

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	<i>“This is the Day”</i>	
	<i>“Give Me That Old Time Religion”</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>“Create in Me a Clean Heart”</i>	909 Band
Scripture	Mark 8:31-38	
A Word of Faith	When Losing is Gaining - The Paradox of Faith	
Music	<i>“The Old Rugged Cross”</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. **JOY Group will not meet this Thursday.**
- 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** - Join us for a fun night out with BBQ and Bluegrass on March 15 from 6-8. No cost to attend but please RSVP to Kristy to make sure we have enough tables!

Wednesday Night Supper

Join us at **5:15pm** for a prepared meal. Then join us for a program on Prayer led by Steve Bruner at **6pm**.

Spiritual Disciplines for Lent

- 28th - (Prayer) - led by Steve Bruner
- March 6th - (Scripture / Lectio Divina) Pastor Randy
- March 13th - (Audio Divina) - Pastor Christine

Attendance on February 18th 909 - 115 11:00 - 46

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.

Christian Believer - Knowing God with Mind and Heart

It's not too late to be part of this exciting new 30-week study led by Meridith Watson and Jan Potts. Orientation was held this past Sunday. Contact Jan or Meridith this week if you're interested and they can bring you up to speed on the class. janpotts5@gmail.com merwats61@yahoo.com

"Holy Conversations" A Short-Term Small Group Spiritual Direction Experience

You're invited to join Pastor Randy during the Season of Lent for a time of silence, prayer, holy listening and conversation. In-person and online options are available. If you would like more information, or if this sounds interesting to you, please let Pastor Randy know by **today** - 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.

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.

The Altar flowers

in the church this morning are given in memory of Gay Kattel by college friends from Emory...Sarah, Kemper, and Jane.

Here is the account of your faithful giving for February 11th -

Giving

General Operating Fund
\$6,735.00

Internal Restricted
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00
Pastor's Fund - \$70.00

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.

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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**.

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.

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!

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



Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn "Where He Leads Me" UMH #338

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH p. 881

Pastoral 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 Holy Holy Holy arr. Hayes

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

Offering Prayer

Anthem Would I Have Answered When You Called
arr: Ralph Vaughn Williams

Scripture Mark 8:31-38

Sermon When Losing is Gaining - The Paradox of Faith

Hymn "Take Up Thy Cross" UMH #415

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude I Will Glorify in the Cross arr. Hayes

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 25) Gloria Padgett, Michelle Pendergrass; (February 26) Andrea Gabbard, Mitzi Raders; (February 29) Debbie Brock

Happy Anniversary to... (February 25) Bob & Sandy Carlton)

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: Brock Hutchins, Mike & Shelli Mollow, Garland Reynolds, Joy Rose, Jeanne Smith, Robert Terrio

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



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