

Highlands United Methodist Church News

June 9 - June 15, 2026



UBS Week at HUMC!

The rooms and hallways are abuzz with energy, excitement and chatter this week as another fun-filled Vacation Bible School is in full swing at Highlands United Methodist Church. The Theme this year is “Snowball Mountain Challenge,” and everyone is having a great time! Please join us in prayer for a meaningful time of learning and fun together. And please remember, since its UBS week there will be no Wednesday night meal or Thursday JOY Group this week.



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 This Sunday at 8:30am



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. 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.

Ministry

June Ministry Bags

Reach of Macon County

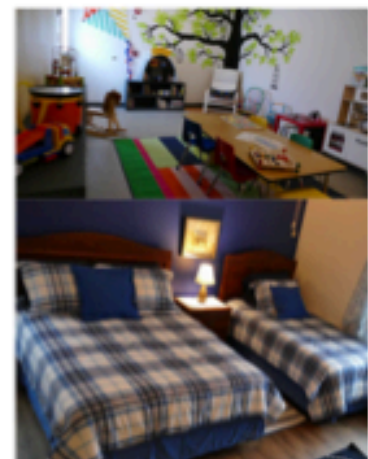
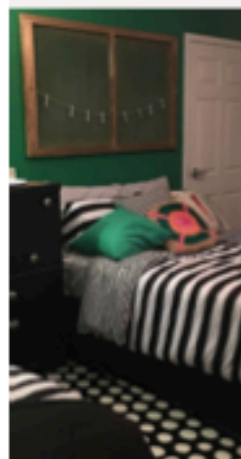


The Mission of REACH of Macon County is to eradicate domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking crimes in Macon County, through prevention, intervention, and educational services.

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.



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**



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 31st:

General Operating Fund
\$3,861.72

Our 2026 April year to date financial report

Income - \$190,804.79

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



Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to:

June

- 9 - Gerri Crowe
- Marjorie Crowe
- 13 - Suzie Gregory

Happy Anniversary to:

June

- 11 - Steven and Niki Bloedow
- 12 - Don and Sara Mac Germano
- 14 - Steve and Delaine Mehder
- Brock and Betsy Warren

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

On Break This Week

**No Wednesday night supper or program this week,
June 11th, due to Vacation Bible School.**

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

**No JOY Group this week, June 11th, due to
Vacation Bible School.**



“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 9 - June 15

Tuesday, June 9th - Men's Breakfast at Blue Bike - **8:15am**

- VBS - **9:30am - 12noon**

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

Wednesday, June 10th - VBS - **9:30am - 12noon**

- Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **4pm**

- **No Family Night Meal or Program**

Thursday, June 11th - VBS - **9:30am - 12noon**

- **No Joy Group**

- Bingo to Benefit Gordon Center (Comm. Bldg) - **6pm**

Saturday, June 13th - United Methodist Men's Breakfast (F&FC) - **8:30am**

Sunday, June 14th - **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

- 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**

- Stephen Ministry Class (F&FC) - **4pm - 6pm**

Coming Soon...

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

During June the class is reading *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!

**Please share stories of how prayer works with Craig 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
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

The following link will take you directly to our
online giving page -
<https://www.tinyurl.com/humc-giving>

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13