

Highlands United Methodist Church News



July 14- July 20, 2026

Dementia Respite Ministry Meeting - July 28

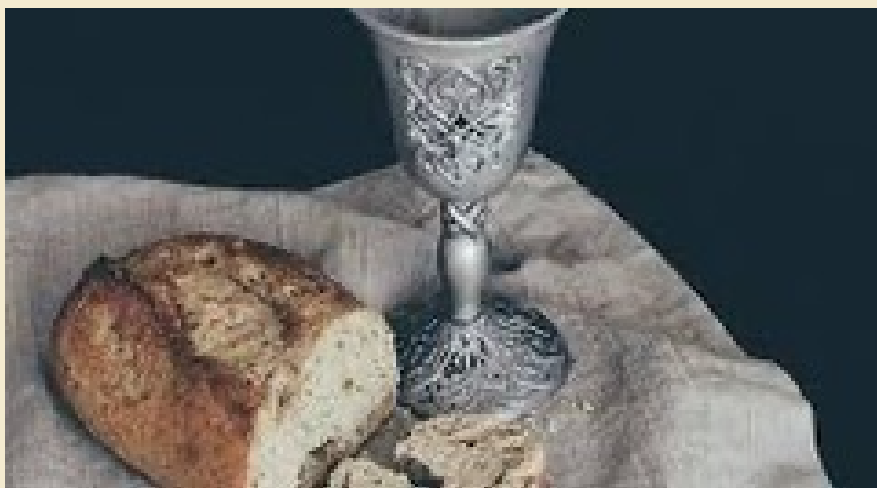
HUMC is exploring the development of a ministry to families impacted by dementia, modeled after the “Respite for All” Ministry which began at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham Alabama in 2012 and that has inspired 60 dementia respite programs across the country. Pastor Randy would like to meet with anyone interested in learning more about this ministry on Tuesday, July 28th at 5pm. We will meet in the Faith & Fellowship Center. If you have questions prior to the meeting, feel free to contact Pastor Randy - randyhumc@icloud.com.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Pastor's Fund through the years. Because of your generosity, HUMC Pastors have been able to meet countless needs. During 2026 we have experienced a particularly large volume of requests for financial assistance to meet a wide variety of needs. Over \$21,000 dollars have been provided in assistance through the first six months of this year which has limited our current available funds. Monies from this fund are distributed at the pastor's discretion. While the biblical model of tithing is encouraged for the general ministry of the church, any offerings to the Pastor's Fund beyond that are always welcome and appreciated. Thank you!

Summer Eucharist, Sundays at 8:30am

You're invited to join us for brief service of Holy Communion each Sunday during the summer in the church sanctuary.



Community Table

COMMUNITY
TABLE

July 14th

You're invited to join your neighbors at the Community Building at **6pm** for our community meal. Enjoy the food and fellowship!

New Church Directory Planning Underway

Planning is underway for our new church directory!

The process will involve several steps:

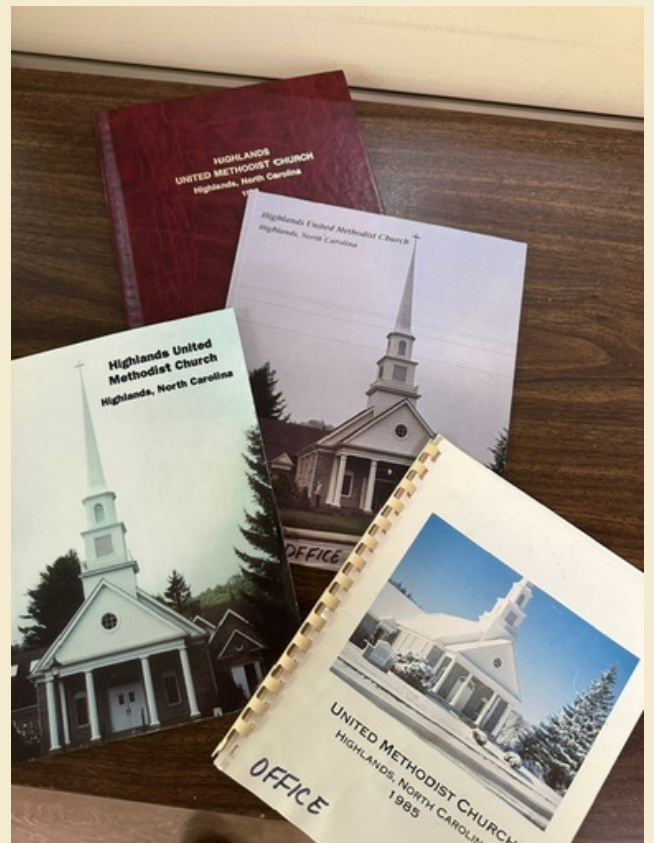
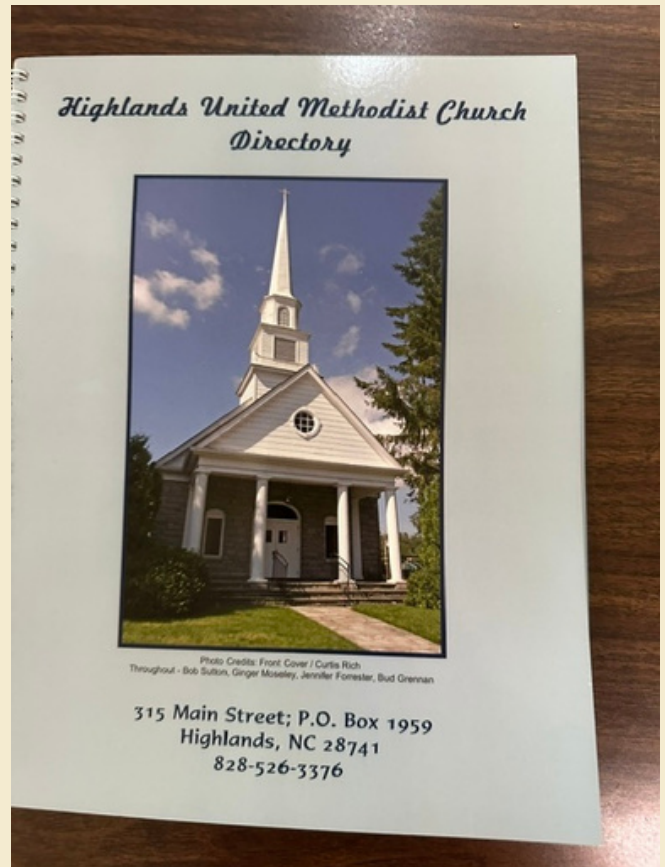
1) We will send you a form over email to fill out so we can update your contact information. The form allows you to opt in or out of appearing in the directory.

2) We will ask you to include birthday and anniversary information so we can update our database.

3) Rather than hiring a photographer, we will ask you to send in a photo via email. This will allow you to pick out a photo of yourself that you particularly like!

4) We are working out any costs that may be incurred and will report on that shortly.

You should look forward to receiving any email in the next week or so with instructions!

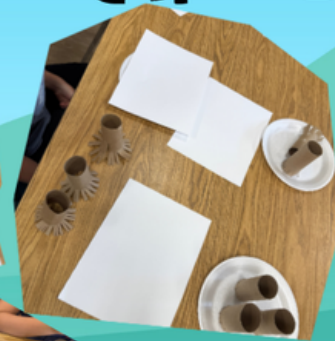


Children's Camp

**THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE WHO
DONATED NEEDED
CRAFT SUPPLIES!**



**4TH OF JULY
FIREWORKS
STAMPING**



**BUILDING BOTTLE
ROCKETS**



**AND... LAUNCHING THE
ROCKETS!**



Ministry

HIGHLANDS UMC

back to SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE

**PICK A GRADE LEVEL TAG (SEE BACK)
PURCHASE ALL ITEMS ON TAG
PLACE ALL SUPPLIES IN BACKPACK
CUT OUT & TIE TAG ONTO BACKPACK
RETURN BACKPACK TO HUMC**

**QUESTIONS?
CONTACT PASTOR CHRISTINE
526-3376
CHRISTINEHUMC[AT]ICLOUD.COM**

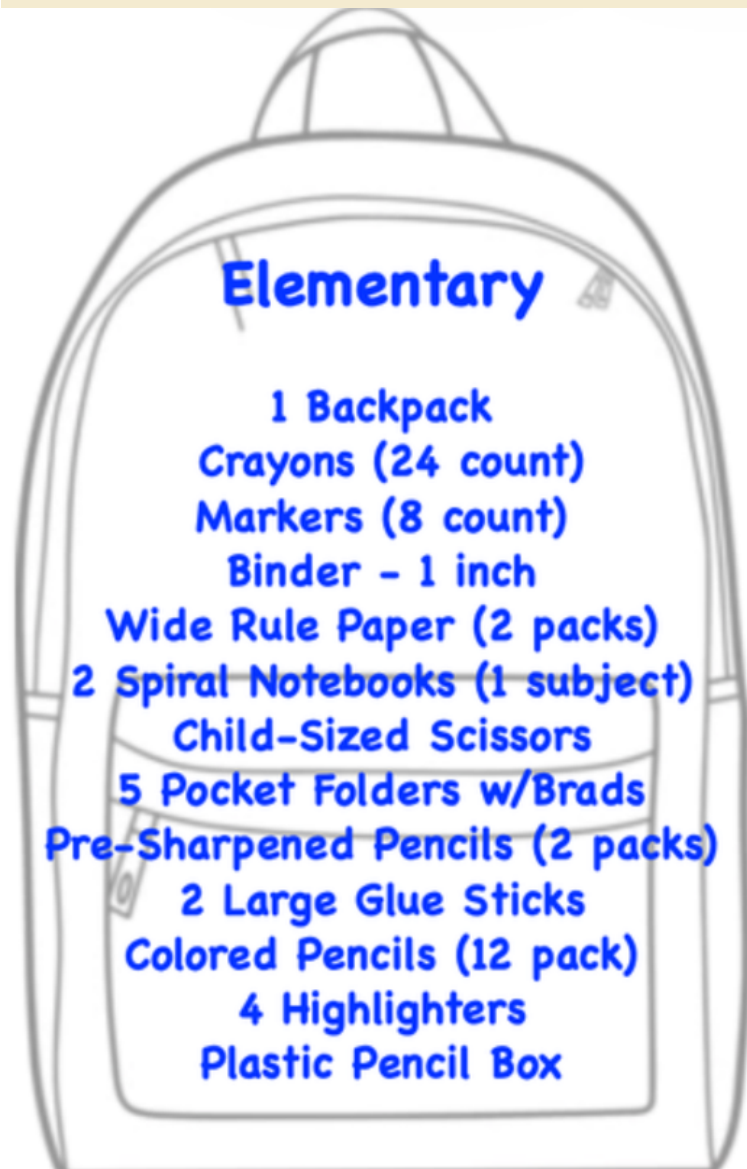


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Middle & High School

1 Backpack
1 Inch Binder
2 Packs College Rule Paper
Notebook Dividers
2 Packs Pre-Sharpended Pencil
1 Packs of 4 Highlighters
1 Pack of Pens (black)
Colored Pencils (12 count)
4 Spiral Notebooks (1 subject)



Elementary

1 Backpack
Crayons (24 count)
Markers (8 count)
Binder - 1 inch
Wide Rule Paper (2 packs)
2 Spiral Notebooks (1 subject)
Child-Sized Scissors
5 Pocket Folders w/Brads
Pre-Sharpended Pencils (2 packs)
2 Large Glue Sticks
Colored Pencils (12 pack)
4 Highlighters
Plastic Pencil Box

Food Pantry



ICE CREAM DONATED BY
JUANITIOS IN FRANKLIN AND
ISMAEL PALACIOS &
GABY MONTERO



Celebrate National Ice Cream Day

Sunday, July 19
Time 12-2

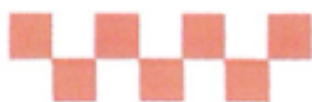


HIGHLANDS FOOD PANTRY
350 Spring Street-Lower
level of the Methodist
Church



Highlands
Food Pantry

See You There!



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 July 5th:

Operating Fund:

\$7,193.00

Our 2026 June year to date financial report

Income - \$326,253.06

Expenses - \$359,050.68 (-\$32,797.62)



Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to:

July

- 14 - Bailey Baker
- 16 - Harriet Bauknight
 - Larry Dale
 - Terri Kennedy
- 18 - Vivian Bryson-Kennedy
- 19 - Steve Chenoweth
- 20 - Tracy Foor
 - Gary Grimes
- 21 - Naomi Chastain
 - Elizabeth Motz
- 22 - Kenneth Bowser
- 25 - Jo Ann Chapman
 - Mike McGaughy
- 26 - James Moore
- 27 - Ty Emmert
- 28 - Lisa Carig
- 29 - Tamara Bronaugh

Happy Anniversary to:

July

- 20 - Mike and Christine Murphy
 - Tony and Terri Potts
- 23 - Dr. Mike and Kandyss Cordle
 - Jeff and April Getz
- 28 - Charles and Leila Wood

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 Family Meal and Program

Wednesday

NIGHT
SUPPER

5:15 PM

Join us for good food and fellowship this Wednesday, July 15th at 5:15pm. This week's menu is Chicken Tetrazzini, Vegetable, Salad, and Dessert. Then plan to stay for our program - "Tonight's Special Guest - Bonnie Dayton." Bonnie is the Director of the Highlands Food Pantry housed at HUMC.

Upcoming Programs

July 15th - "Tonight's Special Guest - Food Pantry Director Bonnie Dayton"

July 22nd - TBD

July 29th - "Tonight's Special Guest - District Court Judge Clay Land"

By the way, here's a ministry opportunity. Dishwashers are needed for Wednesday Night Supper from 5:15pm - 6:30pm. Please see Kristy for the schedule. Thank you!

JOY GROUP

Just Older Youth (JOY) Group will be held on Thursday, July 16 at 11:30am.

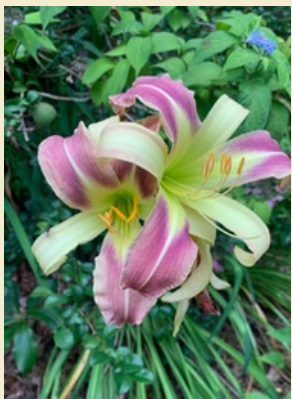


“Door Keepers in the House of God”

If you'd like to come sit in the sanctuary during our weekday office hours for an hour or two, please let Craig know. We'll open wide the doors and put out a sign of welcome. You can bring a book or just sit quietly and rest. What a gift to provide an opportunity for folks to spend sometime in this sacred space.



Lilies from Ken Knight and Don Germano





This Week at HUMC



Week of July 14th - 20th

Tuesday, July 14th. - Men's Breakfast at Blue Bike - **8:15a**
- Lectionary Home Group at the home of Fred and Elizabeth Motz - **7pm**

Wednesday, July 15th: - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **4pm**
- Wed Night Family Meal and Program (F&FC) - **5:15pm**

Thursday, July 16th: - JOY (Just Older Youth) Group (F&FC) - **11:30am**

Saturday, July 18th: - American Legion Breakfast - **9:00am**

Sunday, July 19th: - **Eight Sunday after Pentecost**
- Summer Eucharist (Sanctuary) - **8:30am**
- Morning Breakfast (F&FC) - **8:30am**
- 909 Bluegrass Service (F&FC) - **9:09am**
- Holy Imagination - **approximately 9:30am**
- Sunday School (Various Locations) - **10am**
- Traditional Service (Sanctuary) - **11am**

Coming Soon...

Tuesday, July 21, Finance Committee Meeting (Old Fellowship Hall) - **5:30pm**

Thursday, July 30th - Church Council Meeting (Old Fellowship Hall) - **5:30pm**

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 Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. 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.**

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY!

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.**



SPECIAL NOTE - PLEASE READ

**Short term prayer requests are posted for 2 weeks and long term
requests for 4 weeks.**

**PLEASE CONTACT CRAIG if you have a long term request that you
wish to stay on the list, or they will be removed this coming week.**

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

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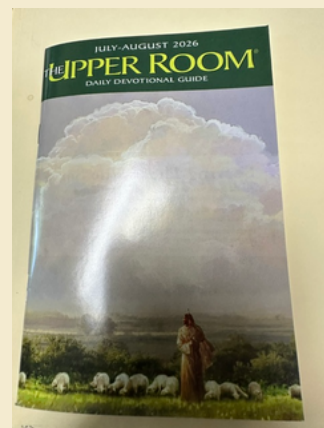
The HUMC News is emailed every Tuesday. It is also placed on our website. Let us know if you'd like to be on the email distribution.

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

**July /August
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

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<https://www.tinyurl.com/humc-giving>

"Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place - and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'"

Genesis 28: 16-17