

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

Special Music "A Friend Like You" Lee Ladensack

Scripture Hebrews 10:11-25

A Word of Faith The Encouraging Congregation

Music "Give Thanks"

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**.

Blood Drive ~ Monday, December 16th - 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.

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**.

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 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.

UMM Breakfast ~ The Methodist Men's group will not meet in December.

Deck the Halls ~ On Monday, **November 25th**, join us as we decorate the Faith & Fellowship Center for Advent & Christmas.
Time - TBA

Community Thanksgiving Dinner ~ Join us for dinner on **Tuesday, November 26th at 6:00pm** at the Highlands Rec park. Prepared meals will be delivered to anyone in need. Let us know if you are anyone would like a meal delivered and for how many. Please see Kristy to volunteer.

Messy Church ~ **December 1st - 5-7pm** in the F&FC. Something Is Coming: Advent Creativity, Celebration, & Fellowship. Join us for a worship service like no other! **All-Ages are welcome!**

Highlands Christmas Parade ~ **Saturday, December 7th at 10:00am**. The Camels are coming! After the parade meet back at the church for hot cider, cookies, fellowship, and picture taking with the camels.

Breakfast with Santa ~ On **Saturday, December 14th** join us for a very special family tradition! Families are invited to gather at **8:30am** for breakfast followed by a visit from Santa Claus!

Crafters ~ Join us the 2nd Monday of each month at **5pm**. See Kristy Martin or Jodie Zoellner for more information. The next meeting is **January 13th**.

Wednesday Night Supper this week

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

Upcoming Wednesday Night Programs

November 20th - "Trivia Night with Mike" Holiday Edition
November 27th - No Wednesday night meal or program
December 4th - One man presentation of "A Christmas Carol" - Don Germano
December 11th - Meet the Cast of NGCP's Production of "A Christmas Carol"
December 18th - After-School Christmas Play
December 25th - Merry Christmas! No Wednesday night meal or program

F&FC Circle Doors Locked During the Week

As an extra layer of weekday security, we've begun locking the main doors at the circle drive of the F&FC on weekdays when events are not in progress. Please use the main street entrance for access.

Toys for Tots

Boxes are ready for donations! Accepting new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls of all ages.

Here's report of your faithful giving on Sunday, November 3rd

Giving

General Operating Fund
\$34,364.26

Internal Restricted
Special Offering for WNC Hurricane Relief - \$1,100.00
Pastor's Fund - \$350.00
Gordon Center - \$100.00
Children's Nursery - \$100.00
Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00
Youth Discretionary Fund - \$20.00
Summer Camp - \$10.00

Our 2024 Year-to-date financial report through September

Income - \$389,881.12
Expenses - \$542,661.67 (-\$152,780.55)

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.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed on Tuesday and Thursday morning (9:45-11:45am) and afternoon shifts (1:45-5pm). Contact Bonnie at (828) 200-5524.

Community Table ~ December 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!

Coat Drive

Some of our fellow Highlanders are in need of warm coats, gloves, hats etc. Please take the time to clean out your closet, and donate any warm weather clothing that is gently used, and in good condition to this year's Community Coat Drive. There is a coat box located in the F&FC, in which you can place your gently used winter coats, gloves, hats, etc. We have also undertaken to provide every child in need of a winter coat in the Highlands area with a new winter coat. \$25.00 buys a new winter coat, and a pair of gloves for a child in our area who needs them. Cash donations can be placed in the donation box located adjacent to the coat box. Checks should be made out to Highlands Mountain Top Rotary.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers in the church this morning are given in loving memory of Ruth McLarty from the family.

The 11:00am
Traditional Worship Service
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn "My Lord, What a Morning" UMH #719

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 A Mighty Fortress is our God arr. L. Maynard

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

Offering Prayer

Anthem Since Jesus Came Into My Heart R.H. McDaniel

Scripture Hebrews 10:11-25

Sermon The Encouraging Congregation

Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" UMH #529

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude My Refuge arr. Anthony Giamanco

Highlands Food Pantry

The Food Pantry continues to be in need of food and monetary donations. Food can be dropped off at the Food Pantry (Mondays Tuesdays, & Thursdays 10am-6pm.

Gordon Center Fundraiser

The Gordon Center Envelope Challenge is currently underway. In the F&FC is a board with envelopes displaying dollar amounts. The challenge is to fill every envelope there is with the amount on it or more. If all 100 envelopes are filled it totals over \$5,000. As you know the Gordon Center needs donations in order to keep operating and serving the littlest of our community. If you are so led, please take an envelope, and make a donation. Thank you.

Happy Birthday to...(November 19) Megan James, Marsha Little, Tony Potts

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: Gail Gribble, David Hawthorne, Michelle Painter Lama, Chris Owen, Robert Terrio, Jacob White, Sharon Willeford

Long Term: Preston Atwood, Cynthia Berg, Greg Clarkson, Evie Crowe, Wayne Crowe, Bill Drodsik, Betty Ann Emmert, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Dan Gordon, Wilma Gordon, Mickel Graham, Sarah Knight, Karen Miglionico, Mary Millard, Gloria Munger, Greg Parrott, Brenda Pierson, Mike Plaster, Anne Prince, Vangie Rich, Ann Rose, Martin & Nancy Sass, Ruby Shaheen, Steve Sheridan, Rod Smith, Dale Sticka, Jon Swift

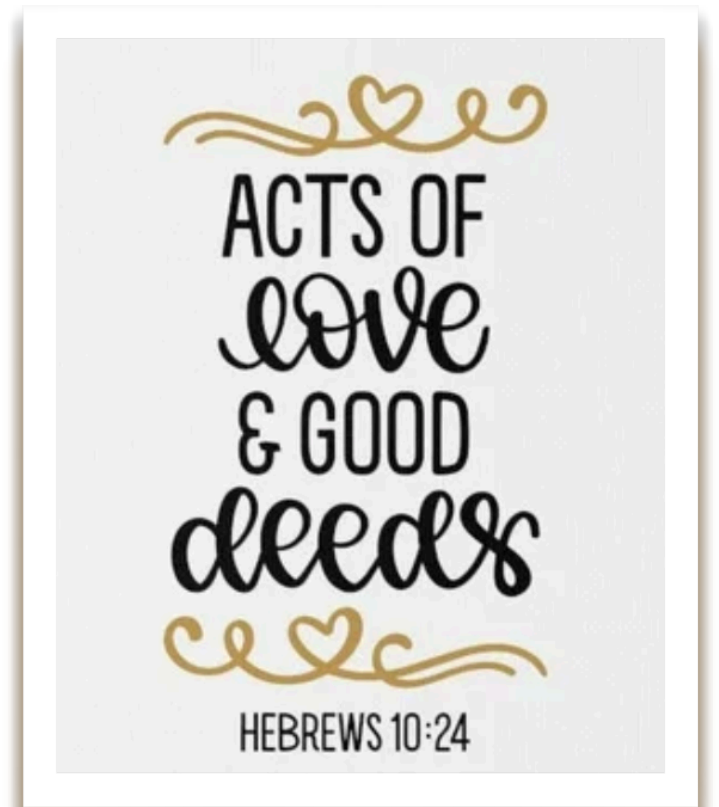
Join Our Prayer Circle

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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