

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 "Down By the Riverside"
"Shall We Gather at the River"

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Music "Peace Like a River"

Scripture Mark 1:4-11

A Word of Faith Remembering

Remembering Our Baptism

Music "Put Your Hand in the Hand"

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.

UMM Breakfast ~ **UMM Breakfast** - Our next Methodist Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, January 13th @ 8:30am**. Come join us for great fellowship and food. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

2024 Church Leadership Retreat ~ For our 2024 Church Leadership Retreat we will return to the Pinnacle Retreat Center, located at 200 Adventure Lane in Clayton Georgia. Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, January 27th from 10am - 2pm**. We encourage everyone who holds a leadership position in the church to attend, as well as anyone who is interested in the life and ministry of HUMC. Please let Pastor know if you plan to attend - randyhumc@icloud.com.

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!

Church Membership - If you would like to explore Professing, Affiliate or Associate Membership at HUMC, please let Pastor Randy know - randyhumc@icloud.com

Community Table - The Community Table will resume in Spring.

Church Office Closed - MLK Day - January 15th - The church office will be closed on **Monday, January 15th** in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday.

Wednesday Night Supper

Join us at **5:15pm** for a prepared meal. David Hodgson will be leading the second of a four part program at 6pm entitled, "Mental Health 2024."

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries. For the month of **January** we're collecting personal items, dried beans, canned goods, rice, oil, toilet paper, & toiletries for the **Food Pantry**.

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**.

Blood Drive ~ **Monday, January 29th - 10:00-2:00pm** in the F&FC. To make an appointment call Kristy at 526-3376, ext. 107 or 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter HighlandsUMC.

Combined Worship Service at 10am - Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th - Join us as we worship together as One Church family in the Church Sanctuary on **Sunday, February 11th at 10:00am**. Come start the morning with a light breakfast of pastries at 9:15am in the Faith and Fellowship Center. And since it's Super Bowl Sunday, feel free to sport your favorite team colors!

Report on your faithful giving on December 31st -

Giving

General Operating Fund - \$22,104.00

Internal Restricted -
Food Pantry - \$5,000.00
Trustees - \$3,000.00 (New Bus)
Gordon Center - \$125.00
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00
Library - \$100.00
Youth Discretionary - \$100.00
Humane Society - \$75.00

Our 2023 year-to-date financial report through November -
Income - \$520,045.70
Expenses - 632,627.08 (-\$112,581.38)

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 studying "The Chosen" season 3 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

The group is taking a break until Spring. Contact - Debbie Brock at debbiedharris@gmail.com or Sara Mayer at scmayer@nctv.com.

Attendance on January 7th 9:09 - 82 11:00 - 42

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.

