

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 "Jesus Loves Me"  
"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Matthew 18, 1-5, 10-14

A Word of Faith Imagine

Music "Jesus Loves the Little Children/Everything is Beautiful"

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.

Memorial Garden Service for "Jackpot"

Jack Philpot "Jackpot" played an important role in the establishment of the Memorial Garden at HUMC. Since his death in 2014, his ashes have remained in the Senior Pastor's office, to one day be placed in the Memorial Garden at HUMC. That was Jackpot's wish. His wish will become a reality on Thursday, October 26th at 11am. Rev. Paul Christy will join us in remembering Jackpot's life, followed by the interment of his ashes. Any friends of Jackpot are welcome to attend.

Church Happenings

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

Combined Worship Service ~ October 29th at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. Breakfast at 9:15am in the F&FC.

Halloween Pizza Party ~ Join us at HUMC at 5:00pm on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31st, with your costumes on. We will eat pizza and be ready for Main Street Trick or Treating at 5:30pm.

All Saints Sunday ~ Join us on November 5th as we remember all those who have passed away this year.

Messy Church ~ November 5th - 4:30-6:30pm in the F&FC. Theme: "Jesus Feeds a Crowd". Join us for a worship service like no other! All-Ages, Creativity,Celebration, Fellowship and Food!

UMM Breakfast ~ Our next Methodist Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, November 11th @ 8:30am. Come join us for great fellowship and food. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

Charge Conference ~ Sunday, November 12th at 10:00am in the F&FC. Voting members are members of the Church Council, however everyone is invited to attend.

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.

We are collecting candy to hand out to Trick-or-Treaters on Tuesday, October 31st. Please place candy in the Donation Station bins across from the church office or in the F&FC. Also, volunteers are needed to help. Please call Fred Motz at 526-3083 to sign-up.

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 prepared meal.

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!

Here is your report of faithful giving for October 15th

Giving

General Operating Fund - \$9,612.10  
Internal Restricted Accounts -  
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00  
Pastor's Fund - \$70.00  
Gordon Center for Children - \$43.00  
Food Pantry - \$20.00  
Our 2023 year-to-date financial report through September -  
Income - \$416,392.24  
Expenses - 493,326.17 (-\$76,933.93)

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 doing a 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.

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 on October 15th 909 - 197 11:00 - 47

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

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Twenty-first 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 “Jesus Loves Me” UMH #191

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 Come, Come, Everybody Worship -Sleeth/Clearman

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

†Offering Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14

Sermon Imagine

†Hymn of Faith “Let There Be Peace on Earth” UMH #431

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life -Gardiner/Galetar

Happy Birthday to (October 22) Melinda Spring, Patti Wheeler; (October 23) Nancy Butler, Bob Gregory; (October 25) Philip Murphy, Dabs Potts; (October 26) Don Feibelman, Kay Moore, Joyce Stribling; (October 27) Laura Vines

Happy Anniversary to (October 23) Scott & Becky Baker

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, Jeff James, Carol King, Stewart Manning, Dana Martin, Rhyne Michael, Jan Morarity, Verlin Morton, Kurt Mueller, Chris Mullins, JC Norris, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Lila Pollard, 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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