

Highlands United Methodist Church News

Week of January 19, 2026



Welcome New Members

We gladly welcome Paul and Linda Schowalter as Professing Members of HUMC. Paul and Linda were received into full membership this past Sunday during our 11am Traditional Worship Service. Welcome Paul and Linda!



Love Offering for Marcia

Marcia Reid has served as our Chancel Choir Director for the past two and a half years. She has dealt with health and mobility issues in recent months and feels the time has come to step away from that role. We are grateful for Marcia's leadership and time among us, and we want to offer her a tangible expression of our love and appreciation.

Contributions can be made to Marcia's Love Offering online at www.highlandsmethodist.org (choose "Other" on the drop-down menu and note "Love Offering"), or brought by the church office (for checks, please note "Love Offering" on the memo line.

Contributions should be received by Wednesday, January 21st at 10:00am.

We Offer Our Christian Sympathy

to the family of JoAnne Dale - the mother of Larry Dale, JoAnne passed away over the weekend. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. Cards of sympathy can be sent to Larry Dale PO Box 273 Scaly Mountain, NC 28775. Let's keep Larry, and all of JoAnne's family in our prayers.

Winter Weather Alert

The current forecast is suggesting we could have a significant snow event this weekend. Be on the lookout for any possible changes in our Sunday schedule. If you're in Highlands this winter, please be sure you're on our Winter Weather Email list (contact the church office), and keep an eye on our HUMC Facebook page and website for possible changes. PLEASE NOTE a test email was sent Monday, January 19 - if you did not receive it, then you are not on the Winter Weather Email List.

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

Our next HUMC Blood Drive will take place on Monday, February 17th 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 this Thursday, January 22nd at 11:30am.



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.

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

LEGO CLUB **BUILDING FAITH, BRICK BY BRICK!**

Lego Club has been a hit!
The kiddos have enjoyed individual build challenges,
Lego Bible Story videos, and team build challenges.
This past Wednesday: they were challenged to
individually build clouds, watched the story of "The
Tower of Babel" and to team build a tower.
Each team tried to build higher than the rest!



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 11th :

Internal Restricted Accounts:

Afterschool - \$1,000.00
Pastor's Fund - \$100.00
Summer Camp - \$100.00
Youth Discretionary Fund - \$60.00
Gordon Center - \$25.00

General Operating Fund:

\$4,154.00

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

- 21 - Lee Ladensack
 - Terri Potts
- 22 - Michelle Hott
 - Gary Nix
 - Virginia Nix
- 24 - Julie Jared
- 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

Happy Anniversary to

January

- 24 - Gus and Jan Lard

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday
NIGHT
SUPPER

5:15pm



Upcoming Programs

Jan 21st - "Life Lessons for 2026"
with David Hodgson (Part Three)

Jan. 28th - "A Shepherd's Story"
by Don Germano

Join us this Wednesday, January 21st for our weekly Family Night Meal and Program. Our menu this week includes Chicken Tetrazzini, Honey Glazed Carrots, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert. Then plan to stay for the third and final installment of David Hodgson's 3 part series, "Life Lessons for 2026."

This Week at HUMC

Tuesday, January 20th - Men's Breakfast at Blue Bike - **8:15am**
- Finance Committee Meeting - **5:30pm**
- Lectionary Home Group at the home of Fred and Elizabeth Motz - **7pm**

Wednesday, January 21st - Choir Meeting - **4:30pm**
- Family Night Meal and Program - (F&FC) - **5:15pm**

Thursday, January 22nd - Joy Group (F&FC) - **11:30am**
- SPRC Meeting - **4:30pm**
- Church Council Meeting - **5:30pm**

Saturday, January 24th - Stephen Ministry Training - **10am - 3pm**

Sunday, January 25th - 909 Bluegrass Service (F&FC) - **9:09am**
- Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary) - **11am**

Coming Soon...

Tuesday, January 27th - Trustees Meeting - **5:30pm**

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
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

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.

Bob Hood's Sunday School Class

Bob's class will take place **Sundays at 10am** in the Old Scout room., and they will be discussing Season 5 of 'The Chosen'. Contact - 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

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

Our mailing address is

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Highlands NC 28741.
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"As he (Jesus) walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him."