

# Highlands United Methodist Church News



Week of February 10, 2026

## Congratulations to our Super Bowl Sunday Jersey Winners



Congratulations to Tom and Debbie Brock, Don Feibelman and Dr. John Baumrucker, Sunday's winners in our second annual jersey giveaway on Super Bowl Sunday. (And yes, we know the Chiefs weren't playing this year, Dr. John's Seahawks Jersey should arrive this week).

photo courtesy of Elizabeth Gordon

## “Courage, Love, and Change”

This past Sunday, Pastor Randy shared a letter signed by approximately 2,000 clergy and lay members from the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church regarding the mistreatment of our neighbors. The letter is available on our Conference Website which can be accessed at the link below. If you would like to add your name in support of the letter, a signatory form is provided on the website.

<https://www.wnccumc.org>

# **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.**

## **Pastor Randy Away**

**Pastor Randy is away on vacation this week. If a Pastoral concern arises, please feel free to contact the church office.**

## **2026 Leadership Meeting**

**Thanks to everyone who came out this past Saturday to worship, pray, reflect, review and plan for the year ahead. Below is a list of 7 measurable goals for 2026 that came out of the retreat.**



### **Measurable Goals for 2026**

**Explore and Implement "Respite for All" if feasible.**

**Fully funded budget**

**Increase active membership / attendance**

**Increase in-reach activities to current members**

**Develop and implement building security plan**

**Update Directory**

**Implement new visitor / member process**



## 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.**



## 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.**

# 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 February 1st:

**General Operating Fund:**  
\$3,225.00

(no in-person worship)

## 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:

### February

- 9 - Gina Cogswell
- 10 - Al Bolt
  - Emily Buskirk
  - Wilma Gordon
- 11 - Hudson Tilley
- 16 - Anne Barone
  - Judy Smart
- 17 - Sara Mac Germano
- 18 - Keenan Lewis
- 19 - Wayne LaCoe

## Happy Anniversary to:

### February

- 19 - Keith and Janice Hall

# Thanks for your generous financial support

As you can imagine, missing two in-person worship Sundays in a row can have a negative impact on a local church's finances. Thank you for continuing to support the life, work and ministry of HUMC with your tithes and offerings.

# Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday  
NIGHT  
SUPPER 5:15pm

## Upcoming Programs

February 11th - "Trivia Night with Mike"  
(Valentines Day Edition)

February 18th - Ash Wednesday  
Service

February 25th - "Tonight's Special  
Guest - Police Chief Andrea "Sissy"  
Holland"

Join us this Wednesday,  
February 11th for our weekly  
Family Night Meal and  
Program. Ken Knight and crew  
are cooking this week! Baked  
chicken thighs and sausage  
with vegetables, salad, rice,  
and dessert. Then plan to stay  
for this week's program -  
"Trivia Night with Mike -  
Valentine's Day Edition."

## This Week at HUMC

**Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** - Men's Breakfast at Blue Bike - **8:15am**  
- Lectionary Home Group at the home of Fred and Elizabeth Motz - **7pm**

**Wednesday, February 11th** - Family Night Meal and Program (F&FC) - **5:15pm**

**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** - Joy Group (F&FC) - **11:15am**

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** - **Transfiguration Sunday**

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

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

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

**Coming Soon...**

**Wednesday, February 18th** - Ash Wednesday Service (F&FC) - **6pm**

**The beginning of the forty day season of Lent**

## **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 parlor., 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**

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*"Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white."*