

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
- Lighting of the Advent Wreath Charles, Leila, Brooks and Sadie
- Music "The First Noel"
"Do You Hear What I Hear?"
- 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 "New Star Shinning" Jennifer & Darren
- Scripture Luke 3:1-6
- A Word of Faith Way Preparers
- Holy Communion
- Music "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
- 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.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed on Tuesday and Thursday morning (945-1:45pm) and afternoon shifts (1:45-5ppm). Contact Bonnie at (828) 200-5524.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- 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!
- Wreaths Across America Ceremony and Wreath Laying - December 14th** at the Highlands Community Building - **12 noon**. Shuttle to the cemetery provided.
- Children's Christmas Play** - The Play will be performed **Wednesday, December 18th at 6pm** (following supper).

Christmas Eve Services

All held in Church Sanctuary

- 5:00pm** - Family-Oriented Candlelight Service
- 7:00pm** - Christmas Eve Eucharist (approx. 30 min.)
- 9:00pm** - Lessons and Carols (approx. 30 min.)
- 11:45pm** - Midnight Eucharist (approx. 15-20 min.)

Covenant Renewal Service

December 29th

10:00am - Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

Ministry Bags

Each month we collect items for different ministries.
For the month of **December** we're collecting pasta and sauces, canned milk, canned vegetables, rice boxes, & canned meats for the Emergency Council.

- 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**.
- 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.

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).

Wednesday Night Supper this week

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

Upcoming Wednesday Night Programs

- 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

Here's report of your faithful giving
on Sunday, November 24th

Giving

General Operating Fund

\$10,503.00

Internal Restricted

- Highlands Emergency Council - \$100.00
- Summer Camp - \$100.00
- Library - \$100.00
- Pastor's Fund - \$50.00
- Gordon Center - \$35.00
- Food Pantry - \$20.00

Our 2024 Year-to-date financial report through October

Income - \$490,597.72
Expenses - \$614,990.55 (-\$124,392.83)

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.

A Christmas Carol

The North Georgia Community Players

Once again this year, Pastor Randy will portray "The Ghost of Christmas Present" in an adaptation of Charles Dickens' holiday classic at the Dillard Playhouse during the following dates and times -
Sunday, December 8th - 3pm
Friday, December 13th - 7pm
Sunday, December 15th - 3pm

Toys for Tots

We are collecting toys ;in the F&FC and office wing.
Donations can be made through December 15th.

Community Table ~ January 7th

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!

Attendance on December 1st 909 - 136 11:00 - 48

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**.



The 11:00am
Traditional Worship Service
Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude		
Welcome		
Opening Prayer		
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		Dennis & Fran Leftwich
Hymn	<i>“Prepare the Way of the Lord”</i>	UMH #207
Affirmation of Faith	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	UMH p. 881
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		
<i>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.</i>		
Joys		
Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Mary, Did you Know?</i>	arr. M. Hayes
Doxology	<i>"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"</i> UMH #95	
Offering Prayer		
Anthem	<i>Come, Come Emmanuel</i>	-Lynn Bailey/Becky Mayo
Scripture	Luke 3:1-6	
Sermon	Way Preparers	
A Service of Word and Table II		UMH p.12
Hymn	<i>“Come, though Long-Expected Jesus”</i>	UMH #196
Dismissal with Blessing		
Postlude	<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	-M. Hayes

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.

Happy Birthday to...(December 9) Jacob Brooks, Claire Neeley;
(December 10) Carol Bailey, Bill Hall, PamelaPotts

Happy Anniversary to...(December 9) John & Marjorie Crowe

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: Eric Chastain, Gail Gribble, Robert Terrio, Jacob White, Sharon Willeford

Long Term: Preston Atwood, Cynthia Berg, Beth Crowe, Evie Crowe, Wayne Crowe, Bill Drodsik, Caroline Eister, Betty Ann Emmert, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Dan Gordon, Wilma Gordon, Mickel Graham, Sarah Knight, Michelle Painter Lama, Karen Miglionico, Mary Millard, Gloria Munger, Greg Parrott, Brenda Pierson, Mike Plaster, Anne Prince, Vangie Rich, 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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LOVE God. Offer CHRIST to All.

Highlands United
Methodist Church

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