

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 "Morning Has Broken"
"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 "Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture Philippians 2:1-13

A Word of Faith The Mind of Christ

Holy Communion

Music "Peace in the Valley"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

2024 General Conference

Charlotte North Carolina will be the host site for the 2024 General Conference of The United Methodist Church. The dates are **April 23 - May 3**. Volunteers will be an essential part of extending hospitality to the delegates attending General Conference, and will be drawn from the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences. Volunteer opportunities will begin April 19th as delegates begin arriving. You can read Bishop Carter's letter regarding General Conference by using the link in the HUMC News.

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.

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 ~ Today!!- 4:30-6:30pm in the F&FC. Theme: "Be Who You Are Called 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 14th @ 8:30am**. Our guest speaker for October will be John Deville. John is a History teacher from Franklin High School. He 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 **October** we're collecting collecting canned goods, dried beans, rice, oil, toilet paper, & toiletries for the **Food Pantry**.

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.

Wednesday Night Supper

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper at **5:15pm** in the Faith and Fellowship Center for a **potluck** meal. Please bring a dish to share.

Blood Drive ~ Monday, December 4th, 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.

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**.

Worship Attendance 909 - 155 11:00 - 45

Giving for September 24th
will be provided in next
week's bulletin.

Giving

**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 debbieharris@gmail.com or Sara Mayer at scmayer@nctv.com.

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

Gordon Center for Children - 2023 Envelope Challenge Once again this year we have an opportunity to financially support the Gordon Center for Children through the "Envelope Challenge." Please consider placing a donation in one of the envelopes provided in the lobby of the Faith and Fellowship Center. You can drop your envelope in the offering plate or bring it by the church office. Thanks for your support of the Gordon Center!

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Eighteenth 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 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* UMH #189

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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Jack W.Jones

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem *Christ's Own Body* -Margaret R. Tucker

Scripture **Philippians 2:1-13**

Sermon **The Mind of Christ**

A Service of Word and Table II UMH p.12

†Hymn of Faith *"One Bread, One Body"* UMH #620

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude *Lord, I Hear Showers of Blessings* arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Happy Birthday to (October 1), Leo Montgomery, Susan Silverthorn; (October 2) Ken Wheeler; (October 4) Jane Lineberger, Charlotte Solomon; (October 6) Kristin Whatley; (October 7) Susan Herring, Ken Knight

Happy Anniversary to (October 1) Tee & Lea Fulk; (October 2) Neal & Marsha Little

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: Carolyn Bruce, Rachael Schuelke, Jeanne Smith, Dr. Selby, Robert Terrio, Tubby Zachary

Long Term: Amy Henderson Brown, Phil Caldwell, Dan Chapman, Chris Crowe, Amanda DeShane, 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, Steven Shapiro, Erika Taylor, Elaine Tilson, Cile & Bob Vickory, 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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World Communion Sunday



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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October 1, 2023