

## 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 "Just a Little Talk with Jesus"  
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Special Music "Lord of the Dance" 909 Band

Scripture Mark 11:1-11

A Word of Faith And So It Begins

Music "Blessed Assurance"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

### 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.

### 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.

### Church Membership

If you would like to explore Professing, Affiliate or Associate Membership at HUMC, please let Pastor Randy know - randyhumc@icloud.com.

### Wednesday Night Supper

Join us at 5:15pm for a prepared meal. Then join us for A Holy Week Service of Healing at 6pm. No Supper April 3rd.

### Food Pantry in need of Volunteers

The Food Pantry has an immediate volunteer need on Thursdays from April 8-May 13. Please call Bonnie Dayton at 200-5524 for more details.

## Holy Week Schedule



Service of Healing ~ March 27th - 6pm in the F&FC

Holy Thursday Service ~ March 28th at 5:30pm in the sanctuary

Good Friday Service ~ March 29th at 5:30pm in the sanctuary

Easter Sunday ~ Sunday, March 31st

Sunrise Service at the Easter Cross on the front lawn at 7:15am

Easter Worship Services ~ 9:09 & 11:00am

- You may provide an Easter Lily for the sanctuary

Potluck Easter Brunch ~ 10:00am in the F&FC

Easter Egg Hunt ~ 10:15am on the front lawn

## Church Happenings

**JOY Group** ~ Our JOY Group (Just Older Youth) meets for lunch and fellowship on **Thursdays at 11:30am** in the F&FC. **No JOY Group April 4th.**

**First Wednesday Prayer Group** ~ Join us at **11am** in the Parlor for our next First Wednesday Prayer Group on **April 3rd**. 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.

**Crafters** (or those who want to learn or just meet new people). Join us for crafts the 2nd Monday of each month at **5:00pm**. If you have craft ideas to share please contact Jodie Zoellner or Kristy Martin. Next meeting is **April 8th**.

**UMM Breakfast ~ UMM Breakfast** - Our next Methodist Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, April 13th @ 8:30am**. For April our guest speaker will be Dave O'Hara. Dave is the current President of the Rotary Club of Highlands. Dave will talk about Rotary and their "Mission Statement" and how it is benefiting the residents of the Highlands area. Come join us for great fellowship and food. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

**Messy Church- June 2nd** from 4-6:30pm in the F&FC. Join us for a worship service like no other! All ages, creativity, celebration, fellowship & food.

The church office will be closed **Easter Monday, April 1st.**

### The rose on the altar

this morning is given in honor of the birth of Jackson Walker Smith, son of Sam & Brittany Smith, and grandson of Tricia Smith.

## Potluck Easter Brunch

**Breakfast casseroles and pastries** needed for Easter Brunch on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

Please let Kristy know what you plan to bring.

Items are needed at the church at 9:30am.

Here is the account of your faithful giving for March 10th -

Giving

General Operating Fund  
\$5,858.00

Internal Restricted  
Pastor's Fund - \$250.00  
Backpack Ministry - \$230.16  
Bolivian Mission - \$125.00  
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00  
Youth Discretionary Fund - \$50.00

Our 2024 Year-to-date financial report through February-  
Income - \$64,479.68  
Expenses - \$113,088.79 (-\$48,609.11)

## 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**.

### Christian Believer - Knowing God with Mind and Heart

30-week study led by Meridith Watson and Jan Potts on **Sundays** from **3-4:30pm** in the old Fellowship Hall. Contact Jan or Meridith for more information at janpotts5@gmail.com merwats61@yahoo.com.

### Be a part of our Living Cross on Easter Sunday....

Bring a flower from your yard or one purchased. It will be placed on the Easter Cross!

### 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.

### 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  
Palm Sunday



<b>Prelude</b>	<i>The Holy City</i>	Les Scott, soloist
<b>Welcome</b>		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"</i>	UMH #278
<b>Affirmation of Faith</b>	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	UMH p. 881
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<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>	
<b>Joys</b>		
<b>Tithes and Offerings</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>We Will Glorify</i>	-Hayes
<b>Doxology</b>	<i>"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	UMH #95
<b>Offering Prayer</b>		
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Hosanna</i>	-Carl Tuttle
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Mark 11:1-11</b>	
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>And So It Begins</b>	
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"</i>	UMH #298
<b>Dismissal with Blessing</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>In Classic Style</i>	-L. Smith

**Attendance on March 17th** 909 - 121 11:00 - 50

**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 24) Warren & Jane Lineberger; (March 27) Jeff & Nancy Butler

**Happy Birthday to...** (March 24) Stephanie Smart; (March 25) Pete Kleifgen; (March 26) Art Heller, Vangie Rich

**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 the family and friends of Ray & Becky McCaskill. We recently learned they have both passed away.

**Prayer List**

**Short Term:** Evelyn Hall, Brock Hutchins, Dorothy Lyles & family, 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, Mike Lunsford, Ruth McLarty, Karen Miglionico, Mary Millard, Chris Mullins, Verlin Mortin, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, Nancy Sass, Bryan & Uli Steiner, 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 24, 2024