

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 "Bringing in the Sheaves"  
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Music "God Has Been So Good to Me" Darren & Jennifer

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46

A Word of Faith Three Little Questions

Music "He Lives"

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.
- Deck the Halls** ~ Tomorrow morning, **November 27th**, join us at **10:00am** as we decorate the Faith & Fellowship Center for Advent & Christmas.
- Highlands Christmas Parade** ~ **Saturday, December 2nd** at **10:00am**. The Camels are coming! After the parade meet back at the church for hot cider, cookies, fellowship, and picture taking with the camels.
- Messy Church** ~ **Sunday, December 3rd - 4:30-6:30pm** in the F&FC. Theme: "Messy Christmas". Join us for a worship service like no other! **All-Ages**, Creativity, Celebration, Fellowship and Food!
- Breakfast with Santa** ~ On **Saturday, December 9th** join us for a very special family tradition! Families are invited to gather at **8:30am** for breakfast followed by a visit from Santa Claus!
- UMM Breakfast** ~ There will be **NO** breakfast meeting in December.

- Adopt a Family** - Once again we are partnering with Highlands Emergency Council to adopt families for Christmas. Please contact Kristy if you are interested.
- Knitting Club** - If you are interested in restarting a knitting club at HUMC, please contact Lynn Kleifgen at 404-502-1450.
- 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.
- Toys for Tots** - Boxes are ready for donations! Accepting new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls of all ages.
- Coat Drive** - HUMC is partnering with the Highlands Mountain Top Rotary Club and other area churches to provide coats for children and adults this winter. Please bring your coat donations to the box provided in the lobby of the Faith and Fellowship Center. Thank you!

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 F&FC. 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!

Giving

Report on your faithful giving on November 12th -

General Operating Fund -
\$6,263.10
Internal Restricted -
Highlands Emergency Council - \$200.00
Pastor's Fund - \$70.00
Our 2023 year-to-date financial report through October -
Income - \$471,124.56
Expenses - 561,946.82 ( -\$90,822.26)

Current Studies and Small Groups

Seekers Sunday School Class

The class is currently studying Genesis. 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. The Women's Bible Study group will take a break after December 5th for a couple of months.

**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**.

**Attendance on November 12th** 909 - 116 11:00 - 44

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Christ the King Sunday

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 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” UMH #581

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 We Fall Down -Phillip Keveren

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem I Will Praise You, O Lord -Mark Patterson

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon Three Little Questions

†Hymn of Faith “Crown Him With Many Crowns” UMH #327

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude The King Is Coming arr. Bruner

Happy Birthday to (November 27) Rick Willeford' (November 28)  
Jeanie Edwards-Jones; (November 29) Kristy Martin, Nancy Sutton

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.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Kandyss Cordle & family on  
the death of her father, Jerry Goad. Cards of sympathy may be sent  
to Kandyss at 160 Galax Circle, Highlands, NC 28741

Prayer List

Short Term: Carolyn Bruce, Rachael Schuelke, Jeanne Smith,  
Robert Terrio

Long Term: Kathi Kelley Atkins, Amy Henderson Brown, Phil  
Caldwell, Dan Chapman, Sara Mac Germano, Jeff & Edith Gordon,  
Dennis Gordon, Chris Green, Bob Heim, Bob and Sammie Houston,  
Jeff James, Carol King, Jenny Lomax, Stewart Manning, Dana  
Martin, Rhyne Michael, Jan Morarity, Verlin Morton, JC Norris, Myrtle  
Page, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Lila Pollard, Anne  
Prince, Vangie Rich, Erika Taylor, Elaine Tilson, Susan Valentine, 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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Secretary; Sherry Bruner & Susan Clearman, Pianists; Marlene & Gary Nix,  
Sextons; Kristy Martin, Food Services Director; Marcia Franklin, Chancel Choir  
Director



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