

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

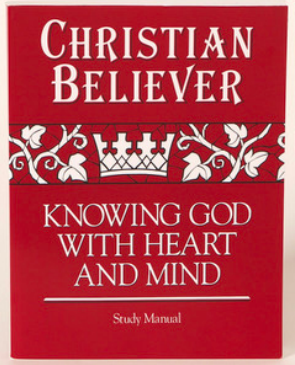
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| Welcome | |
| Music | <i>“Just Over in the Gloryland”</i> <i>“Life’s Railway to Heaven”</i> |
| Joys | |
| A Time to Offer our Gifts to God | |
| A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross | |
| Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer | |
| Music | <i>“Heavenly Sunlight”</i> |
| Scripture | Mark 1:9-15 |
| A Word of Faith | The Unrevealed Temptations |
| Music | <i>“Unclouded Day”</i> |
| Sending Forth | |
| Closing Music | <i>“I’ll Fly Away”</i> |

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, March 9th @ 8:30am**. Come join us for great fellowship and food. All are welcome. Bring a friend!
- BBQ & Bluegrass Dinner** - Will be rescheduled - More details to come.
- Wednesday Night Supper**
Join us at **5:15pm** for a prepared meal. Then join us for a program on fasting led by Bob Hood at **6pm**.
- Spiritual Disciplines for Lent**
21st - (Fasting) - led by Bob Hood
28th - (Prayer) - led by Steve Bruner
March 6th - (Scripture / Lectio Divina) Pastor Randy
- Blood Drive** ~ **Monday, April 8th - 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.

Exciting New Study Beginning
Today Christian Believer - Knowing
God with Mind and Heart

This 30 week study focuses on the major beliefs of the Christian faith, and will be led by Meridith Watson and Jan Potts. Orientation will be **today at 3:00pm**. Books will be provided. Please let Pastor Randy know if you’re interested - randyhumc@icloud.com.



Biblical Storytelling Guild at HUMC

Pastor Randy has been a certified biblical storyteller with the Network of Biblical Storytellers since 2012. He has presented the scripture through storytelling on numerous occasions at HUMC. He would love to work with individuals from the HUMC family who would be interested in learning biblical texts by heart. Sound interesting? Please contact Pastor Randy for more information - randyhumc@icloud.com.

First Wednesday Prayer Group

Would you be interested in being part of a monthly prayer group at HUMC? If so, you’re invited to join us at **11am** in the Parlor for our next First Wednesday Prayer Group on **Wednesday, March 6th**. These are informal gatherings to pray for the people on our short-term and long-term prayer lists, for one another and the church, and to encourage and support each other in our journeys of faith.

Short-Term Lenten Sunday School Class led by
Dr. Mike Cordle February 25th - March 24th

How can you keep your faith intact while trying to navigate through life’s most challenging questions? The season of Lent is a good time to ponder the deep questions of life and faith. If you don’t currently have a Sunday School Class, you’re invited to join Dr. Mike for a 5-week study of Eugenia Price’s book, *No Pat Answers- Looking Squarely at Life’s Most Difficult Questions*. Books will be provided. The class will meet at **10:00am** in the church parlor. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Mike Cordle - drmikecordle@hotmail.com.

Church Membership

If you would like to explore Professing, Affiliate or Associate Membership at HUMC, please let Pastor Randy know - randyhumc@icloud.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. **Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:00pm**.

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**.

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.
For the month of **February** we're collecting: travel-sized shampoo, travel-size toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, socks, band-aids, feminine hygiene products, razors, soap, hairbrushes, and combs for various missions.

Here is the account of your faithful
giving for February 4th -

Giving

General Operating Fund
\$7,790.13

Internal Restricted
Pastor’s Fund - \$260.00
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00
Library - \$100.00
Youth Discretionary Fund - \$20.00

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.

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. Thank you for your support!

Attendance on February 11th Combined Service - 132

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. See the HUMC News for a link to sign up.

The 11:00am
Traditional Worship Service
First Sunday in Lent



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| Prelude | | |
| Welcome | | |
| Opening Prayer | | |
| Hymn | <i>“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”</i> | UMH # 269 |
| Affirmation of Faith | <i>The Apostles' Creed</i> | UMH p. 881 |
| Pastoral Prayer | | |
| The Lord’s Prayer | | |
| <i>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.</i> | | |
| Joys | | |
| Tithes and Offerings | | |
| Offertory | <i>Ukrainian Waltz</i> | -trad. Ukrainian |
| Doxology | <i>"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"</i> UMH #95 | |
| Offering Prayer | | |
| Anthem | <i>Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley/Swing Low</i> arr. Douglas E. Wagner | |
| Scripture | Mark 1:9-15 | |
| Sermon | The Unrevealed Temptations | |
| Hymn | <i>“Take Time to Be Holy”</i> | UMH #395 |
| Dismissal with Blessing | | |
| Postlude | <i>Jesus, Tempted in the Desert [EBENEZER]</i> | -Williams |

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... (February 18) Kenan Lewis; (February 19) Wayne LaCoe, Nancy Speer; (February 23) Emily Crowe, John Gordon; (February 24) Keith Hall, Mary James

Happy Anniversary to... (February 19) Keith & Janice Hall; (February 22) Chip & Mac Ramsay

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.

We offer our Christian sympathies to the families of...

Gay Kattel - A Celebration of Gay's Life will be held in the HUMC Sanctuary on Saturday, February 24th at 11am with a reception to follow in the Faith and Fellowship Center. Let's continue to keep her daughter Cindy and all of Gay's family in our prayers. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Cindy Price at 192 Blackland Drive, Atlanta GA 30342.

Bob Ledford - Let's remember Bob's family in our prayers. Cards of sympathy may be sent to his sister Linda Ledford at 184 Martin Carson Drive in Danielsville Georgia 30633, and Naomi Chastain at PO Box 2350, Highlands NC 28741.

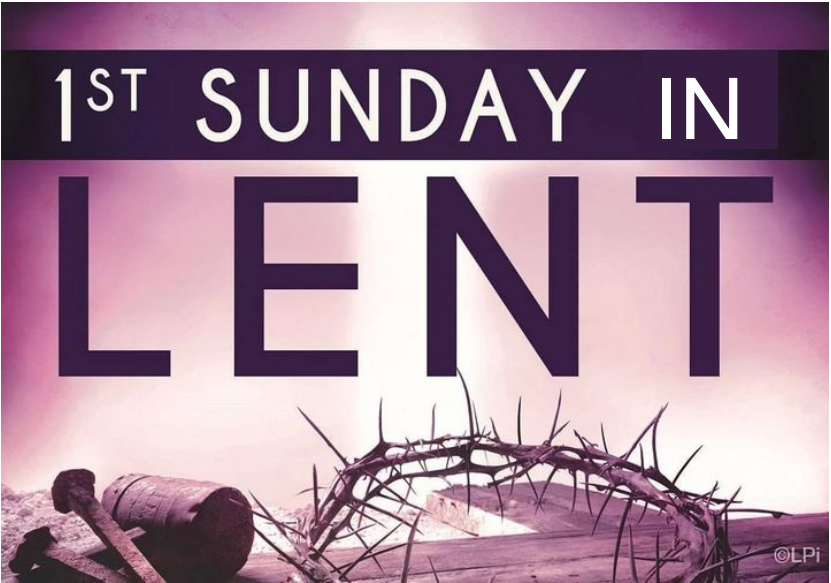
Prayer List

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

Long Term: Lisa Bullard, Teresa Calloway, Alice Canup, Evie Crowe, Kenneth Crowe, Paul "Dink" Dalton, Emily Duke, Jo Dunham, Chris Green, Sue Hall, Bob Heim, Sarah Hibbits, Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Greg Knight, Ruth McLarty, Mary Millard, Chris Mullins, Verlin Mortin, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, Nancy Sass, Erika Taylor, Rachel Thompson, Tubby Zachary

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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



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

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February 18, 2024