

Welcome to the Highlands United Methodist Church

A joyous welcome to you!
We are glad each of you has come to worship the Lord!

One Church Worship Service

Prelude	
Welcome	
Opening Prayer	
Music	<i>"I Saw the Light"</i> <i>"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"</i>
The Apostles' Creed	
Joys	
Tithes and Offerings	
Offertory	<i>Ubi Caritas & Where Charity & Love Dwell</i> -Taize-Berthier & Reinagle/arr. Clearman
Bringing Our Prayers to the Altar	
Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Our Father, which 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.</i>
Anthem	<i>Great Gettin' Up Mornin</i> arr. Roger Emerson
Scripture	Matthew 22:34-46
Sermon	The Main Thing
Closing Hymn	<i>"The Gift of Love"</i> UMH #408
Benediction	
Sending Forth	<i>"I'll Fly Away"</i>
Postlude	

Church Happenings

Joy Group ~ Our JOY Group (Just Older Youth) meets for lunch and fellowship on **Thursdays at 11:30am** 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.

****Special Presentation**** ~ **Sunday, November 5th** "Near Death Experiences" Dr. Carter Davis and Jim Hines will share their personal near death experiences during SundaySchool in the Faith and Fellowship Center. The class will begin at approximately **10am**. Everyone is invited.

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.

Ministry Minute ~ Calling all crafters (or those who want to learn or just meet new people). Starting in **January** we will be having craft days and nights once a month. If you have craft ideas to share please contact Jodie Zoellner or Kristy Martin. We will be making crafts through the year for our 2024 Fall Bazaar on September 28.

Wednesday Night Supper

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

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!

Thank you for your continued faithful giving.

Giving

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.

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.

Time Change - Don't forget to set your clocks back next Sunday.

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.

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 22nd 909 - 163 11:00 - 42

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

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.

Happy Birthday to (October 29) Matthew Campbell, Jessica Campbell, Joy Still, Emma Weller; (November 1) Carla Gates, Bob Hood, Lee Lyons; (November 2) Gay Kattel, Ed Mawyer; (November 3) Fran Leftwich; (November 4) King Young

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.



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



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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.



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, Sue Burel, 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, Jenny Lomax, 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.



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

Highlands United Methodist Church

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