

Highlands United Methodist Church News

Week of March 23, 2026



Welcome to Tithe.ly

This past Sunday our Finance Committee Chairperson Mike Murphy shared exciting news about our new administrative tool that will provide an improved giving platform for our church, Tithe.ly. This coming Sunday our Office Manager Craig Eister will share information about the positive impact this new administrative vehicle will have on our church website. We believe these changes will strengthen our ministry of administration and communication. Please feel free to reach out to Mike, Craig or our Finance Secretary Keith Crawford if you have any questions.

How to Access Tithe.ly

Tithe.ly may be accessed in the following ways:

1. On Tuesday, March 24, our website will be updated so that the Giving buttons will automatically take you to Tithe.ly

2. You may utilize the following link:

<https://www.tinyurl.com/humc-giving>

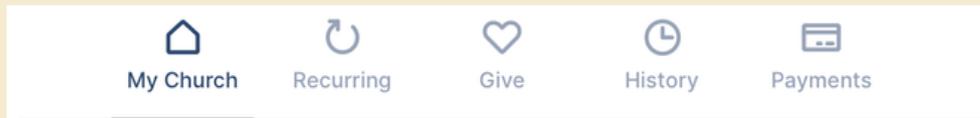
3. Text 1-866-940-2896 and follow the prompts.

4. New QR code



Using Tithe.ly

The Main menu is fairly straightforward:



My Church simply identifies that HUMC is the church you are giving to. If you see another church when clicking here, please contact Craig.

Recurring allows you to set up regular giving. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you had recurring giving on our old site, Amplify, you should have received an email with instructions for changing to Tithe.ly. Again, contact Craig for assistance.

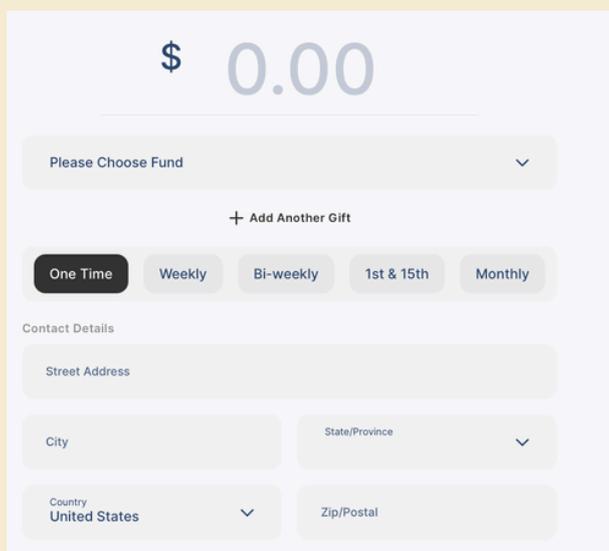
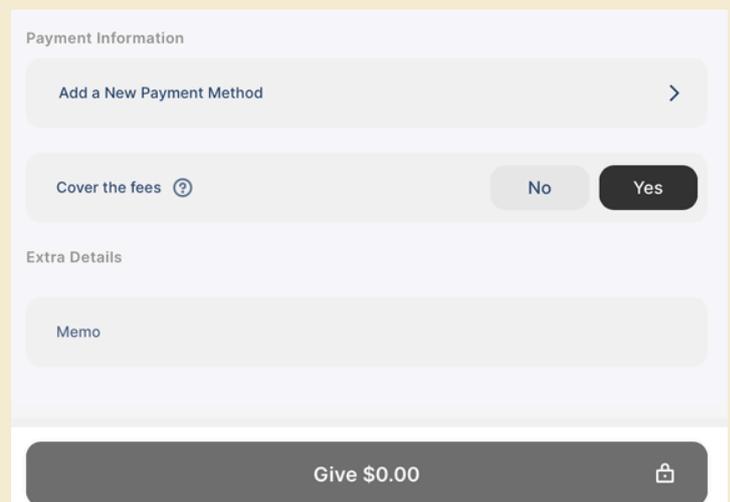
Give allows you to make a one time gift.

History allows you to see past gifts.

Payments allows you to store payment methods.

Giving Screens

The Tihe.ly giving screens are shown below.

A screenshot of the giving screen. At the top, it shows '\$ 0.00'. Below that is a dropdown menu labeled 'Please Choose Fund'. There is a '+ Add Another Gift' button. Below are five frequency buttons: 'One Time', 'Weekly', 'Bi-weekly', '1st & 15th', and 'Monthly'. Underneath is a 'Contact Details' section with input fields for 'Street Address', 'City', 'State/Province' (dropdown), 'Country' (dropdown, currently 'United States'), and 'Zip/Postal'.A screenshot of the giving screen's right side. It has a 'Payment Information' section with a button 'Add a New Payment Method' and a right arrow. Below is a 'Cover the fees' toggle with a question mark icon, and 'No' and 'Yes' buttons. The 'Yes' button is selected. Below that is an 'Extra Details' section with a 'Memo' input field. At the bottom is a large grey button that says 'Give \$0.00' with a lock icon.

Earmarking Gifts

Gifts may be specified to one of these funds by utilizing the drop down menu on the giving screen, or by typing in where you would like your gift to go, in the memo field.

- Operating Fund
- Pastors Discretionary Fund
- Children's Discretionary Fund
- Youth Discretionary Fund
- Gordon Center for Children
- Wed Night Supper
- Bolivia Mission
- Other (Describe Purpose in Memo field below)

Easter 2026 at HUMC

We are nearing the holiest week of the Christian year. Please make note of our worship and programming plans for Holy Week, March 29th - April 5th and join us for meaningful times of worship and fellowship together.

- Sunday, March 29th** - Palm / Passion Sunday
- Wednesday, April 1st** - Service of Healing, 6pm (F&FC)
- Thursday, April 2nd** - Holy Thursday Service, 5:30pm (Sanctuary)
- Friday, April 3rd** - Good Friday Service, 5:30pm (Sanctuary)
- Sunday, April 5th** - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, 7am at the Easter Cross
- 909 Bluegrass Service, 9:09am (F&FC)
- 10am Easter Brunch
- 10:15am - Easter Egg Hunt
- 11am Traditional Service, 11am (Sanctuary)



Easter Brunch

Our annual Easter brunch will be a POTLUCK. Please bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the fellowship of Easter Sunday!

Last chance to order Easter Lilies

We will be having Easter lilies this year at both the 9:09 and 11:00am services. If you'd like to reserve an Easter lily in honor or memory of someone, please contact Craig in the Church office. RESERVATIONS requested by Sunday, March 29th.

Easter Cross

This year we will again decorate our cross in front of the church with living flowers. Contact Jeanie Edwards-Jones if you can assist!

You Got a Minute?

Pastor Randy's daily reflections during the Season of Lent are posted on HUMC's Facebook page!

Items of Interest

Honoring Veterans of the Vietnam War

This Saturday, March 28th at 10am you're invited to join in a special service of recognition in honor of those who served in the Vietnam War. This gathering is sponsored by American Legion Post 370 and will be held at the Highlands Community Building.

Craft Bazaar

This year our craft Bazaar will be held on October 3rd. If you are thinking about donating items, please contact Kristy or Jodie.

We will be holding a planning meeting on Monday, April 6, at 5pm! We hope to see you there!



The Mousetrap

Highlands Cahsiers Players are presenting Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" at the Performing Arts Center on March 26-29. Many of your HUMC family are involved in the cast and crew! We hope to see you there!

March / April Upper Rooms

The current edition of The Upper Room Devotional is available now at HUMC in the F&FC and outside the church office.

Ministry



March Ministry Bags

**For the
Fidelia Eckerd
Living Center!**



NEEDS:

Lotion, body wash, chapstick, men's and women's socks, puzzle books, devotionals, individual chocolates and candies



*Thank you for
being our friends!*

Children and Youth

When Winter Returns...

IT'S TIME FOR INDOOR FUN !



Gordon Center

The Gordon Center Preschoolers who will move up to kindergarten at Highlands School rode the school bus on Thursday to go to Kindergarten Orientation! They are very excited about going to "Big School" in August!



Coming Soon!

ROBOTICS CLUB

WEDNESDAYS

APRIL 8, 15, 22, 29

MAY 6, 13

5:45 - 6:45pm

Dinner @ 5:15pm

LIMITED SPACE!!

Contact Pastor Christine to RSVP!!



COMING SOON!!

VBS 2026
@ HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 8 - 11, 2026
9:30am - Noon
Ages: 4-10 years

Registration:
Contact Pastor Christine
christinehumc@icloud.com
828-526-3376 ext 103



Financial Giving

Thank you for your continued support of our shared ministry through your tithes and offerings! Whether you bring your offering to an in-person worship service, send your financial support through the mail, or utilize the online giving option on our website, please know your gifts are deeply appreciated and vital to the ongoing life and ministry of HUMC.

The following link will take you directly to our online giving page - <https://www.tinyurl.com/humc-giving>

Here is a report on your faithful giving for March 15th:

Internal Restricted Funds:

Children's Discretionary - \$5.00

General Operating Fund

\$6,367.00

Our 2026 February year to date financial report

Income - \$81,164.95

Expenses - \$113,590.78 (-\$32,425.83)

Altar Flowers

Celebrate your special event with Altar Flowers. Forms may be found outside the church office, or contact Craig at highlandsumc@icloud.com.

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to:

March

- 24 - Megan Potts
- Stephanie Smart
- 26 - Sonja DeFoor
- Vangie Rich
- 28 - Joseph Barone
- 31 - Grady Felder

April

- 1 - Andrew Watson
- 2 - Tricia Smith
- 3 - Scott Baker
- Tony Sullivan
- 4 - Gavin Small

Happy Anniversary to:

March

- 25 - Warren and Jane Lineberger
- 27 - Jeff and Nancy Butler

April

- 1 - Steve and Brenda Pierson



Church Programs

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday

NIGHT
SUPPER

5:15pm

This Week

Join us this Wednesday, March 25th for our weekly Family Night Meal and Program. This week's menu is Shepherd's Pie, vegetable, salad and dessert. Then plan to stay for our program at 6pm - "The Gospel in the Spring Feasts of Israel" let by Mark and Rahel Landrum of the "International Mission to Jewish People - Australia."

Upcoming Programs

April 1st - Holy Week Service of Healing

April 8th - No Wednesday night meal or program

April 15th - "A Shepherd's Story" presented by Don Germano

JOY GROUP

The JOY Group is our Just Older Youth! Come and join us for some good food and fellowship. Thursday at 11:30am





This Week at HUMC



Week of March 24 - March 30...

Tuesday, March 24th - Men's Breakfast at Blue Bike - **8:15am**

- Lectionary Home Group at the home of Fred and Elizabeth Motz - **7pm**

- Women's Bible Study (Church Parlor) - **7pm**

Wednesday, March 25th - Family Night Meal (F&FC) - **5:15pm**

Thursday, March 26th - Joy Group (F&FC) - **11:30am**

- Church Council - **5:30pm**

Saturday, March 28th - Service of Recognition for Vietnam Veterans

Highlands Community Building - **10am**

- A Celebration of the Life of Georgia Sanders (F&FC) - **2pm**

Visitation for the family - **12noon - 2pm**

Sunday, March 29th - **Palm / Passion Sunday**

- Breakfast (F&FC) - **8:30am**

- 909 Bluegrass Service (F&FC) - 9:09am

- Seekers Sunday School (Former Fin. Sec. Office) - **10am**

- Bob Hood Sunday School Class (Parlor) - **10am**

- Traditional Service (Sanctuary) - **11am**

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Sunday, April 5th - **Easter Sunday**

Monday, April 6th - Planning Meeting for Craft Bazaar - **5pm**

Monday, April 13th - Red Cross Blood Drive (F&FC) - **10am - 2pm**

Got something to add to the calendar? Please email highlandsumc@icloud.com

Small Groups and Studies

Being part of a small group is a very helpful way of staying connected to our church family. Please take a look at the current opportunities available. If there is a group you'd be interested in joining, please reach out to the contact person.

Home Lectionary Study Group

A weekly study around the upcoming week's lectionary readings. Meeting time - **Tuesdays at 7:00pm**. Contact - Fred Motz. bigbearpen@gmail.com.

Men's Tuesday Breakfast

This group meets for breakfast and fellowship at the Blue Bike on **Tuesday** mornings at **8:15am**.

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

Jan Potts and Meridith Watson will be leading the study based upon: Elijah: Fire and Faith by Priscilla Shirer. **Tuesday at 7PM** in the Parlor.

Seekers Sunday School Class

This class is currently studying the Books of Galatians, Ephesians, and Hebrews. Meeting time - **Sundays at 10am** in the former financial secretary's office. Contact - Steve Bruner. stevebruner@gmail.com.

Bob Hood's Sunday School Class

Bob's class will take place **Sundays at 10am** in the parlor, and they will be discussing the Book of Acts - Contact - Bobhood3@gmail.com.

Questions?

Contact Craig at highlandsumc@icloud.com

Prayers

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 Craig at
highlandsumc@icloud.com
to be a part of this ministry .

Have a Prayer Need?
If you have a prayer need you would
like to share with the HUMC Prayer
Circle
please contact the church office
at 526-3376.

Prayers at the Cross

**During our 9:09 Service, we invite you to bring your prayer requests up
and place them on the Cross. The ministerial staff prays over these
requests each week.**

Prayer Cards

**Prayer Cards are available at both the 9:09
and 11:00am Services. Names of those on the
prayer cards will be specifically mentioned at
the 11:00am service. Additionally, you are
able to specify if you would like someone
mentioned on the short or long term prayer
lists in our weekly bulletin. You may also
notify the Pastor if you would like a call.**



Stay Connected!

Our Services are Live Streamed!

via our Facebook Page,

*<https://www.facebook.com/highlandsunitedmethodist>, to be
uploaded later on our **website** <https://www.highlandsmethodist.org>,
and **Youtube channel**,*

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1_zqPcu78pLdiGdLbY1-IA

HUMC News

The HUMC News is emailed every Tuesday. It is also placed on our website. Let us know if you'd like to be on the email distribution.

If you know of any HUMC family member who does not have access to our weekly email distribution who would like to receive a copy by mail, please let the church office know - highlandsumc@icloud.com.

Daily Devotionals

To be a part of Pastor Randy's daily devotionals, entitled "Ruminations and Reflections," please contact Pastor Randy at randyhumc@icloud.com

Special Winter Email List

We maintain a special email list to notify people of schedule changes during winter weather. Contact us to be a part of that distribution.

If you would like to explore
Professing, Affiliate or
Associate Membership at
HUMC, please let Pastor
Randy know -
randyhumc@icloud.com.



Visitors

Whether you are visiting for one Sunday, or seasonally, you are most welcome! Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions!

Our mailing address is

PO Box 1959,
Highlands NC 28741.
(828) 526-3376

Our physical address is

315 Main St.
Highlands NC 28741.
highlandsumc@icloud.com

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*"The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'"*

Matthew 21:9