

# 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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"  
"Blessed Assurance"

Joys

Prayer for the School Year

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Special Music "Pray My Way Out of Trouble"  
Darren & Jennifer Nicholson

Scripture Ephesians 6:10-20

A Word of Faith Be Prepared

Reception of New Members

Music "I Shall Not Be Moved"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Here is the report of your faithful giving  
on August 18th -

**Giving**

General Fund  
\$10,602.00

Internal Restricted  
Missions - \$250.00  
Pastor's Fund - \$160.00  
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00  
Library - \$100.00  
Summer Camp - \$50.00  
Gordon Center - \$40.00  
Youth Discretionary - \$25.00

Our 2024 Year-to-date financial report through July

Income - \$295,361.73  
Expenses - \$428,528.47 (-\$133,166.74)

**Welcome new members** - We're delighted to welcome Bill & Lori Mattice today into affiliate membership at Highlands United Methodist Church. We gladly welcome them today to our church family!

## 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.

**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.

**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 **September 9th**.

**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!

**Craft Bazaar - Saturday, September 28th - 10 - 2pm**  
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!

**Please keep keep all children, teachers, staff and volunteers in your prayers for the upcoming school year.**

### 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. 28th - Report of Children & Youth & Family Ministries with Pastor Christine

### Wednesday Night Programs in September

Each Wednesday Night during the month of September, we'll hear from some of our ministry partners. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about some of the vital work in our local community and across the globe that we support at HUMC.

### 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!

### 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**

## 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 or merwats61@yahoo.com.

## Biblical Storytelling at HUMC

Pastor Randy is a member of the Network of Biblical Storytellers, whose mission is to encourage everyone to learn and tell biblical stories. This can be a helpful devotional practice that can deepen one's relationship to the Holy Scriptures. Pastor Randy is looking to form a team of biblical storytellers at HUMC. If this sounds interesting to you, or you'd like to learn more about it, please contact Pastor Randy - randyhumc@icloud.com

## Calling All Zombies

Would you like to participate in a choreographed flash mob of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" on Main Street in Highlands with your HUMC family and community friends this Halloween? If so, please contact Pastor Randy. We plan to begin rehearsals in September. Date and time TBD. randyhumc@icloud.com

## Blood Drive ~ Monday, October 14th - 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.

**Thank you** to Colleen Holt for planting the flowers outside the F&FC doors!!

## 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.

**Attendance on August 18th** 909 - 196 11:00 - 50

The 11:00am  
Traditional Worship Service  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" UMH #514

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

Prayer for the School Year

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Trumpet Tune in Bb -Melby

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

Offering Prayer

Anthem Great Is the Lord  
-Michael W. Scott/Deborah D. Smith

Scripture Ephesians 6:10-20

Sermon Be Prepared

Hymn "Go Forth for God" UMH #670

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude We've a Story to Tell to the Nations -Nichol

**Happy Birthday to...**(August 28) Emily Gabbard, Cecil Hines, Luke Osteen, Barb Recktenwald; (August 29) Buz Dotson; (August 30) Heather Felder, Christine Murphy

**Happy Anniversary to...** (August 28) Fred & Elizabeth Motz; (August 30) Gary & Cathy Clark

**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.

**Our prayers & sympathies** go out to the family & friends of Jim Aliff who recently passed away.

Prayer List

**Short Term:** Allison & Denise, David Hawthorne, Lauren Heard, Jeanie Edwards-Jones, Chris Owen, Jenna Roberts, Jeanne Smith, Robert Terrio, Jacob White

**Long Term:** Preston Atwood, Larry Baldwin, Cynthia Berg, Janet Clarke, Greg Clarkson, Kenneth Crowe, Bill Droidsik, Betty Ann Emmert, Dan Gordon, Mickel Graham, Janet Heim, Sarah Hibbits, 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

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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