

# 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 "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"  
"My Country 'Tis of Thee"

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Honoring our Veterans

Special Music

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Word of Faith Encouraging Words

Music "When We All Get to Heaven"

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](mailto:randyhumc@icloud.com)

To receive **church email updates and news** please email Sonja at [highlandsumc@icloud.com](mailto: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.

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner** ~ Join us for dinner on **Tuesday, November 21st at 6:00pm** at the Highlands Rec park. Prepared meals will be delivered to anyone in need. Let us know if you are anyone would like a meal delivered and for how many. Please see Kristy to volunteer.

**Deck the Halls** ~ On Monday morning, **November 27th**, join us at **10:00am** as we decorate the Faith & Fellowship Center for Advent & Christmas.

**Messy Church** ~ **December 3rd - 4:30-6:30pm** in the F&FC. Join us for a worship service like no other! **All-Ages**, Creativity, Celebration, Fellowship and Food!

**UMM Breakfast** ~ There will be **NO** breakfast meeting in December.

**Pastor Randy** will be spending this week at the Abbey of Gethsemani on silent retreat. If the need for pastoral care arises during his absence, please contact the church office.

**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** - Once again this year, 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!

**Office Hours - Thanksgiving Week** - The Church Office will close at **12 noon on Wednesday, November 22nd** for Thanksgiving, and will reopen on Monday morning November 27th at 9:00am

### 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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter HighlandsUMC.

Report on your faithful giving  
on October 29th -

Giving

General Operating Fund -  
\$8,921.00

Internal Restricted -  
Backpack Program - \$100.00  
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00  
Pastor's Fund - \$50.00

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:debbiedharris@gmail.com) or Sara Mayer at [scmayer@nctv.com](mailto:scmayer@nctv.com).

**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**.

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

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Twenty-fourth 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	Chimings of Great Joy	-Edwards
Welcome		
Opening Prayer		
Honoring Our Veterans		
†Hymn	“Blessed Assurance”	UMH #369
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	Breathe	-Barnett/arr. Hakes
†Doxology	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH #95
†Offering Prayer		
Bell Anthem	How Beautiful	-Paris/arr.Larson
Scripture	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	
Sermon	Encouraging Words	
†Hymn of Faith	“When We All Get to Heaven”	UMH #701
Dismissal with Blessing		
Postlude	City on our Knees	- M. Bober

**Happy Birthday to** (November 12) Linda Edwards; (November 13) Kristin Edwards, Marlene Viers; (November 14) Lee Byers; (November 15) Pat Allen, Jim Hines, Olan Vinson; (November 16) Riley Moseley, Sharon Willeford

**Happy Anniversary to** (November 15) Doug & Patty Campbell, Jim & Barbara Recktenwald

**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, Sue Burel, Rachael Schuelke, Jeanne Smith, Dr. Selby, Robert Terrio, Tubby Zachary

**Long Term:** Kathi Kelley Atkins, Junior Kelley, 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, Myrtle Page, Judy Pendergrass, Michelle Pendergrass, Lila Pollard, Anne Prince, Vangie Rich, Steven Shapiro, 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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**Church Staff:** Rev. Dr. Randy Lucas, Senior Pastor; Rev. Christine Murphy, Assistant Pastor; Sonja DeFoor, Office Manager; Keith Crawford, Financial Secretary; Sherry Bruner & Susan Clearman, Pianists; Marlene & Gary Nix, Sextons; Kristy Martin, Food Services Director; Marcia Franklin, Chancel Choir Director



Veterans' Sunday

Thank you for your service!

LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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November 12, 2023