

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 "Standing on the Promises"  
"Since Jesus Came Into my Heart"

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Music "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Scripture 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A Word of Faith Foolish Preaching

Holy Communion

Music "I Surrender All"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

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**. Our guest speaker for March will be our own Dave Jellison. Dave is a retired FBI agent. Dave will talk about his 30 plus years with the FBI and what it was like to be a FBI Field Agent from the mid-60s through 1990 in Miami, Florida. 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 **6-8pm**. No cost to attend but please RSVP to Kristy to make sure we have enough tables!

**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.

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. If you think you might be interested, please contact Pastor Randy **today** - randyhumc@icloud.com.

Short-Term Lenten Sunday School Class  
led by Dr. Mike Cordle - Now thru 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 study of Eugenia Price's book, *No Pat Answers- Looking Squarely at Life's Most Difficult Questions*. Classes will meet each Sunday through March 24th. Books will be provided. The class meets at 10:00am in the church parlor. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Mike Cordle - drmiccordle@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. 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

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). Join us for crafts with pennies and votive holders. 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 **March** we're collecting lotion, chapstick, tissue, socks, and small items residents may enjoy at The Fidelia Eckerd Center.

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!

Here is the account of your faithful giving for February 18th -

General Operating Fund  
\$14,642.48

Internal Restricted  
Pastor's Fund - \$810.00  
New Van - \$550.00  
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00  
Youth Discretionary Funds - \$50.00

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**.

Wednesday Night Supper

Join us at **5:15pm** for a covered dish meal. Then join us for a program on *Lectio Divina* led by Pastor Randy at **6pm**.

Spiritual Disciplines for Lent

**March 6th** - (Scripture / *Lectio Divina*) Pastor Randy  
**March 13th** - (Audio *Divina*) - Pastor Christine  
**March 20th** - (Video *Divina*) Pastor Christine

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. Handouts available today

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



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**Don't forget** to set your clocks ahead next Sunday.

**Attendance on February 24th** 909 - 106 11:00 - 52

**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 Anniversary to...** (March 5) Griffin & Glenda Bell

**Happy Birthday to...** (March 3) Bob Sutton, Dakota Waddell; (March 4) George Miffleton; (March 5) Coby Bloedow; (March 6) Jim Spencer; (March 7) Teresa Williams; (March 8) Beth Ham, Kathy Smith

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

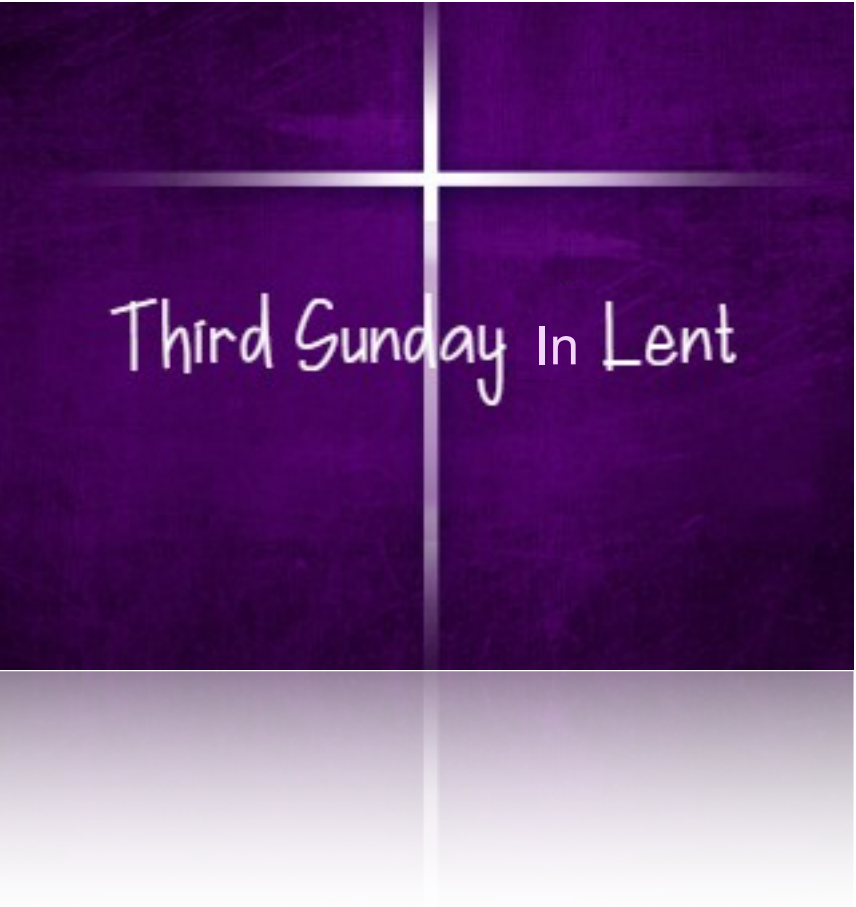
**Long Term:** Lucy, Lisa Bullard, Teresa Calloway, Evie Crowe, Kenneth Crowe, Paul "Dink" Dalton, Emily Duke, Jo Durham, Gina Fox, Chris Green, Sue Hall, Bob Heim, Sarah Hibbits, Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Greg Knight, Jenny Lomax, Ruth McLarty, Mary Millard, Chris Mullins, Verlin Mortin, Michelle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



LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

Highlands United  
Methodist Church

March 3, 2024