

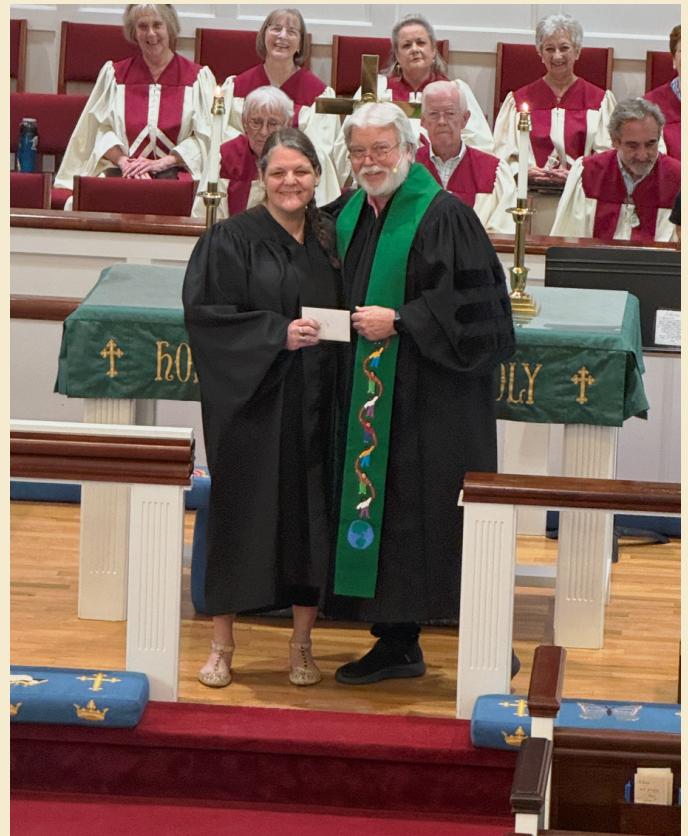
Highlands United Methodist Church News

September 1-7, 2026



Thank You Emily!

Emily Moss has served as our temporary Chancel Choir Director for the past few months. August 30th was her last Sunday with us in that role. During our Traditional Worship Service at 11am, Pastor Randy presented her with a love offering in the amount of \$1,000. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the love offering, and a big thanks to Emily for a job well done!



In Search of Part-time Choir Director

With Emily's departure, we're seeking a chancel choir director for our weekly Sunday traditional worship services at 11am. Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 4pm. If you know of anyone who may be interested in applying for this position, please have them contact Pastor Randy - randyhumc@icloud.com.

Coffee Chats with Pastor Randy

Thursdays at 10am



Pastor Randy would enjoy having some one-on-one conversations over coffee on Thursdays at 10am. We can chat about faith, the Bible, or simply life in general, just conversations over coffee. If you'd be interested in scheduling a coffee chat with Pastor Randy, please contact Craig in the church office.

Office Closure

The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, September 7th** in observance of Labor Day. We will be checking email at highlandsumc@icloud.com for any urgent needs.

Pop Up Pipers

The Pop Up Pipers will be playing beautiful music on their bagpipes this **Saturday, September 5th from 4:30 - 5pm on the front lawn.** We hope to see you there!

Community Table

Will be held TONIGHT, **Tuesday September 1st, at 6pm** at the Community Building

“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.



Methodist Men's Breakfast

The Methodist Men's breakfast will be on Saturday September 12th @ 8:30am.

September's speaker will be Steve Daniels. In high school, Steve was making a living doing renderings for architects, and then he took a year of drafting, receiving his diploma in mechanical drafting. Five days later, he joined the Air Force, and his background talents were quickly discovered as he was assigned to Langley Air Force Base as a staff artist for the Commanding General of Tactical Air Command. There, he created artist concepts for top-secret aircraft and advanced weapon systems. Please join us as he shares how his training, his time in the Air Force, and his faith all intersected throughout his career. He will even bring some of his designs.

Please join us. Saturday September 12th @ 8:30. Bring a friend! All are welcome!

Ministry

Ministry Bag for September!



Benefiting

**Highlands-Cashiers
Humane Society**

Leashes

New
Towels

Bring us
treats, pretty
please?

Toys

Bedding



Ministry

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
3
2026



10 AM-
2 PM



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315 MAIN ST
HIGHLANDS

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 **828-526-3376**

Community Event

Highlands Historical Society's

Walk in the Park

Saturday, October 3rd, 1:00 - 3:00

Sunday, October 4th, 2:00

JOIN US FOR A
WALK THROUGH
TIME AND HEAR
STORIES FROM
HIGHLANDS'
REMARKABLE
HISTORY



FEATURING THE
GHOSTS OF:

MARY CHAPIN SMITH

UNCLE BILLY POTTS

ANNIE WHIP

BENNIE ROGERS

FRED ALLEN

JUDGE FELIX ALLEY

Saturday's Performances will be held in Memorial Park with Reserved Shuttle Times from the Highlands Community Building Parking Lot
Sunday's Performance will be held at the Highlands Community Building

Tickets: Adults \$25, Children under 12 Free

Purchase Tickets and Reserve Times at:

highlandshistory.com

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 August 16th:

Internal Restricted:

Kitchen Ministry - \$5,202.91

Library - \$100.00

Children's Discretionary - \$25.00

Pastor's Fund - \$25.00

Operating Fund:

\$24,284.00

(Includes \$15,000 in Memory of Jane Nixon)

Our 2026 July year to date financial report

Income - \$382,150

Expenses - \$410,037 (-\$27,887)



Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to:

September

- 1 - April Getz
- 3 - Darren Nicholson
- 5 - Randy Newton
- 7 - Elliott Cashion
 - Dennis Leftwich
- 8 - Tom Herring
 - Jim Recktenwald
- 10 - Janice Hall
- 12 - Martha Betz
- 13 - Lewis Collins
- 15 - Becki Bryson
 - Donna Jacques
 - Marie Sharp
- 16 - Patty Campbell
- 18 - Margie Melvin
- 19 - Jim Bishop
- 20 - Steve Mehder

Happy Anniversary to:

September

- 9 - Al and Renee Bolt
- 13 - Tom and August Mehder
- 14 - Larry and Mary Ann Ray
- 15 - Morris and Cynthia Reed

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

POTLUCK Wednesday at 5:15 PM

Join us for good food and fellowship this Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:15pm. It's Potluck this week, so please bring your favorite dish to share. Then plan to stay for "Trivia Night with Mike - Labor Day(ish) Edition."

Upcoming Programs"

September 2nd - "Trivia Night with Mike" - Labor Day(ish) Edition

JOY GROUP

Just Older Youth (JOY) Group will be held on Thursday, September 3rd at 11:30am.





This Week at HUMC



Week of September 1 - 7.

Tuesday, September 1st - Men's Breakfast at Blue Bike - **8:15am**
- Community Table (Community Building) - **6pm**
- Women's Bible Study (Parlor) - **6:30pm - 8:30pm**
- Lectionary Home Group at the home of Fred and Elizabeth Motz - **7pm**

Wednesday, September 2nd - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **4pm**
- Wed Night **POTLUCK** Meal and Program (F&FC) - **5:15pm**

Thursday, September 3rd - JOY (Just Older Youth) Group (F&FC) - **11:30am**
- Stephen Ministry Training (F&FC) - **4pm - 6pm**

Saturday, September 5th - Pop Up Bagpipers (Front Lawn) - **4:30pm - 5pm**

Sunday, September 6th - **Fifteenth 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, September 7th - **Labor Day, Church Office Closed**

Coming Soon...

Saturday, September 12th - Methodist Men's Breakfast (F&FC) - **8:30am**

Monday, September 14th - Finance Committee (Old Fellowship Hall) - **5:30pm**

Thursday, September 24th - Church Council Meeting (Old Fellowship) - **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**.

Womens' Bible Study

Will be held Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Church Parlor. The group will be reading Kristi McClelland's: *The Names of God*.

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**,*

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1_zqPcu78pLdiGdLbY1-lA

HUMC News

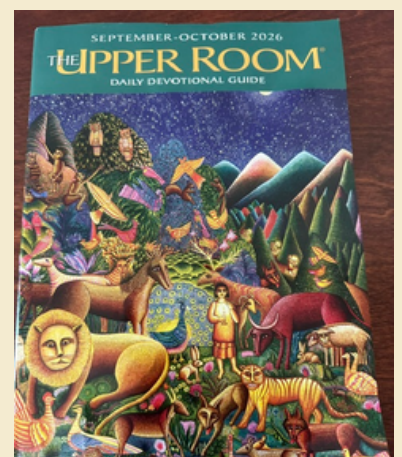
The HUMC News is emailed every Tuesday. It is also placed on our website. Let us know if you'd like to be on the email distribution.

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

**September/October
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 visitng for one Sunday, or seasonally, you are most
welcome! Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions!

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***"Love does no wrong to a neighbor, therefore, love is the fulfilling of the
law."***

- Romans 13:10