

Highlands United Methodist Church News

Week of March 16, 2026



Remembering Georgia Sanders

Longtime member of HUMC, Georgia died March 10th. A Celebration of Georgia's life will be held in the Faith & Fellowship Center of HUMC on Saturday, March 28th at 2pm. Visitation for the family will be take place from 12noon to 2pm. Cards of sympathy can be sent to Carla Gates at PO Box 1664 Highlands, NC 28741. You can view Georgia's Obituary at the following link -



<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/georgia-sanders-obituary?id=60999099>

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!



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.

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| 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!

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.

Living 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!



Senior Lunch

Will be held at the Rec Park on Friday, March 20 at 12 noon.

JOY GROUP

The JOY Group is our Just Older Youth! Come and join us for some good food and fellowship. Thursday at 11:15am.



The Mousetrap

Highlands Cahsiers Players are presenting Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" at the Performing Arts Center on March 19-22 and 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.



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!*

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 March 8th:

Internal Restricted Funds:

Pastor's Fund - \$200.00
UMCOR / Ukraine - \$100.00
Food Pantry - \$100.00
Library - \$100.00

General Operating Fund

\$7,985.59

Our 2026 February year to date financial report

Income - \$81,164.95
Expenses - \$113,590.78 (-\$32,425.83)



Celebrate!

Join us in celebrating
the following upcoming
birthdays and anniversaries.

Happy Birthday to:

March

16 - Carolyn Miffleton
17 - Leslie Sanders
18 - Elizabeth Batten
19 - David Leffler
20 - Lynn Long
21 - Mattson Gates
24 - Megan Potts
 - Stephanie Smart
26 - Sonja DeFoor
 - Vangie Rich
28 - Joseph Barone
29 - Paul McLarty
31 - Grady Felder

Happy Anniversary to:

March

18 - Ray and Joy Archer
22 - Bruce and Ginger Bunnell
25 - Warren and Jane Lineberger
27 - Jeff and Nancy Butler



Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday
NIGHT
SUPPER

5:15pm

Join us this Wednesday, March 18th for our weekly Family Night Meal and Program. This week's menu is **Chicken Divan Casserole, Jasmine Rice, Glazed Carrots, and Dessert.** Then plan to stay for our program at 6pm - **"Voices from History"** led by Don Germano.

Upcoming Programs

March 18th - "Voices from History" - Don Germano and friends

March 25th - "The Gospel in the Spring Feasts of Israel" Mark Landrum

April 1st - Holy Week Service of Healing

This Week at HUMC

Tuesday, March 17th - Men's Breakfast at Blue Bike - **8:15am**

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

Wednesday, March 18th - Family Night Meal (F&FC) - **5:15pm**

Thursday, March 19th - Joy Group (F&FC) - **11:30am**

Friday, March 20th - Senior Lunch at the Rec Park - **12 noon**

Sunday, March 22nd - **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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

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

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

Monday, March 23rd - Finance Committee Meeting - **5:30pm**

Coming Soon...

Thursday, March 26th - Church Council Meeting - **5:30pm**

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**.

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.

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

PO Box 1959,

Highlands NC 28741.

(828) 526-3376

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"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.'"

John 11:25