

Highlands United Methodist Church News

September 15-21, 2026



Homecoming - October 11th Combined Worship at 10am



Our annual Homecoming is **Sunday, October 11th**. We'll have a combined worship service at 10am followed by a covered dish potluck brunch in the Faith and Fellowship Center.

Our 2026 Homecoming Preacher will be Rev. Dr. Tom Steagald, who served as HUMC Pastor from 1988 to 1993. Please make plans to join us for this special time of worship, celebration and memory together.

In Search of Part-time Choir Director

We continue 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.

Craft Fair



Our annual craft bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 3rd. The Bazaar will run from 10am-2pm, and there will be a hot dog lunch from 11am-1pm.

Come shop for homemade jellies, jams, and breads, homemade crafts, a silent auction with gift baskets, and much more!

All proceeds will go to support HUMC ministries, and the Christmas parade camels. **Please see Kristy** if you are able to volunteer!

World Communion Sunday

Join us Sunday, **October 4**, as we celebrate World Communion Sunday

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.

Our next Mah Jong Monday is coming

Thank you all for the great participation in our first Mah Jong Monday. We will be holding our next session on Monday, **September 28th from 5:15pm to 7:15pm** in the Faith and Fellowship Center. Please RSVP to Craig in the Church office to secure your place!



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



HUMC
315 MAIN ST
HIGHLANDS

www.highlandsmethodist.org

 **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

Community Events

A large, sparkling pink ribbon is draped across the left side of the poster. In the foreground, a martini glass filled with pink liquid and garnished with a lime wedge sits on a surface of pink flowers. A small lit candle is visible behind the glass.

A Pink Partini

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE DON'T KNOW

Wednesday, October 14
5 – 7 PM

Town Hall Restaurant
474 Main Street in Highlands

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month,
this informal gathering invites survivors, patients, caregivers, and loved ones to share experiences, ask questions, and connect with others navigating the breast cancer journey.

Guests can enjoy light bites, a cash bar featuring pink margaritas, pink martinis, rosé, and mocktails.

Bring your questions, experiences, and someone you love.
Because we don't know what we don't know, but together, we can learn.

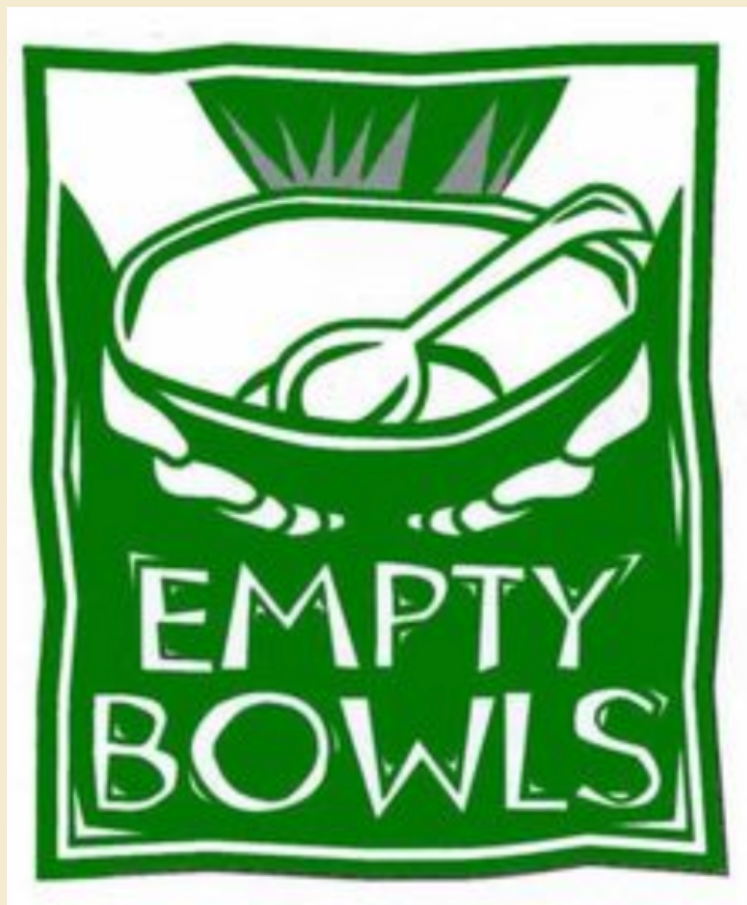
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Town Hall
HIGHLANDS | NC CAROLINA

Stage 4 Hope
STRENGTH THROUGH THE STORM

HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL

LAUREL
The Heart of the Highlands-Cashiers Region



2026 Empty Bowls Community Soup Lunch - A Favorite Highlands Tradition

The 15th annual Empty Bowls community lunch will be held on Sunday, September 27 from 11:00-2:00. Once again, the Highlands First Presbyterian Church will host the event. The event raises critical funds for the Highlands Food Pantry.

<https://highlandsfriendshipcenter.org/emptybowls>

Church Programs

Wednesday Night Family Meal and Program

Wednesday

NIGHT
SUPPER

Wednesday at 5:15 PM

Join us for good food and fellowship this Wednesday, September 16th at 5:15pm. This week's menu is Italian sausage baked ziti, roasted mixed vegetables, garlic toast, salad, and desserts. Then please plan to stay for another edition of "Tonight's Special Guest," with this week's special guest, Col. John Campbell.

Upcoming Programs

September 16th - "Tonight's Special Guest - Col. John Campbell"

JOY GROUP

Just Older Youth (JOY) Group will be held on Thursday, September 17th at 11:30am.



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 September 6th:

Internal Restricted:

Pastor's Fund - \$715.00

Library - \$100.00

UMCOR - \$100.00

Food Pantry - \$100.00

Operating Fund:

\$10,761.00

Our 2026 August year to date financial report

Income - \$474,658.95

Expenses - \$467,608.88 (+7,050.07)



Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to:

September

- 15 - Becki Bryson
 - Donna Jacques
 - Marie Sharpe
- 16 - Patty Campbell
- 18 - Margie Melvin
- 19 - Jim Bishop
- 20 - Steve Mehder
- 21 - Carter Davis
- 23 - Keith Crawford
 - Margie Potts
- 24 - Judy Mouchet
 - Brooks Wood
- 26 - Bob Carlton
- 27 - Terri Crowe
 - Ann Rose
- 28 - Sally Wheeler
- 29 - Nancy Anderson
 - Caroline Eister

Happy Anniversary to:

September

- 15 - Morris and Cynthia Reed
- 24 - Dennis and Fran Leftwich
- 25 - James and Allison Tate
- 27 - Randy and Sharon Newton

Celebrate your special event with Altar Flowers. Forms may be found outside the church office, or contact Craig at highlandsumc@icloud.com.



This Week at HUMC



Week of September 15 - 21.

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

Wednesday, September 16th - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **4pm**
- Wed Night Meal and Program (F&FC) - **5:15pm**

Thursday, September 17th - JOY (Just Older Youth) Group (F&FC) - **11:30am**
- Stephen Ministry Training (F&FC) - **4pm - 6pm**

Saturday, September 19th - American Legion Post 370 Meeting (F&FC). - **9:00am**

Sunday, September 20th - **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- Morning Breakfast (F&FC) - **8:30am**
- 909 Bluegrass Service (F&FC) - **9:09am**
- Sunday School (Various Locations) - **10am**
- Traditional Service (Sanctuary) - **11am**

Coming Soon...

Thursday, September 24th - Church Council Meeting (Old Fellowship) - **5:30pm**

Sunday, September 27th - Empty Bowls (First Presbyterian Church) - **11a-2pm**

Monday, September 28th - Mah Jong Monday! (F&FC) - **5:15pm - 7:15pm**

Saturday, October 3rd - Annual Craft Bazaar (Old Fellowship Hall) - **10a-2pm**

Sunday, October 4th - World Communion Sunday

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

Sunday, October 11th - Homecoming, Combined Worship (F&FC) - **10am**
Homecoming Brunch - **11am**

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

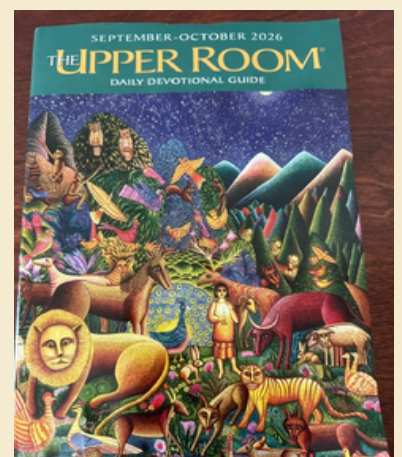
The HUMC News is emailed every Tuesday. It is also placed on our website. Let us know if you'd like to be on the email distribution.

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 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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"When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.'"

- Exodus 16:15