, Caroline Eister

Happy Anniversary to (September 24) Dennis & Fran Leftwich; (September 25) Jim & Allison Tate

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: Griffin Bell, Carolyn Bruce, Ward Lawson, Rachael Schuelke, Jeanne Smith, Dr. Selby, Robert Terrio, Tubby Zachary

Long Term: Marty & Nancy, Ellina Angelotti, Kathi Atkins, Charley Bethel, Lisa Bullard, Nancy Bonner, Mary Beth Brody, Amy Henderson Brown, Phil Caldwell, Dort Casey, Dan Chapman, Bonnie Chandler, Chris Crowe, Amanda DeShane, Barbara Diehl, Cristin Foreman, Sara Mac Germano, Judy Gooding, Jeff & Edith Gordon, Dennis Gordon, Chris Green, Bob Heim, Gayle Henry, Sarah Hibbits, Bob and Sammie Houston, Cynthia James, Jeff James, Carol King, Stewart Manning, Dana Martin, Rhyne Michael, Jan Morarity, Verlin Morton, Kurt Mueller, Chris Mullins, JC Norris, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, Lauren Smith, Erika Taylor, Elaine Tilson, Bonnie Tyler, Olan Vinson

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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September 24, 2023