

Highlands United Methodist Church News

May 5 - May 11, 2026



Happy Mother's Day

This Sunday May 10th is Mother's Day. We give thanks for our mothers who birthed, nurtured and cared for us. We give thanks for all the women who have served as mother-figures throughout our lives. May this coming Sunday be a day of sweet memories, appreciation and gratitude. And in honor of Mother's Day, all women will be given a special gift from our Ministries Team.

“Respite for All”

A support ministry for individuals and families impacted by dementia.

We are currently in the process of exploring a new ministry at HUMC which will provide a respite for caregivers and fellowship for family members navigating the challenges of dementia. If you would like to be involved or would simply like to learn more, please contact Pastor Randy - randyhumc@icloud.com.



“Door Keepers in the House of God”

Thanks to a great idea from Mike Murphy and inspired by Psalm 84:10, we're looking for volunteers who will sit in the sanctuary for a couple of hours on a Saturday in the coming months so we can open wide our sanctuary doors in order that passersby can enjoy a few moments of quiet in that sacred space. If you'd be interested in helping with this, please contact Pastor Randy - randyhumc@icloud.com.



“Blithe Spirit” coming soon



The next play from the Highlands-Cashiers Players is Noel Coward's “Blithe Spirit,” directed by Michael Lanzilotta, which will play at the Martin Liscomb Theater May 14-17 and May 21-24 (Thursday - Friday at 7PM, Saturday at 5PM and Sunday at 2PM).

Tickets may be purchased at:

<https://prod5.agileticketing.net/websales/pages/list.aspx?epguid=84825558-44fe-4e80-9e6b-820f930d9630&>

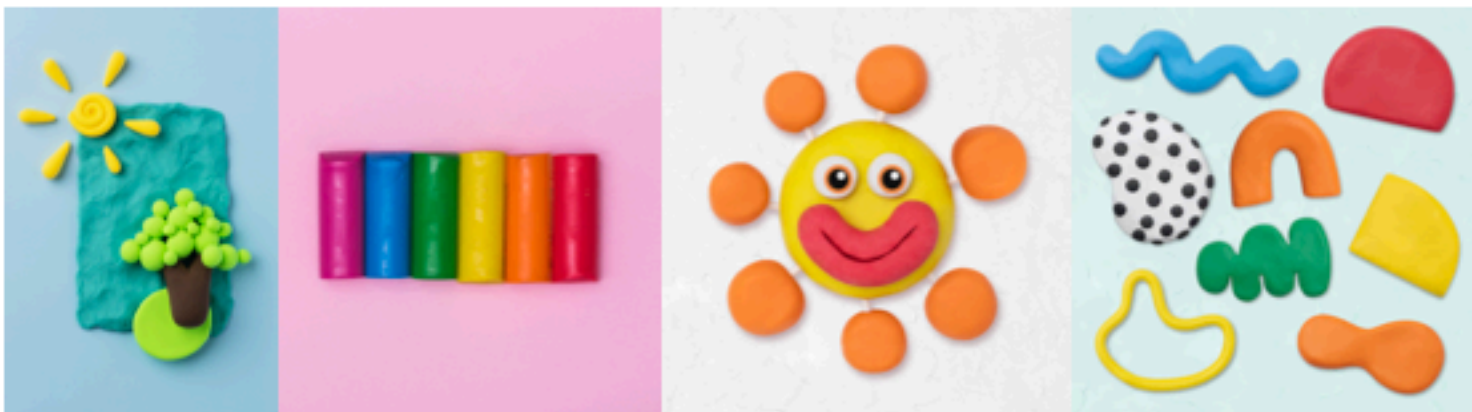
Ministry

May Ministry Bags



*A safe community for all children. Providing hope, healing and advocacy through coordinated services for children impacted by abuse and neglect. **NEEDS***

- Individual Snacks
- Juice Pouches
- Paper Products
- Hand Sanitizers
- Stickers
- Play-Doh



Camp Wesley

CAMP WESLEY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

WE ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR
ACTIVITIES THROUGH OUT THE SUMMER!

Cardboard Egg Cartons

Toilet Paper Rolls

Empty 2 Liter Bottles

Donations may be dropped off at
Pastor Christine's office!



Coming Soon!

COMING
SOON!!

A colorful poster for a VBS event. The background is blue with white clouds and a white snow-covered mountain slope. On the left, a person is tubing down the slope, and below them, a person is skiing. In the center is a purple shield-shaped logo with a mountain scene and the text 'FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD!', 'COKEBURY KIDS', 'SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE', and a snowflake. On the right, a cartoon dog wearing a red jacket and a green beanie is holding a microphone. In the background, there are green pine trees.

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

"I CAN DO ALL THINGS
THROUGH HIM WHO
STRENGTHENS ME."
PHILIPPIAN 4:13

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 April 26th:

Internal Restricted Funds:

Library - \$100.00
Kitchen Gifts (Restricted) - \$5,126.86

General Operating Fund

\$4,518.30

Our 2026 March year to date financial report

Income - \$154,665
Expenses - \$187,085 (-\$33,085)



Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to:

May

6 - Barbara James
10 - Gayle Cummings
11 - Niki Bloedow
 - Susan Clarkson
 - Nancy Ostema
12 - Cecile Watson
13 - Amanda Crowe
14 - Doug VanOrsdall
15 - Timothy Bronagh
17 - Greer Felder
18 - John Crowe
20 - Colson Bloedow
 - Alex Bronaugh
21 - Anne Tate
23 - Kyle Gabbard
24 - Amy Council

Happy Anniversary to:

May

24 - King and Janet Young
26 - Art and Vicki Heller

Altar Flowers

Celebrate your special event with Altar Flowers. Forms may be found outside the church office, or contact Craig at highlandsumc@icloud.com.

Church Programs

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday

NIGHT
SUPPER

5:15pm

POTLUCK This Week

Please join us this Wednesday, May 6th with our 5:15pm meal. It's Potluck this week, so please bring your favorite dish to share. Then plan to stay for our program at 6pm, as we "Meet the Cast" of HCP's next theatre production, "Blithe Spirit."

Upcoming Programs

- May 6th - "Meet the Cast" of HCP's next production - "Blithe Spirit"
- May 13th - "The Friendship Factor" - David Hodgson (Part 1)
- May 20th - "The Friendship Factor" - David Hodgson (Part 2)
- May 27th - "The Friendship Factor" - David Hodgson (Part 3)

JOY GROUP

Please join us for a good time of food and fellowship this Thursday, May 7th at 11:30am.





This Week at HUMC

Week of May 5 - May 11

Tuesday, May 5th - Men's Breakfast at Blue Bike - **8:15am**
- Community Table (Community Building) - **6pm**
- Lectionary Home Group at the home of Fred and Elizabeth Motz - **7pm**

Wednesday, May 6th - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **4pm**
- Family Night **POTLUCK** Meal (F&FC) - **5:15pm**

Thursday, May 7th - Joy Group (F&FC) - **11:30am**

Sunday, May 10th - **Sixth Sunday after Easter (Holy Communion)**
- **Mother's Day**
- Morning Breakfast (F&FC) - **8:30am**
- 909 Bluegrass Service (F&FC) - **9:09am**
- Traditional Service (Sanctuary) - **11am**

Coming Soon...

Sunday, May 17th - High School Baccalaureate Service (HUMC) - **4:30pm**

Monday, May 18th - Finance Committee Meeting - **5:30pm**

Sunday, May 24th - **Pentecost**

Thursday, May 28th - Church Council Meeting - **5:30pm**

Sunday, May 31st - **Trinity Sunday**

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**.

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 , or to share a
prayer need.**

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.**



Prayer WORKS!

**If you have any wonderful news to share with the Congregation
about how prayers impacted your life, please let Craig know in the
Church Office.**

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

**May /June
Upper Room
Now Available!**



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

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

Our physical address is

315 Main St.
Highlands NC 28741.
highlandsumc@icloud.com

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"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you."

John 14: 18