

Highlands United Methodist Church News



June 2 - June 8, 2026

Bishop Carter's June Message



Please click below to read Bishop Carter's Pastoral Message to WNC.

<https://www.wncumc.org/newsdetail/bishop-june-2026-pastoral-letter-19819174>

Summer Eucharist Begins This Sunday, June 7th

Pastor Randy is offering a brief service (15-20 minutes) of Holy Communion at 8:30am in the church sanctuary on Sunday mornings, June - August. The first Summer Eucharist of the season is this Sunday, June 7th. Everyone is invited.



Saturday Fun

Popcorn and Pitstop Saturday, June 6th



We plan to serve up popcorn and drinks on the main street front lawn this Saturday, June 6th from 2pm - 4pm (Weather Permitting). Drop by for some popcorn and a soft drink or just hang out and enjoy the fun.

Pop-Up Pipers This Saturday, 4:30pm - 5:00pm

It's HUMC's turn to host the Pop-Up Pipers. This Saturday, Glenn Morris and Margaret Tooke will be performing on the front lawn of HUMC from 4:30pm - 5:00pm. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this special treat.



Ministry

June Ministry Bags

Reach of Macon County

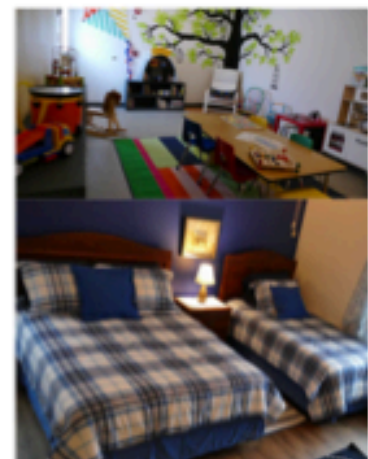
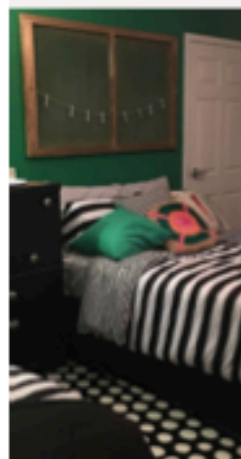


The Mission of REACH of Macon County is to eradicate domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking crimes in Macon County, through prevention, intervention, and educational services.

NEEDS

- Full-sized toiletries
- Feminine hygiene products
- Diapers
- Wipes
- Laundry pods
- Dish pods

REACH provides shelter to individuals, non-offending family members and children who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or human trafficking. If you or someone that you know is needing emergency shelter, please call 828-369-5544 to speak with an advocate.



Graduation

8th Grade Graduation

Congratulations to our HUMC 8th Grade Graduates!
They are officially High Schoolers now!



Colson Bloedow



Corena Dearth



Brayden
Finley



Penelope
McRae



Gordon Center



Growing minds, hearts, & souls

BINGO NIGHT

Looking for an exciting way to spend your evening?

Join us for Bingo Night!

All proceeds to benefit the Gordon Center for Children!

\$15 for all 15 games

Come early and grab dinner!

**THURSDAY
JUNE 11, 2026**

6-8:30 PM

**HIGHLANDS
COMMUNITY
BUILDING**

Would you like to donate?

**Contact the GCC Office to be an event sponsor, table sponsor, dinner sponsor,
or just to donate!**

828-526-5084 or office@thegordoncenter.org

**BINGO IS SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF HIGHLANDS
AND IS LICENSED BY THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**



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!



Vacation Bible School

COMING SOON!!

A colorful poster for a Vacation Bible School (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 skier is also descending. In the center is a purple shield-shaped logo with a mountain range and a sun. The text inside the shield reads "FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD!" at the top, "COKEBURY KIDS" in the middle, "SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN" in large letters, and "CHALLENGE" at the bottom with a snowflake icon. To the right of the shield, the text "VBS 2026 @ HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH" is written in green. Below that, the dates "June 8 - 11, 2026", times "9:30am - Noon", and ages "Ages: 4-10 years" are listed in white. Further down, registration information is provided: "Registration: Contact Pastor Christine christinehumc@icloud.com 828-526-3376 ext 103". At the bottom right, a cartoon seal pup wearing a red jacket and a green hat is holding a microphone, standing next to three 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

FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD!
— COKEBURY KIDS —
SNOWBALL
MOUNTAIN
CHALLENGE

"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 May 24th:

Internal Restricted Funds:

Gordon Center - \$500.00
Children's Discretionary - \$200.00
Library - \$100.00

General Operating Fund

\$7,325.00

Our 2026 April year to date financial report

Income - \$190,804.79
Expenses - \$239,728.91 (-\$48,924.12)



Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to:

June

- 1 - Jenny Bryson
 - Robert Doe
- 2 - Steve Bruner
 - Penny Pollock
- 3 - Anne Schenck
- 6 - Dennis Ostema
- 7 - Tom Mehder
- 8 - Linda Coleman
- 9 - Gerri Crowe
 - Marjorie Crowe
- 13 - Suzie Gregory

Happy Anniversary to:

June

- 2 - Ryan and Kayla Bryson
 - Bob and Suzie Gregory
 - Jeff and Mary James
 - Larry and Barbara Westholm
- 5 - Tracy and Trish Foor
- 8 - Vince and Jackie Petrone
- 11 - Steven and Niki Bloedow
- 12 - Don and Sara Mac Germano

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

This Week - POTLUCK

Please join us this Wednesday, June 3rd with our 5:15pm meal. It's "Potluck" this week, so please bring your favorite dish to share. Then plan to stay for this week's program, "Tonight's Special Guest - Jan Moriarty."

Upcoming Programs

June 10 - UBS Week (No Wednesday meal or program)

June 17 - "Tonight's Special Guest" - Paul McLarty

June 24 - "Tonight's Special Guest" - WHLC's Steve Day

July 1 - "Trivia Night with Mike" - 250th Fourth of July Edition

JOY GROUP

Please join us for a good time of food and fellowship this Thursday, June 4th at 11:30am.



Church Programs

Methodist Men's Breakfast Returns!

The Methodist Men's breakfast will resume on Saturday June 13th @ 8:30.

Our Guest Speaker will be Dick Newhouse. Dick served in Vietnam as a Hospital Corpsman USN with the 2nd Battalion, 26 Marine Regiment, 9th Amphibious Brigade in 1968. He participated in 10 Major Combat Operations and distinguished himself under enemy fire by performing medical treatment and recovery of wounded Marines. He will describe his encounters with the Indigenous People and other challenges he faced.

Please join us. Saturday June 13th @ 8:30.

Bring a friend! All are welcome!

Community Table

Community Table is TONIGHT, Tuesday June 2nd at 6pm, in the community building.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, June 22nd from 10am - 2pm in the Faith and Fellowship Center. Please contact Kristy to make reservations.

“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.



“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.





This Week at HUMC



Week of June 2 - June 8

Tuesday, June 2nd - 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, June 3rd - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **4pm**
- Family Night Meal **POTLUCK** (F&FC) - **5:15pm**

Thursday, June 4th - Joy Group (F&FC) - **11:30am**
- SPRC Meeting (Old Fellowship Hall) - **4pm**

Saturday, June 6th - Popcorn and Pitstop (Front Lawn) - **2pm - 4pm**
- Pop-Up Pipers (Front Lawn) - **4:30pm - 5pm**

Sunday, June 7th - **Second Sunday after Pentecost (Holy Communion)**
- Summer Eucharist (Sanctuary) - **8:30am**
- Morning Breakfast (F&FC) - **8:30am**
- 909 Bluegrass Service (F&FC) - **9:09am**
- Sunday School (Various Locations) - **10am**
- Traditional Service (Sanctuary) - **11am**

Monday, June 8th - Thursday June 11th - Vacation Bible School - **9:30am - 12noon**

Coming Soon...

Thursday, June 11th - Bingo to Benefit Gordon Center (Comm. Bldg) - **6pm**

Saturday, June 13th - United Methodist Men's Breakfast resumes - **8:30am**

Wednesday June 17th - Sunday, June 21 - Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska

Monday, June 22 - Red Cross Blood Drive (F&FC) - **10am - 2pm**

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**.

Pastor Randy's Summer Sunday School Class

This class begins this **Sunday, June 7th at 10am**. For June, the class will read *The Forgotten Way - The Saint James Master Plan* by Matthew Kelly.

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!

**Hal Taylor reports that his business partner Marlo Gackle has
recovered from his heart surgery with the prayers from all.
God is Good!**

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-lA

HUMC News

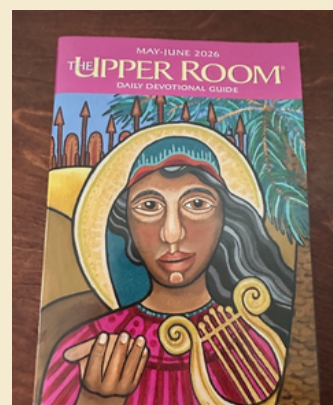
The HUMC News is emailed every Tuesday. It is also placed on our website. Let us know if you'd like to be on the email distribution.

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
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

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Highlands NC 28741.
(828) 526-3376

Our physical address is

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

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"Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.'"

Genesis 12:1