

# 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 "This Little Light of Mine"  
"Give Me That Old Time Religion"

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 "Leave It In the Hands of the Lord"  
Darren & Jennifer

Scripture Ephesians 4:25-5:2

A Word of Faith Words

Music "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Here is the report of your faithful giving  
on August 4th -

**Giving**

**General Fund**  
\$11,609.00

**Internal Restricted**  
Bolivia Mission - \$2,000.00  
Backpack Ministry - \$350.00  
Pastor's Fund - \$350.00

Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00  
Library - \$100.00  
Youth - \$20.00

**Our 2024 Year-to-date financial report through June**

Income - \$250,178.47  
Expenses - \$370,566.57 (-\$120,388.10)

## Church Happenings

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

**Church Nursery** - We are delighted to announce that Terri Kennedy and Vivian Bryson-Kennedy are staffing our nursery on Sunday mornings! The nursery is available from **8:45am until Noon** for children ages birth through 4 years old.

**Summer Eucharist** - You're invited to join us for a brief service of Holy Communion on **Sundays at 8:30am** through August in the Church Sanctuary. These services are approximately **15 - 20 minutes** in length.

**First Wednesday Prayer Group** ~ Join us at **11am** in the Parlor for our next First Wednesday Prayer Group on **September 4th**. 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, September 14th @ 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 **August 12th**.

**Craft Bazaar - Saturday, September 28th - More details to come.**

### Wednesday Night Supper this week

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

### Upcoming Wednesday Night Programs at 6pm

Aug. 14th - "Our Relationship to Money" - David Hodgson (Part 3)  
Aug. 21st - "Meet the Cast of HCP's 'The Lifespan of a Fact.'"  
Aug. 28th - "Trivia Night with Mike" Labor Day Edition

### Community Table ~ September 3rd

Come join us on the **first Tuesday** of the month at the Highlands Community Building at **6pm** for a great time of food and fellowship!

### Blood Drive ~ Monday, August 12th - 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.

**Attendance on August 4th** 909 - 190 11:00 - 50

### Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.

For the month of **August** we're collecting collecting soaps, deodorant, razors, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, & hair brushes for the women at Life Challenge.

## 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.

### Pastor's Summer Sunday School Class Through August

This summer we will be reading selected works from Kate Bowler. Dr. Bowler is a bestselling author and Duke professor who speaks authentically into the human condition from a posture of deep faith. Please let Pastor Randy know if you are interested in being part of the class - randyhumc@icloud.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 or merwats61@yahoo.com.

## Notes from our Ministries Team

### Volunteer opportunity -

Do you enjoy writing cards? We are doing a card writing campaign to send to our active military members. Cards and instructions are in a basket on the F&FC donation center. Please see Kristy for details.

### And...

The plans for our fall bazaar are in full swing. We are looking for crafts to be donated and lots of volunteers. Please see Jodie or Kristy for more information. And make sure to check out some of the items we'll be selling on the F&FC donation center!

### Weekly Radio Message

Did you know Pastor Randy offers a weekly radio message on WHLC, 104.5FM in Highlands? It airs Sunday mornings at approximately **11:00am**.

**The 11:00am**  
**Traditional Worship Service**  
*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

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**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn**                    *"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"*                    UMH #402

**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**                    *Wonderful Words of Life*                    arr. S. Pethel

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

**Offering Prayer**

**Anthem**                    *To Know You More*                    -Joel Horness

**Scripture**                    **Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

**Sermon**                    **Words**

**Hymn**                    *"O How He Loves You and Me"*                    TFWS #2108

**Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude**                    *Bind Us Together*                    arr. M. Hayes

**Happy Birthday to...**(August 13) Kaitlin Moore; (August 16) Dorothy Huckabee; (August 17) Ann Marie Crowe, Alex Osteen, Janet Young

**Happy Anniversary to...** (August 15) Randy & Kathy Lucas; (August 16) Greg & Teresa Williams

**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:** Allison & Denise, David Hawthorne, Jeanie Edwards-Jones, Joy Rose, Mary Ann Skinner, Jeanne Smith, Sallie Tallent, Jerri Talley, Robert Terrio

**Long Term:** Preston Atwood, Larry Baldwin, Cynthia Berg, Janet Clarke, Greg Clarkson, Kenneth Crowe, Bill Drodsik, Betty Ann Emmert, Dan Gordon, Mickel Graham, Janet Heim, Sarah Hibbits, Cathy Hodgson, Sammie Houston, Jeff James, Lois Long, Jenny Lomax, Mike Lunsford, Ruth McLarty, Karen Miglionico, Mary Millard, Jan Moriarty, Gloria Munger, Steve Murphy, Melody Olfield, Nathaniel Picklesimer, Brenda Pierson, Anne Prince, Vangie Rich, Dennis Schulte, Ruby Shaheen, Rod Smith, Dale Sticka, Erika Taylor, Janet Wilson

**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



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