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 -



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.

The 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Baptism of the Lord

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 "When Jesus Came to Jordon"

UMH #252

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 *I've Just Come from the Fountain* -Spiritual/Jefferson

†Doxology "Praise God Fro

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

†Offering Prayer

Anthem Spirit Song -John Wimber

Scripture Mark 1:4-11

Sermon Remembering

Congregational Reaffirmation of Baptism

†Hymn of Faith "Shall We Gather at the River" UMH #723

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude Shine, Jesus, Shine -Kendrick/Clearman

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 Sonia's box across from the church office.

Happy Birthday to (January 15) Janet Chitty
Happy Anniversary to (January 18) Dave & Sabrina Cashion

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...

Dr. John Baumrucker on the death of his wife Carol. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Dr.John at PO Box 295 Scaly Mountain NC 28775. There will be a Celebration of Carol's life on Friday, February 2nd at 2pm at All Souls Episcopal Church in Asheville. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that Memorial Gifts be sent to the Bolivian Mission at PO Box 1358 in Highlands.

The family of Linda Bubenick. Cards of sympathy can be sent to her daughter Kristin Araujoat PO Box 1264, Highlands NC 28741. There will be a celebration of Linda's life at a latertime. Let's keep all of Linda's family in our prayers.

Dabs Potts on the death of his sister, Diana Geneva Potts. Cards of sympathy can be sent to Dabs at 563 Crowe Drive, Highlands, NC 28741.

Prayer List

Short Term: Mike & Shelli Mollow, Garland Reynolds, Jeanne Smith, Robert Terrio

Long Term: Lisa Bullard, Evie Crowe, Kenneth Crowe, Emily Duke, Barry Franklin, Chris Green, Bob Heim, Sarah Hibbits, Bob and Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Greg Knight, Ruth McLarty, Rev. Peter McGuire, Mary Millard, Chris Mullins, Anne Prince, Erika Taylor, Tubby Zachary

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