

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 "Do Lord"
"Standing on the Promises"

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Music "In the Garden"

Scripture John 5:1-11

A Word of Faith In the Vineyard

Music "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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. "Wednesday Night Sunday School" with Bob Hood "What Comes Next".

Attendance on April 21st 909 - 106 11:00 - 44

Breakfast Volunteers Needed

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

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 continues through May 3rd 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>.

General Conference Live Video Stream

Live coverage of the 2024 General Conference in Charlotte is available at the following link - <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020/live-stream>

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.

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 elizabethrobyn244@gmail.com.



Items Needed for VBS:

Empty paper towel rolls, bulbs with wands, & pie tins.

Here is the account of your faithful giving for April 14th -

Giving

General Operating Fund
\$5,588.36

Internal Restricted
Library - \$100.00
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00
Pastor's Fund - \$90.00

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.

Pastor Randy in Charlotte N.C. This Week ~ Pastor Randy will be spending the week in Charlotte, **Monday April 29th - Friday May 3rd**, serving as a volunteer Spiritual Director during General Conference at the Charlotte Convention Center.

Blessing of the New Church Van ~ **Next Sunday, May 5th** between the **909 and 11am** Worship Services, join us in the circle drive in front of the F&FC as we pray God's blessings on our new Highlands United Methodist Church Van. Thanks to Mike Bryson and the HUMC Trustees for providing leadership for this exciting new addition to our church family.

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



Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour" UMH #397

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 Forever/ Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr. Tornquist

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

Offering Prayer

Special Music Because He Lives Gary Clark

Scripture John 5:1-11

Sermon In the Vineyard

Hymn "Abide With Me" UMH #700

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus/
In Christ Alone My Hope is Found arr. Tornquist

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**.

Special Concert this afternoon at 3:00pm ~ Our very own Marcia Franklin will be participating and featured in a special musical event on the campus of Western North Carolina University. This is a free concert and everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

Happy Anniversary to... (April 29) Brandon & Leigh Ivy; (May 2) Donnie & Linda Edwards; (May 3) Wise & Betsy Batten; (May 4) Buz & Mary Dotson

Happy Birthday to... (April 28) Dave Cashion, Mike Plaster; (April 30) Vicki Heller; (May 1) Tom Brock, Allan James, Collin Weller; (May 2) Ken Carrig

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... Paula Gordon and family on the loss of her brother Verlin Morton. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Paula at 82 Choctaw Road, Highlands.

Prayer List

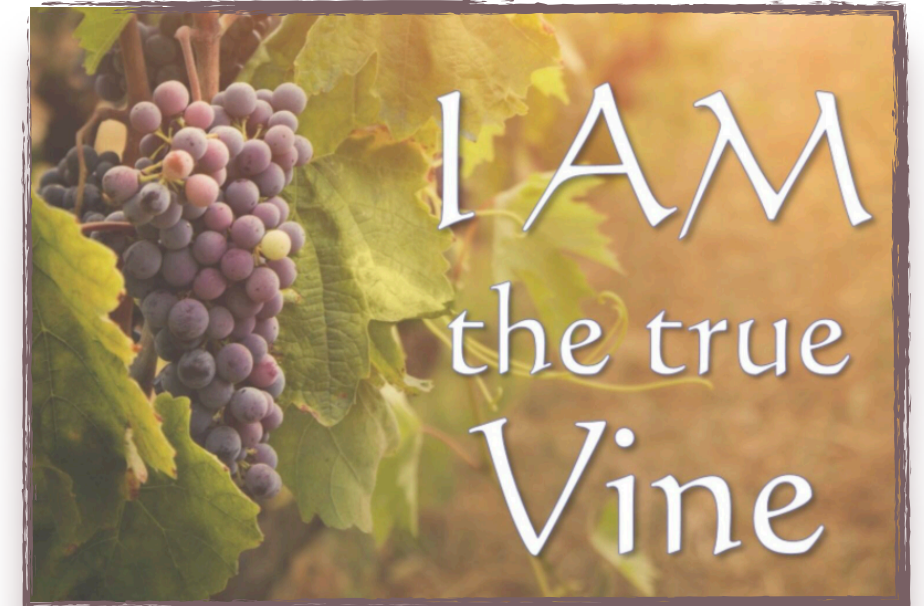
Short Term: Sue Burel, Emily & Winston Decker, Wanda Hawthorne, Joy Rose, Maggie Seitter, Jeanne Smith, Robert Terrio

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

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