

Highlands United Methodist Church News

October 13 - 19 , 2026



Remembering Vangie

Vangie Rich died early Monday morning after a brief illness. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. A long-time and dedicated member of our Chancel Choir, Vangie was a gift singer. She had a delightful spirit, was a beloved member of our HUMC family and will be sorely missed. Let's keep her son Bill and all of Vangie's family and friends in our prayers.



A Spooky and Funny Good Time!

The Highlands Cashiers Players will be presenting their final play of the season - A Dracula Double Feature - at the Performing Arts Center, Martin Lipscomb Theater. The plays are directed by Randy Lucas and feature many HUMC members with roles both in the play and behind the scenes. The play runs October 15- 18 and 22 - 25 (Thursdays and Fridays at 7pm, Saturdays at 5pm, and Sundays at 2pm). Tickets may be purchased on the PAC's website or at the door. We hope to see you there for a fun time!



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.

Church Bazaar Items for Sale

We still have some items left from our Craft Bazaar that will be on display **through October 23rd**. Feel free to come shop Monday through Thursday 10-3! See Craig in the Church Office for questions or to make a purchase.

thank you again for your support of the HUMC Ministries!



Mahjong Monday Returns

Thank you all for the great participation in our first Mah Jong Monday. We will be holding our next session on Monday, **October 26th from 5:15pm to 7:15pm** in the Faith and Fellowship Center. **Please RSVP** to Craig in the Church office to secure your place!

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.

Women's Bible Study Begins



On **October 20**, the Tuesday women's study group will begin a new book. "Common Ground" by Amberly Neese explores how the Scriptures teach us how to live in happiness and peace even in times of conflict. Please join us on the 20th, 6:30-8pm in the parlor.

Upcoming Meetings

Trustees Meeting - Thursday, October 27th at 5:30pm

Finance Committee Meeting - Monday, November 16th at 5:30pm

Charge Conference Meeting - Sunday, November 22nd at 10am (between services). All are welcomed!

American Legion

Breakfast and Meeting **THIS Saturday, October 17th, at 9am.**



Halloween is Coming!

Candy Needed



Once again, candy is requested to pass out to our trick or treaters on Halloween Night. Halloween is always very special in Highlands as the streets close down and businesses pass out treats to the kids!

PLEASE remember, individual sized and wrapped candy only that is safe for trick or treaters! Please bring to Craig in the church office.

Interested in passing out candy on Main Street? Please contact Fred Motz at bigbearpen@gmail.com

Pizza Party

Come to our church Halloween Pizza Party, **Saturday October 31 at 5:15 pm.** Please dress in your halloween costumes and enjoy the food and fellowship.



“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.

Now that it is Fall, we will have a lot of visitors who are interested in seeing our beautiful Sanctuary. Last week we opened our doors for 2 hours and had 18 people visit us!



Upcoming Services

All Saints Sunday, November 1: We will be having our Service of Remembrance for those who have passed since last year's All Saints Service.

Honoring Our Veterans, November 8: We will be honoring our Veterans at both services. If you did not share your military history details with Craig last year, or want to double check we have your information correct, please contact Craig in the Church Office.

Ministry

Our **MINISTRY BAGS** for the Month for October are warm clothing to support our annual coat drive. This includes new and gently used coats, scarves, gloves, and hats for men, women and children.



**Coats may be dropped
off in the F&FC.
A box is by the front doors.**



Gordon Center



Where little minds, hearts, and
souls grow to be loving and
faithful children of God!

October Envelope Challenge



Pick an envelope.
Fill it with the amount shown.
Every gift makes a
difference.

Community Events

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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DRACULA DOUBLE FEATURE



... AND OTHER
HAUNTING TREATS!

October 15 - 18 & 22 - 25

Almost the Bride of Dracula & Midlife Dracula
both by Dennis Snee ~ directed by Randy Lucas



Three easy ways to get your tickets:

- PAC Box Office - 828.526.9047
- HighlandsCashiersPlayers.com
- Scan QR code

Special Event -
One Night Only!

Orson Welles'

WAR OF THE WORLDS

The 1938 Radio Script

Directed by Randy Lucas

October 30, 2026
7 pm



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, October 14th at 5:15pm. The menu this week is Chicken Divan Casserole, Honey Glazed Carrots, Rice, Salad, and Desserts. Then please plan to stay for our program at 6pm as we “Meet the Cast of HCP’s ‘Dracula Double Feature.’”

Upcoming Programs

October 14th - “Meet the Cast of HCP’s “Almost the Bride of Dracula” and “Mid-Life Dracula.”

JOY GROUP

Just Older Youth (JOY) Group will be held on Thursday, October 15th 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 October 4th:

Internal Restricted:

Craft Bazaar - \$6,084.00
Pastor's Fund - \$25.00
Gordon Center - \$10.00
Children's Discretionary - \$5.00

Operating Fund:

\$12,973.00
(Includes Memorial gifts -
\$75.00 for Joy Still and \$400.00 for Bill Hall)

Our 2026 August year to date financial report

Income - \$474,658.95
Expenses - \$467,608.88 (+7,050.07)



Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to:

October

14 - Cindy Lou Batson
- Paul McLarty
15 - Josh Bryson
- Larry Ray
16 - Anne Newhouse
17 - Ginger Bunnell
21 - Mary Ann Ray
22 - Alyson Baumrucker
- Melinda Spring
- Patti Wheeler
23 - Nancy Butler
- Bob Gregory
24 - Taylor Nicholson
25 - Dabs Potts
26 - Don Fiebelman
- Kay Moore
- Joyce Stribling
27 - Margaret Tooke
- Laura Vines
28 - John Valentine

Happy Anniversary to:

October

14 - Ken and Beth Bowser
21 - Del and Joanne Oliver
23 - Scott and Becky Baker

**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 October 13th - 19th .

Tuesday, October 13th - Men's Breakfast at Blue Bike - **8:15am**
- Lectionary Home Group at the home of Fred and Elizabeth Motz - **7pm**

Wednesday, October 14th - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **4pm**
- Wed Night **POTLUCK** Meal (F&FC) - **5:15pm**
- Pink Partini (Town Hall Restaurant) - **5-7pm**
(supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month)

Thursday, October 15th - JOY (Just Older Youth) Group (F&FC) - **11:30am**

Saturday, October 17th - American Legion Breakfast (F&FC) - **9am**

Sunday, October 18th - **Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost (Children's Sunday)**
- 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, October 20th - New Women's Bible Study Begins - **6pm**

Monday, October 26th - Mah Jong Monday (F&FC) - **5:15pm - 7:15pm**

Tuesday, October 27th - Trustees Meeting (Old Fellowship Hall) - **5:30pm**

Saturday, October 31st - Halloween Pizza Party (F&FC) - **5:15pm**

Sunday, November 1st - **All Saints Sunday**

Sunday, November 8th - **Veterans Sunday**

Sunday, November 22nd - Charge Conference (F&FC) - **10am**

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 – NEW!

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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

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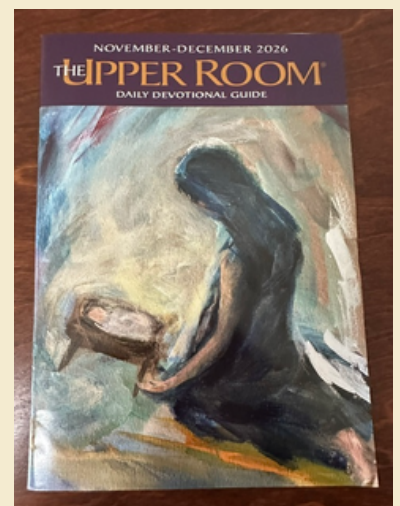
The HUMC News is emailed every Tuesday. It is also placed on our website. Let us know if you'd like to be on the email distribution.

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

**November/December
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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online giving page -

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**“He (Jesus) called a child, whom he put among them,
and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become
like children, you will never enter the kingdom of
heaven.'”**

Matthew 18: 2-3