

# Highlands United Methodist Church News

Week of January 26, 2026



## Important Scheduling Note!

We are currently without water in the Faith and Fellowship Center, and are not sure if the problem will be fixed in time for our Wednesday Family Night Meal and Program or Thursday's JOY Group. **We will send an update to our Winter Weather email list by 12 noon on Wednesday.** Please notify the Church Office if you are not currently on the list but wish to be included in further announcements.

## We Extend Christian Sympathy

to the family of Henry Durham - the father of Martha Schweitz, Henry passed away recently. Let's remember Martha, her brother Thomas and all of Henry's family in our prayers. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. Cards of sympathy can be sent to the family in care of Martha Schweitz, 173 Cheney Lane, Highlands NC 28741.

AND

to the family of Christopher Lee Faulk - The son of Cindy Batson, Christopher passed away recently. Let's remember Cindy, his wife Elizabeth and young son Thompson in our prayers. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Cindy at PO Box 2170, Highlands NC 28741. You can view Christopher's Obituary at the following link:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/christopher-lee-faulk-obituary?pid=210698145>

# **Super Bowl Weekend at HUMC!**

## **2026 Leadership Retreat**

**Saturday, February 7th 10am - 2pm**

**We'll gather for our annual Leadership Retreat in the Faith and Fellowship Center on Saturday, February 7th from 10am and 2pm. Lunch will be provided. Everyone on our 2026 Leadership list is encouraged to attend, and any members of our HUMC family are welcome!**

## **Super Bowl Sunday, February 8th Combined Worship, 10am (F&FC)**

**On February 8th we'll have a special Super Bowl Sunday Combined Worship Service at 10am in the Faith and Fellowship Center. Breakfast will be served at 9am. Feel free to wear your favorite team jersey or colors. At the close of the service we'll give away jerseys from this year's Super Bowl teams. Please plan to join us for this special time of worship and fellowship.**



## **Blood Drive - CRITICAL SHORTAGE!**

**Our next HUMC Blood Drive will take place on Monday, February 16th from 10am to 2pm. Please contact Kristy to make a reservation.**



## Coat Drive

**Our Winter Coat Drive is from Now - March 15. Please drop off new or gently used coats, scarves, and hats in the F&FC Donation Box.**

## JOY GROUP

**The JOY Group is our Just Older Youth! Come and join us for some good food and fellowship. Thursday at 11:15am. **PENDING RESOLUTION OF WATER ISSUES. EMAIL WILL BE SENT TO WINTER WEATHER GROUP WEDNESDAY by 12 NOON.****



## Biblical Storytelling Guild

**Would you like to begin learning biblical stories by heart, either for your personal devotion or to share during a worship service? If so, please contact Pastor Randy. A certified biblical storyteller with the Network of Biblical Storytellers since 2012, Pastor Randy is looking to start a biblical storytelling guild at HUMC. If you're interested, or if you have any questions please contact Pastor Randy - [randyhumc@icloud.com](mailto:randyhumc@icloud.com).**

## January / February Upper Rooms

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

# Winter Fun in Children's Ministry



When it's too cold  
to go outside...  
we find lots of fun  
things to do  
inside!





We have had a fun and chilly winter so far at The Gordon Center! We have made a lot of winter and snow themed crafts, learned about bears and hibernation, and gotten bundled up to play outside! The Preschool made dens for their bears to hibernate through winter with sticks, pine needles, popsicle sticks, rocks, and playdoh!



# 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.skgiving.com/App/Giving/humc>

## Here is a report on your faithful giving for January 18th:

### Internal Restricted Accounts:

\$60.00 - Altar Guild

### General Operating Fund:

\$10,334.00

(includes a \$100 memorial for Evelyn Hall)

## Our 2025 Year End financial report:

Income - \$832,041

Expenses - \$765,122 (+ \$66,919)



# Celebrate!

Join us in celebrating the following upcoming birthdays and anniversaries.

## Happy Birthday to:

### January

- 25 - Tim Moseley
- 26 - Renee Bolt
  - Georgia Sanders
- 27 - Forest Baker
  - Carol Forrester
- 28 - Dr. Mike Cordle
- 31 - Mary Dotson
  - Sydnee Gordon
  - James Riddle
  - Lorine Spencer
  - Allison Tate

### February

- 4 - Sabrina Cashion
  - Micah Ye
- 5 - Melanie Carter

## Happy Anniversary to:

### February

- 3 - Paul and Linda Schowalter
- 6 - Joe and Annie Barone

# Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday  
NIGHT  
SUPPER 5:15pm

Join us this **Wednesday, January 28th** for our weekly Family Night Meal. Our menu this week includes Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, and dessert. **PENDING**

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## Upcoming Programs

- February 4th - "Tonight's Special Guest - Police Chief Andrea Holland"
- February 11th - "Trivia Night with Mike" (Valentines Day Edition)
- February 18th - Ash Wednesday Service

## This Week at HUMC

- Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** - Men's Breakfast at Blue Bike - **8:15am**
  - Trustees Meeting - **5:30pm**
  - Lectionary Home Group at the home of Fred and Elizabeth Motz - **7pm**

- Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** - Family Night Meal and Program - (F&FC) - **5:15pm**  
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- Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** - Joy Group (F&FC) - **11:30am**  
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- Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** - Stephen Ministry Training - **10am - 3pm**

- Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** - **Holy Communion**
  - 909 Bluegrass Service (F&FC) - **9:09am**
  - Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary) - **11am**
  - **Marcia Reid's Final Sunday**

*Coming Soon...*

- Saturday, February 7th** - 2026 Leadership Retreat (F&FC) - **10am - 2pm**

- Sunday, February 8th** - Combined Super Bowl Sunday Worship (F&FC) - **10am**

# 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](mailto: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.

# THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU!

## ***Current Studies and Small Groups***

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](mailto:bigbearpen@gmail.com)

### **Men's Tuesday Breakfast**

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

### **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](mailto:stevebruner@gmail.com).

### **Bob Hood's Sunday School Class**

Bob's class will take place **Sundays at 10am** in the Palour., and they will be discussing the Book of Acts - Contact - [Bobhood3@gmail.com](mailto:Bobhood3@gmail.com).

## 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1_zqPcu78pLdiGdLbY1-IA)

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



**Know of someone who needs to receive the HUMC News by mail?**

**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](mailto:highlandsumc@icloud.com).**

**Our mailing address is**

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

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*"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:"*

Matthew 5:1-2