

Highlands United Methodist Church News

July 28- August 3, 2026



Who Will Pray for Me?

Thank you for joining us for our special service and lighting a candle in prayer of someone.



Dementia Respite Ministry Today - Tuesday, July 28th

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 Today - 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.

Backpacks Urgently Needed!

We have an urgent need for backpacks for our families for the coming school year. As Pastor Christine mentioned in services on Sunday, last year we gave out 90+ backpacks and we were still turning families away. This year we only have 14 backpacks ready. If you feel so lead, we would appreciate backpack donations.

See the next few pages for details and needs. Walmart, Target, and Aldi all have Back to School sections where you can find supplies. Or, donations are always welcomed and we will be glad to do the shopping! Thank you for contributing to this vital ministry for our children!



Community Table

COMMUNITY
TABLE
August 4th

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

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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**

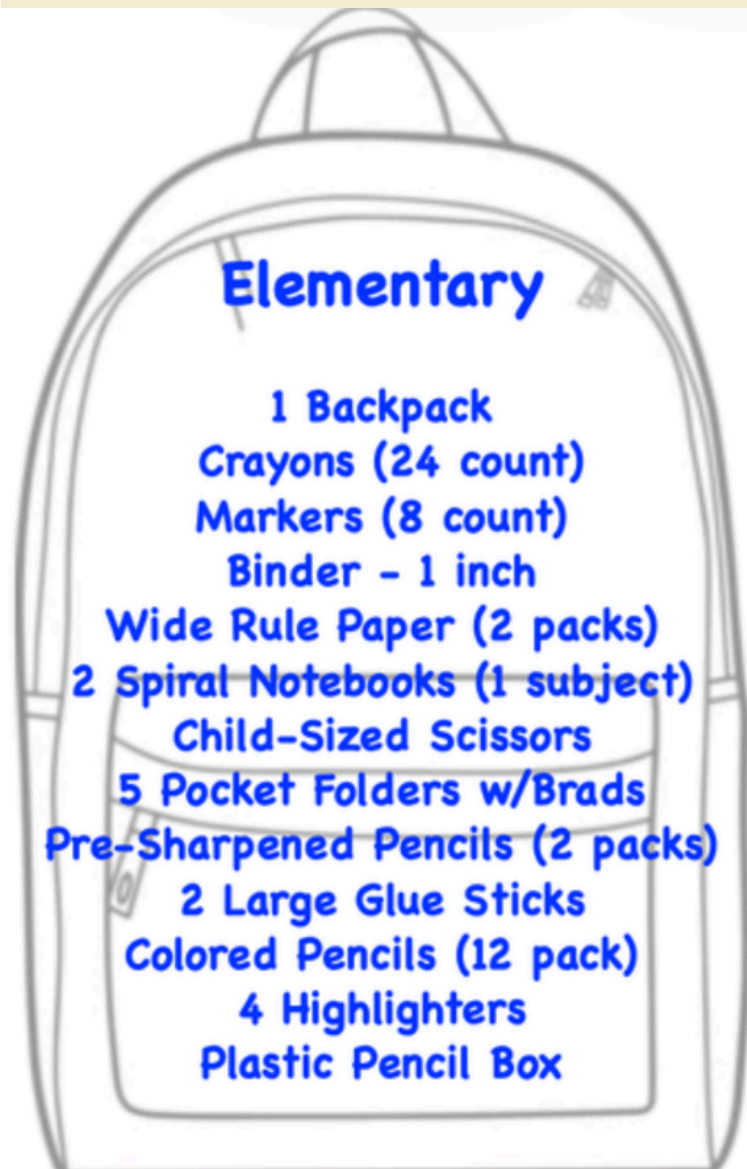


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Middle & High School

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

Methodist Men's Breakfast

The Methodist Men's breakfast will be Saturday August 8th @ 8:30.

Our guest speaker this month will be Colonel Paul Schowalter, USAF retired. Paul flew 135 combat missions over North Vietnam and Laos with the 'Triple Nickel' Fighter Squadron, the top MiG-victories unit in Vietnam. Paul was decorated many times for his outstanding skills and currently serves as the Highlands American Legion Post Commander. Come join us as Paul will share experiences from his time in the cockpit and his military career.

Breakfast by Kristy

Bring a friend, spouse, neighbor !

All are welcome!

Red Cross Blood Drive



The graphic features a red blood bag on the left with a white label containing a barcode and the letter 'A'. To its right is a white circle with a red cross. Below these is a red heart shape formed by a line that also connects to the bottom of the blood bag. To the right of the heart and cross is the text 'American Red Cross Blood Drive' in bold, dark grey font.

**American
Red Cross
Blood
Drive**

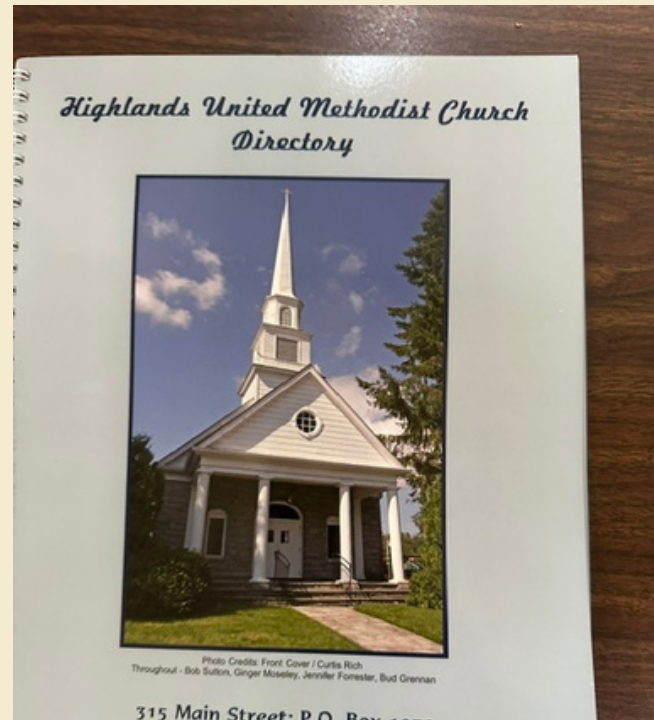
Save a Life, Give Blood

Monday, August 17th
10:00 - 2:00pm
In the Faith & Fellowship Center

New Church Directory Planning Underway

Emails will be going out this week, asking you to fill in a form for our Church Directory.

- 1) One form per family
- 2) Pictures to be emailed in separately or Craig will gladly take a photo of you.
- 3) Hardcopies of the form available in Craig's office for those who would rather fill in a hardcopy
- 4) If you do not hear from me, please check SPAM folder or let Craig know.



Scholarship Received

The Gordon Center thanks Mountain Findings for their generous funding of our 2026 grant request. The money will be used to improve the lives of the GCC children as new books and art supplies are purchased for each classroom to enhance the curriculum; weekly Movement Classes continue to teach how movement improves their health; and as the GCC is able to assist families, who find themselves in financial hardship, with tuition so their child's education is not interrupted. We appreciate Mountain Findings continued support of GCC!



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August Ministry Bag

Disaster Relief

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ"

Galatians 6:2

Disasters impact between 100-200 million people each year across the world. And recently, we have seen more and more impact locally, even as we still continue to recover from Hurricane Helene. Please help us fulfill the word of God by helping our neighbors and preparing for times of emergency.



NEEDS:

- Cleaning Products
- Lysol Wipes
- Diapers
- Garbage Bags
- Buckets
- Shovels
- Flashlights
- Batteries

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HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CRAFT BAZAAR

Hot Dog Lunch
Homemade Jellies, Jams, & Breads
Homemade Crafts
Silent Auction & Gift Baskets
AND MUCH MORE!!



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
HUMC MINISTRIES
& CHRISTMAS PARADE CAMELS



OCTOBER
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2026



10 AM-
2 PM



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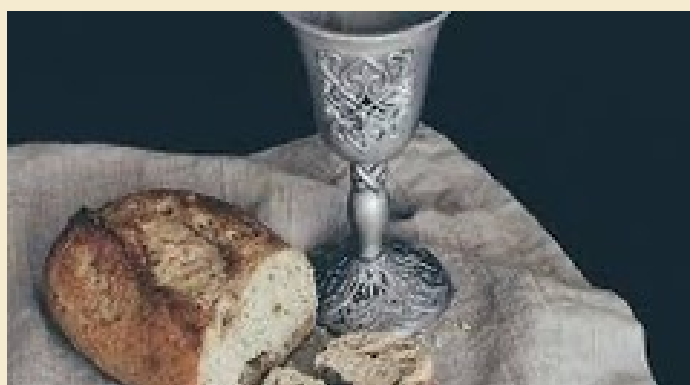
“Door Keepers in the House of God”

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.



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.



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 19th:

Internal Restricted:

Pastor's Fund - \$1,375.00
Library - \$100.00
Backpack Ministry - \$50.00

Operating Fund:

\$17,794.00

Our 2026 June year to date financial report

Income - \$326,253.06
Expenses - \$359,050.68 (-\$32,797.62)



Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to:

July

28 - Lisa Carig
29 - Tamara Bronaugh

August

2 - Craig Eister
- Davis Moore
3 - Dana Gordon
4 - Kim Chenoweth
8 - Jerry Moore
9 - Sandy Carlton
- Terrence Watson
10 - Gregory Clarkson
- Elizabeth Gordon.
- Jan Potts

Happy Anniversary to:

July

28 - Charles and Leila Wood
30 - Dabs and Jan Potts
31 - Lewis and Mary Alice Collins

August

1 - Jim and Sheila Bryson
- Jim and Cecil Hines
3 - Robert and Jodie Zoellner
8 - Neal and Martha Purcell

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 29th at 5:15pm. This week's menu is Italian Sausage Lasagna, roasted vegetables, salad, and dessert. Then please plan to stay for another edition of "Tonight's Special Guest." Wednesday night's guest will be District Court Judge Clay Land.

Upcoming Programs:

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 30th at 11:30am.





This Week at HUMC



Week of July 28th - August 3rd.

Tuesday, July 28th - Men's Breakfast at Blue Bike - **8:15a**
- SPRC Meeting (Parlor) - **4pm**
- Dementia Respite Ministry Visioning & Planning (F&FC) - **5pm**
- Lectionary Home Group at the home of Fred and Elizabeth Motz - **7pm**

Wednesday, July 29th - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **4pm**
- Wed Night Family Meal and Program (F&FC) - **5:15pm**

Thursday, July 30th - JOY (Just Older Youth) Group (F&FC) - **11:30am**
- Church Council Meeting (Old Fellowship Hall) - **5:30pm**

Sunday, August 2nd - **Tenth 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**

Coming Soon...

Tuesday, August 4th - Community Table (Community Building) - **6pm**

Saturday, August 8th - Methodist Men's Breakfast (F&FC) - **8:30am.**

Thursday, August 13th - Stephen Ministry Training , **4pm**

Monday, August 17th - Red Cross Blood Drive (F&FC) - **10am - 2pm**

Tuesday, August 18th - Back to School Service of Blessing, **3:30pm**

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 August, Pastor Randy's class will read Allen Levi's popular *Theo of Golden*. Contact Pastor Randy for more information -

randyhumc@icloud.com.

Seekers Sunday School Class

This class is currently studying the Book of Ecclesiastes for 12 weeks starting on August 2. 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.**



Prayer Works!

**Please share stories of how prayer has worked in the lives of
you or your friends. Feel free to 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**,*

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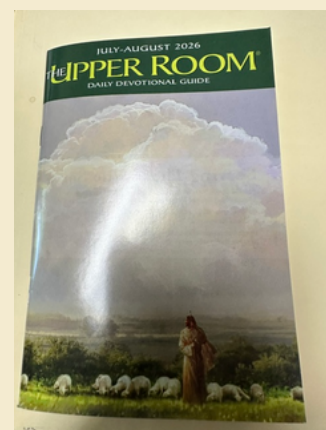
The HUMC News is emailed every Tuesday. It is also placed on our website. Let us know if you'd like to be on the email distribution.

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!

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315 Main St.
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online giving page -

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"The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip."

Genesis 32:31