

Highlands United Methodist Church News

Week of March 30, 2026



Holy Week

We have embarked on the holiest week of the Christian year. Please take note of our worship and programming plans for this week and join us for these meaningful times of worship and fellowship together.

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)

Happy Easter

Please plan to join us for the holiest day of the Christian year. Next Sunday, April 5th, is Easter Sunday. We will have a full morning of worship, celebration and fellowship, beginning with our Easter Sunrise Service at 7am. Please note our schedule for Easter Sunday below.

7am Easter Sunrise Service at the Easter Cross

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

10am Easter Brunch

10:15am - Easter Egg Hunt

11am Traditional Service, 11am (Sanctuary)



Items of Interest

Church Office Closed

Please note that our church office will be closed April 6th, Easter Monday.

Easter Brunch

Our annual Easter brunch will be a POTLUCK. Please bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the fellowship of Easter Sunday! Dishes requested by 9:30am please.

Easter Cross

This year we will again decorate our cross in front of the church with living flowers. Decorating will begin after our Good Friday Service on April 3rd. Contact Jeanie Edwards-Jones if you can assist!

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!



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.

New Website launches this week



Each week the following will be updated each Wednesday:

- 1) Events
- 2) Sunday's Services
- 3) Our Weekly News
- 4) Any Special News or Announcements



Sermons

View past sermons online anytime

Latest News

Recent updates to keep you in the loop.

HUMC News

A List of our weekly newsletters
Mar 25, 2026

Easter Lilies

Mar 24, 2026

What's Happening

Mark your calendars for these great events coming up.

APR 1

Wednesday Night Supper

5:15PM

APR 1

Service of Healing

6:00PM | F&C

APR 2

JOY Group

11:30AM

Ministry



Little

Children of the World

Our mission is to help develop caring Christian communities for the world's children at risk so they will be able to escape poverty and abuse. We **share love** by letting poverty-stricken children know that someone cares about them, **give help** through financial partnership and child sponsorship, and **bring hope** to those who have none through sharing Jesus



NEEDS



- Crayons
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Small Dolls
- Toy Cars
- Girl's Hair Accessories
- Boy's Fidget Toys

Children and Youth

PALM PARADE

THE GORDON CENTER HEARD THE PALM SUNDAY STORY DURING CHAPEL TIME THIS WEEK AND THEN CELEBRATED WITH LOUD HOSSANAS DURING THEIR ANNUAL PALM PARADE!



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 22nd:

Internal Restricted Funds:

Library - \$100.00

General Operating Fund

\$4,322.00

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

31 - Grady Felder

April

1 - Andrew Watson

2 - Tricia Smith

3 - Scott Baker

- Tony Sullivan

4 - Gavin Small

6 - Dan Chapman

7 - James Bryson

8 - Susan Hood

- Nancy LaCoe

- James Tate

10 - Trish Foor

13 - Penelope McRae

14 - Ann Aultman

- Colleen Holt

- Christy Weller

15 - Paul Schneider

17 - Rich Grove

18 - Brenda Pierson

Happy Anniversary to:

April

1 - Steve and Brenda Pierson

9 - Wayne and Nancy LaCoe

11 - Dan and JoAnn Chapman

13 - Fred and Kathy Smith

16 - Jim and Diane Riddle

19 - Tom and Debbie Brock

Church Programs

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday

NIGHT
SUPPER

5:15pm

This Week

POTLUCK

Join us this Wednesday, April 1st for our weekly Family Night Meal and Program. It's potluck this week, so please bring your favorite dish to share. Then please plan to stay for our Holy Week Service of Healing at 6pm.

Upcoming Programs

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 31 - April 6

Tuesday, March 31st - 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, April 1st - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **4pm**

- Family Night Meal (F&FC) - **5:15pm**

- Service of Healing (F&FC) - **6pm**

Thursday, April 2nd - Joy Group (F&FC) - **11:30am**

- Holy Thursday Service (Sanctuary) - **5:30pm**

Friday, April 3rd - Good Friday Service (Sanctuary) - **5:30pm**

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

- Sunrise Service (Cross on Front Lawn) - **7am**

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

- Easter Brunch (F&FC) - **10am**

- Children's Easter Egg Hunt (Front Lawn) - **10:15am**

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

Monday, April 6th - **Office Closed, Easter Monday**

- Planning Meeting for Craft Bazaar - **5pm**

Coming Soon...

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

Friday, April 17th - Senior Lunch (Rec Park) - **12noon**

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

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315 Main St.
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"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised.'"

Matthew 28: 5-6a