

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 "When the Saints Go Marching In"
"Just Over in the Gloryland"

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Music "Peace in the Valley"

Scripture John 10:11-18

A Word of Faith The Good Shepherd

Music "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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.
Then plan to stay for our program at 6pm. (Part 2)
"Q & A with a Psychiatrist" with Dr. Don Feibelman.

Attendance on April 7th 909 - 126 11:00 - 53

2024 General Conference

The denominational decision-making body of The United Methodist Church meets every four years (with the exception of 2020 when it was postponed by a global pandemic). The 2024 General Conference begins April 23rd in Charlotte, North Carolina. United Methodists across our global denomination are asked to be in prayer for all delegates, volunteers and leaders, and for our time-honored Methodist tradition of Holy Conferencing.

Stay Informed about General Conference

You can receive the latest information about General Conference by bookmarking the Western North Carolina Conference website - <https://www.wnccumc.org/gc2024> and by signing up for email updates from E News - <https://wnc-email.brapp.com/subscribe>.

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

In addition, United Methodists in our Western North Carolina Conference are invited to participate in a 24 hour prayer vigil. Sample prayers are available as well as a prayer vigil sign-up sheet.

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.

Blood Drive ~ Monday, June 3rd - 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.

Food Pantry in need of Volunteers

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

Vacation Bible School

Camp Firelight A Summer Camp Adventure with God

June 3-6 from 5:15pm - 8pm

Ages: Pre-K4 to High School

Registration forms can be found placed around the church.
Contact Elizabeth Gordon for more information at elizabethrobbyn244@gmail.com.



Here is the account of your faithful giving for April 7th -

Giving

General Operating Fund
\$7,103.00

Internal Restricted
Pastor's Fund - \$320.00
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00
Children's Discretionary Fund - \$25.00
Youth Discretionary Fund - \$20.00

Our 2024 Year-to-date financial report through March-
Income - \$127,786.05
Expenses - \$174,539.07 (-\$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.

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.

UMM Breakfast ~ UMM Breakfast - Our next Methodist Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, May 11th @ 8:30am**. Come join us for great fellowship and food. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

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 **May 13th**.

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.

Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamboat

The HUMC family is invited to an evening at the Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts to see Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on **Friday, July 12th at 7pm**. Transportation via van is available. Tickets are \$20 for adults & \$14 for students. Email Kandyss Cordle if you would like to attend. (kandysscordle@gmail.com). Checks can be made out to HUMC - please note THEATER on your check. We will meet at the church at 5:30pm. **Deadline** to reserve your ticket with Kandyss AND pay is **May 15**.

The 11:00am
Traditional Worship Service
Fourth Sunday of Easter



Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" UMH #381

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 Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works
-Native American trad/Clearman

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

Offering Prayer

Anthem Touch the Earth Lightly Words: S. E. Murray
Music: Colin Gibson

Scripture John 10:11-18

Sermon The Good Shepherd

Hymn "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" UMH #128

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude The Heavens Are Telling -Haydn

Breakfast Volunteers Needed - Volunteer dishwashers are needed for our 9:09 breakfast. Please see Kristy for the schedule.

Happy Anniversary to... (April 24) Frank & Emily Buskirk

Happy Birthday to... (April 22) Priscilla Flowers; (April 23) Becky Baker, Wilda Boyette, Robin Phillips, Carol Shuttleworth; (April 24) Ken Adams; (April 25) Randy Lucas

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.

Prayer List

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

Long Term: Phil Caldwell & family, Teresa Calloway, Kenneth Crowe, Emily & Winston Decker, Emily Duke, Kelsie Billingsley Garrett, Chris Green, Sue Hall, Bob Heim, Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Greg Knight, Jenny Lomax, Mike Lunsford, Ruth McLarty, Karen Miglionico, Mary Millard, Verlin Martin, Steve Murphy, Michelle Pendergrass, Anne Prince, Bryan & Uli Steiner, Erika Taylor, Sharon Woods

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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