

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 "The Church in the Wildwood"
"Morning Has Broken"

Joys

A Time to Offer our Gifts to God

A Time to Share our Concerns at the Cross

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Music "Love Lifted Me"

Scripture Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A Word of Faith A Matter of the Heart

Music "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

Sending Forth

Closing Music "I'll Fly Away"

Giving

We will report on giving for August 25th
in next week's bulletin.

Our 2024 Year-to-date financial report through July

Income - \$295,361.73

Expenses - \$428,528.47 (-\$133,166.74)

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!

Wednesday Night Supper this week

Join us at **5:15pm** for a potluck meal in the F&FC.
Please bring a dish to share.

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. Our first rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 5th at 5:30pm** in the Faith and Fellowship Center..
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.

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.
For the month of **September** we're collecting collecting dog & cat food, treats, toys, and bedding for the Humane Society

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

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* UMH #189

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 *Give Thanks/Canon in D* -Smith & Pachelbel/Clearman

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

Offering Prayer

Anthem *Blest Are They* -David Haas/Michael Jonas

Scripture **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Sermon **A Matter of the Heart**

Hymn *"Take My Life, and Let It Be"* UMH #399

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude *O Young and Fearless Prophet* -Dykes/Clearman

Happy Birthday to...(September 1) April Getz; (September 4) Ann Marie Moore, Gloria Smith; (September 5) Frank Edwards, Wayne Crowe, Dennis Leftwich

Happy Anniversary to... (September 1) Bill & Evelyn Hall; (September 2) James & Claire Neely

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, Lauren Heard, David Hawthorne, 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 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 to be a part of this ministry.

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