

Highlands United Methodist Church News

May 26 - June 1, 2026



Welcome New Members

On Pentecost Sunday we were delighted to welcome new Professing and Affiliate Members to our HUMC family. We welcomed Gailyn and John Thornton as Affiliate Members during the 909 Bluegrass Service, and Richard Russell as a Professing Member during our 11 o'clock Traditional Service. We extend a hearty welcome to all.

John and Gailyn
Thornton



Richard
Russell



Popcorn and Pitstop Saturday, May 30th

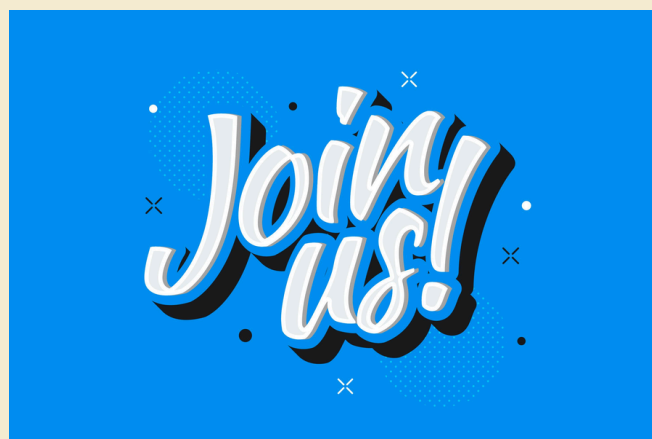
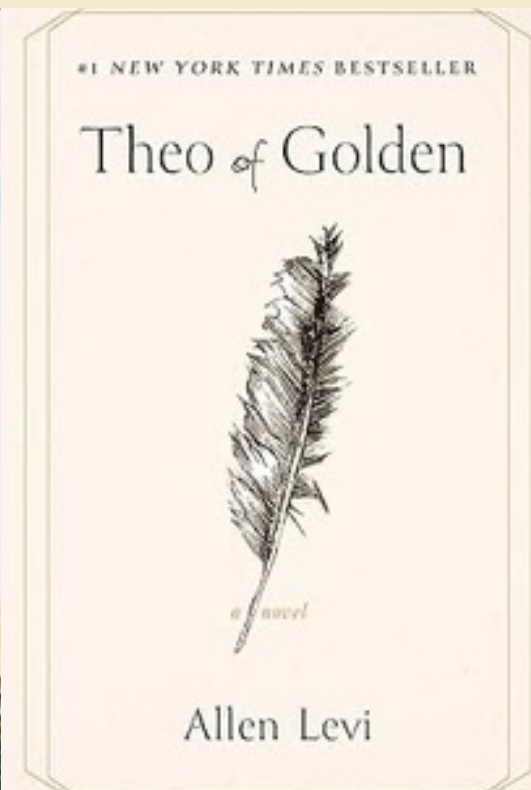
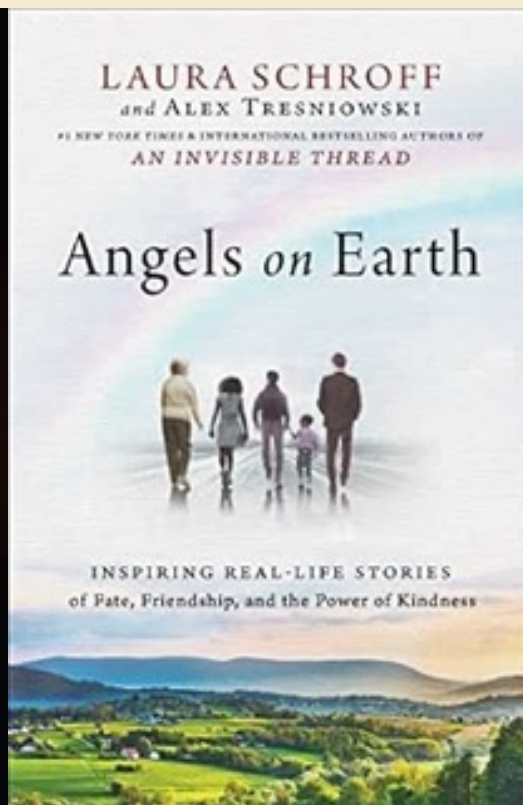
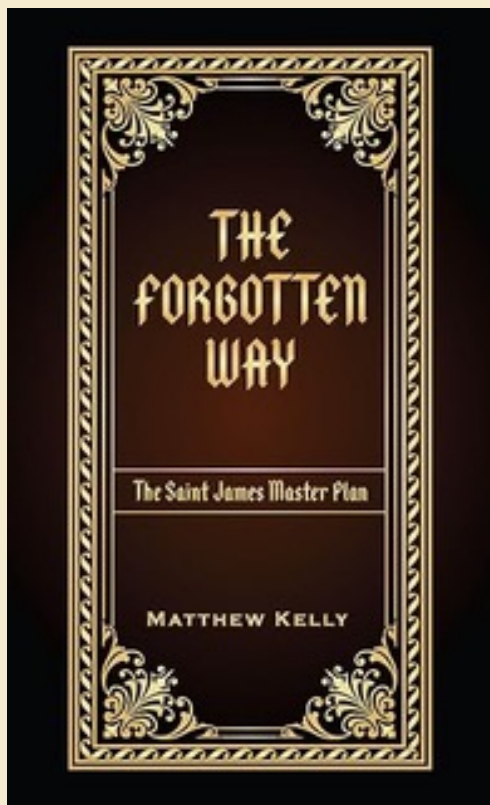


Due to last weekend's rain, we postponed our first "Popcorn and Pitstop" of the Summer season. We'll try it again this Saturday, May 30th from 2pm - 4pm (Weather Permitting). Drop by for some popcorn and a soft drink or just hang out and enjoy the fun.

Pastor's Summer Sunday School Class

Once again this Summer Pastor Randy will offer a Sunday School Class during the summer months June - August. This year Pastor Randy has selected books from 3 different authors. In June, the class will read *The Forgotten Way - The Saint James Master Plan* by Matthew Kelly. In July, *Angels on Earth* by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresionowski and in August the class will read Allen Levi's popular book, *Theo of Golden*.

The class begins Sunday, June 7th and will meet in the sanctuary chapel. Books will be provided. If you're interested, please let Pastor Randy know by Sunday, May 31st - randyhumc@icloud.com.



Congratulations!

HUMC SENIOR RECOGNITION

We are so proud of our high school seniors!
They are ready to go out and change the world!



Coby Bloedow
NC State
Crop & Soil Sciences



Vivian Bryson-Kennedy
Western Carolina
Early Childhood Education



Margaret Cole
Mississippi State
Forestry



Paolo McRae
East Carolina
Biology: Pre-Dental



James Moore
University of Georgia
International Affairs



Cayden Pierson
UNC-Chapel Hill
NeuroScience



Claire Worley
UNC-Chapel Hill
Nursing



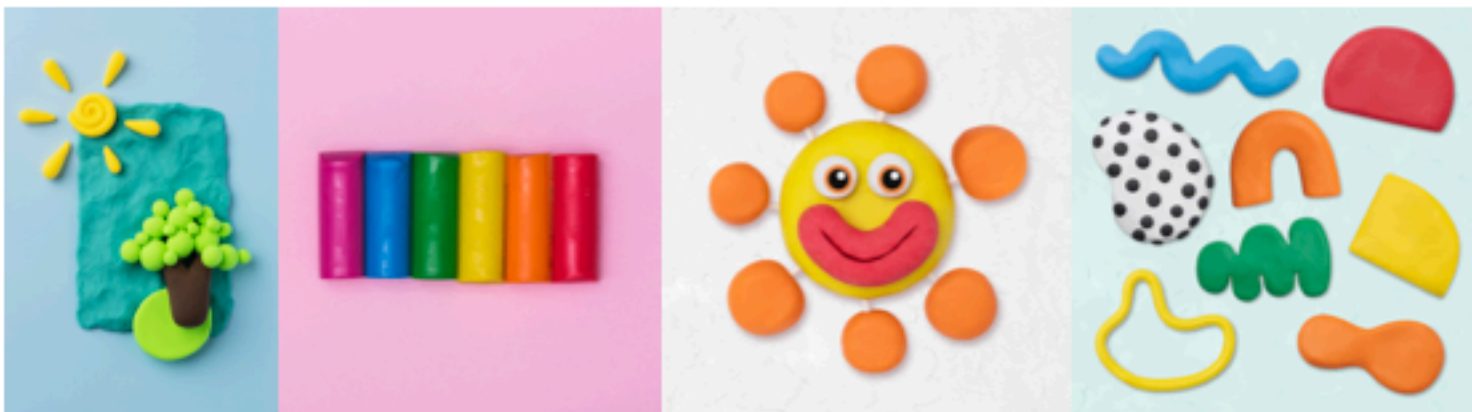
Ministry

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



Gordon Center



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!!



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

The poster features a blue background with white clouds and snow. On the left, a person is shown tubing down a snowy slope, and below them, a skier is descending. In the center is a purple shield-shaped logo with a mountain range, a sun, and a snowflake. On the right, a cartoon seal wearing a red jacket and a green hat is holding a microphone, standing next to three green pine trees.

"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 17th:

Internal Restricted Funds:

Gordon Center - \$405.00

Library - \$100.00

Youth Discretionary - \$50.00

General Operating Fund

\$22,332.00

Our 2026 April year to date financial report

Income - \$190,804.79

Expenses - \$239,728.91 (-\$48,924.12)



Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to:

May

25 - Kenneth Crowe

- Nathan Petrone

27 - Deborah Scott

28 - Robby Roberts

29 - Paolo McRae

- Les Scott

31 - Gary Forrester

Happy Anniversary to:

May

26 - Art and Vicki Heller

29 - Jerry and Kay Moore

31 - Bob and Nancy Sutton

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

Please join us this Wednesday, May 27th with our 5:15pm meal. This week's menu includes Taco Salads with all the fixings! Then plan to stay for the third and final installment of David Hodgson's series, "The Friendship Factor."

Upcoming Programs

May 27th - "The Friendship Factor" - David Hodgson (Part 3)

June 3rd - "Tonight's Special Guest" - Jan Moriarty

JOY GROUP

Please join us for a good time of food and fellowship this Thursday, May 28th 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!

Summer Eucharist

Pastor Randy will be offering a brief service (15-20 minutes) of Holy Communion at 8:30am in the church sanctuary June - August. Everyone is invited.



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 May 26 - June 1

Tuesday, May 26th - Men's Breakfast at Blue Bike - **8:15am**
- Lectionary Home Group at the home of Fred and Elizabeth Motz - **7pm**

Wednesday, May 27th - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **4pm**
- Family Night Meal (F&FC) - **5:15pm**

Thursday, May 28th - Joy Group (F&FC) - **11:30am**
- Church Council (Old Fellowship Hall) - **5:30pm**

Saturday, May 30th - Popcorn and Pitstop (Front Lawn) - **2pm - 4pm**

Sunday, May 31st - **Trinity Sunday**
- Morning Breakfast (F&FC) - **8:30am**
- 909 Bluegrass Service (F&FC) - **9:09am**
- Traditional Service (Sanctuary) - **11am**

Coming Soon...

Tuesday, June 2nd - Community Table (Community building) - **6pm**

Saturday, June 6th - Pop-Up Bagpipers on Front Lawn - **4:30 - 5:00pm**

Sunday, June 7th - Summer Eucharist Begins (Sanctuary) - **8:30am**
- Pastor Randy's Summer Sunday School begins - **10am**

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

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 is planned to begin **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!

**Share your prayer story with us! Email Craig at
highlandsumc@icloud.com**

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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*"In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep,
while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters."*

Genesis 1:1-2