

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 "Morning Has Broken"
"I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Music "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Scripture Mark 1:21-28

A Word of Faith The One With Authority

Music "Do Lord"

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, February 10th @ 8:30am**. February's guest speaker will be Ed McCloskey. Ed has a very diverse background and will talk about how we sit in, "*The biggest room in the world*," that room is "*The room for improvement*." Come join us for great fellowship and food. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

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!

Coat Drive - A box has been set up in the lobby of the Faith and Fellowship Center for donations of gently used or new winter coats, rain coats, gloves, scarves and hats. A box for monetary donations can be located at the donation station. Thanks for supporting this valuable ministry to our community.

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.

Wednesday Night Supper

Join us at **5:15pm** for a prepared meal. David Hodgson will be leading the last part 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**.

Knitters & Crocheters - If you are interested in being in a knitting or crocheting club at HUMC, please contact Lynn Kleifgen at 404-502-1450.

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.

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.

We will report on January 14th and 21st giving in next week's HUMC News -

Giving

Our 2023 End-of-Year financial report -
Income - \$688,400
Expenses - \$697,704 (-\$9,304)

Sunday School Classes - 10:00am

Seekers Class
Meets in the financial secretary's old office.
Contact - Steve Bruner - stevebruner@gmail.com.

Bob Hood's Class
Meets in the former Scout room. Contact - Bob Hood at bobhood3@gmail.com.

Small Groups

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 and fellowship at the Blue Bike on **Tuesday mornings at 8:15am**.

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study
The group is taking a break until Spring. Contact - Debbie Brock at debbieharris@gmail.com or Sara Mayer at scmayer@nctv.com.

Calling all Crafters - (or those who want to learn or just meet new people). We have craft days and nights once a month. If you have craft ideas to share please contact Jodie Zoellner or Kristy Martin. **Stay tuned for the next meeting day and time.**

Attendance on January 21st 9:09 - 70 11:00 - 30

The 11:00am
Traditional Worship Service

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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 *“Heal Me, Hands of Jesus”* UMH #262

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 *Drop Thy Still Dews of Quietness*
-text: Whittier; music: Clearman

†Doxology *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH #95

†Offering Prayer

Anthem *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* -D Rodger’s and E. Waze

Scripture Mark 1:21-28

Sermon The One With Authority

†Hymn of Faith *“Be Thou My Vision”* UMH #451

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude *The Lord is My Light and My Salvation* -Bouknight

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.

Happy Birthday to (January 28) Dr. Mike Cordle; (January 31) Virginia Barnes, Mary Dotson, Sydnee Gordon, Jim Riddle; (February 1) Glenda Bell, Chris Mouchet

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: Bob Ledford, Mike & Shelli Mollow, Garland Reynolds, Jeanne Smith, Robert Terrio

Long Term: Lisa Bullard, Teresa Calloway, Alice Canup, Evie Crowe, Kenneth Crowe, Emily Duke, Jo Dunham, Barry Franklin, Chris Green, Sue Hall, Bob Heim, Sarah Hibbits, Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Greg Knight, Ruth McLarty, Rev. Peter McGuire, Mary Millard, Chris Mullins, Anne Prince, Nancy Sass, Erika Taylor, Tubby Zachary

Join Our Prayer Circle

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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by Cindy Reed



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