

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"
"Seek Ye First"

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Music "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

Scripture John 20:19-31

A Word of Faith Blessed are the Believers

Music "Give Thanks"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

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 or merwats61@yahoo.com.

Wednesday Night Supper

Join us at **5:15pm** in the F&FC for a prepared meal.

Attendance on March 31st 909 - 203 11:00 - 140

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.

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.

For the month of **April** we're collecting gently used hand towels, coloring books, 12 count colored pencils, and water bottles for Little Children of the World.

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.

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.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers in the church this morning are given in loving memory of Herb James by his wife, Barbara James and his children, Leigh, Allan, Jeff, Cindy, and Melanie.

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.



Here is the account of your faithful giving for March 24th -

Giving

General Operating Fund
\$6,924.00

Internal Restricted
Pastor's Fund - \$100.00
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00
Library - \$100.00
Youth Discretionary Fund - \$25.00
Food Pantry - \$20.00

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.

Church Happenings

JOY Group ~ Our JOY Group (Just Older Youth) meets for lunch and fellowship on **Thursdays at 11:30am** in the F&FC.

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!

First Wednesday Prayer Group ~ Join us at **11am** in the Parlor for our next First Wednesday Prayer Group on **May 1st**. 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.

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 11:00am
Traditional Worship Service
Second Sunday of Easter



Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn "We Walk by Faith" TFWS #2196

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 It is Well With My Soul arr. M. Mier

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

Offering Prayer

Anthem Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus arr. Stan Pethel

Scripture John 20:19-31

Sermon Blessed are the Believers

Hymn "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" UMH #462

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude Because He Lives -Gaither

Happy Anniversary to... (April 9) Wayne & Nancy LaCoe; (April 11) Dan & Jo Ann Chapman; (April 13) Fred & Kathy Smith

Happy Birthday to... (April 7) Jim Bryson; (April 8) Susan Hood, Nancy LaCoe, Kay Shirley, Jimmy Tate; (April 12) Susan Kay; (April 13) Penelope McRae

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.

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

- Christy Mullins (Weller) and family on the death of her husband Chris. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Christy at PO Box 1722, Highlands, NC 28741
- Martha Schweitz and family on the death of her mother Jo Durham. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Martha at 12980 SW 113th Place, Tigard, OR 97223.

Prayer List

Short Term: Sue Burel, Emily & Winston Decker, Joy Rose, Jeanne Smith, Robert Terrio

Long Term: Phil Caldwell & family, Teresa Calloway, Kenneth Crowe, Emily & Winston Decker, Emily Duke, Chris Green, Sue Hall, Bob Heim, Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Greg Knight, Jenny Lomax, Mike Lunsford, Karen Miglionico, Mary Millard, Verlin Mortin, Steve Murphy, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, Bryan & Uli Steiner, Erika Taylor, 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 to be a part of this ministry.

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LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

Highlands United
Methodist Church

April 7, 2024