

Highlands United Methodist Church News

October 20-26, 2026



All Saints Sunday November 1st

Next Sunday November 1st, during both our worship services, we will be remembering members of our HUMC family who have died over the past year. If you have a loved one you'd like us to include in our All Saints Service, please contact Craig in the church office by Monday, October 26th.

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.

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 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!

Women's Bible Study Begins

TODAY, 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 - Tuesday, October 27th at 5:30pm

Finance Committee Meeting - Monday, November 16th at 5:0pm

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

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.

“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. Recently, we opened our doors for 2 hours and had 18 people visit us!



Veterans' 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.

Happy Halloween

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.



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

DRACULA DOUBLE FEATURE



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**

Community Events

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

First Presbyterian Church, Highlands
United Methodist Church, and The
Church of the Incarnation of
Highlands invite you to join us for a
Blessing of the Animals Service.



**NOVEMBER 1ST AT 2:00PM
IN FOUNDERS PARK**

Join us at Founder's Park on
November 1st at 2 p.m. for a blessing
service to give thanks for Creation
and reaffirm our stewardship of
God's creatures. Ensure your pet can
handle crowds, and if your pet
prefers to stay home or has passed
away, bring a photo for blessing.

Community Events



VETERANS DAY FLAGS

Monday November 9th at 4:00PM

Highlands Cemetery meet at the Flagpole



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Marking Graves with Surveyor Flags

Friday December 18 at 11:00AM

Highlands Cemetery meet at the Flagpole

Wreaths Across America Day

Saturday December 19

Meet at Highlands Community Building
At 11:30AM, Ceremony starts at 12 Noon

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 21st at 5:15pm.**
This week it's Ken Knight and crew preparing our annual Oktoberfest meal!
There is no program this week.



JOY GROUP

Just Older Youth (JOY) Group will be held on
Thursday, October 22nd 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 11th:

Internal Restricted:

Craft Bazaar - \$1,472.00
Pastor's Fund - \$525.00
Summer Camp - \$500.00
Igniting Ministries - \$125.00
Children's Discretionary - \$65.00

Operating Fund:

\$11,986.68
(Includes \$100 Memorial for Joy Still)

Our 2026 September year to date financial report

Income - \$528,626.56
Expenses - \$532,004.47 (-3,377.91)



Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to:

October

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
29 - Matthew Campbell
- Jessica Campbell
31 - Linda Schowalter

Happy Anniversary to:

October

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 20th - 26th

Tuesday, October 20th - Men's Breakfast at Blue Bike - **8:15am**
- New Women's Bible Study Begins - **6pm**
- Lectionary Home Group at the home of Fred and Elizabeth Motz - **7pm**

Wednesday, October 21st - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **4pm**
- Wed Night Meal, no program (F&FC) - **5:15pm**

Thursday, October 22nd - JOY (Just Older Youth) Group (F&FC) - **11:30am**

Sunday, October 25th - **Twenty Second 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**

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

Coming Soon...

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**

- Blessing of the Animals, (Founders Park) - **2pm**

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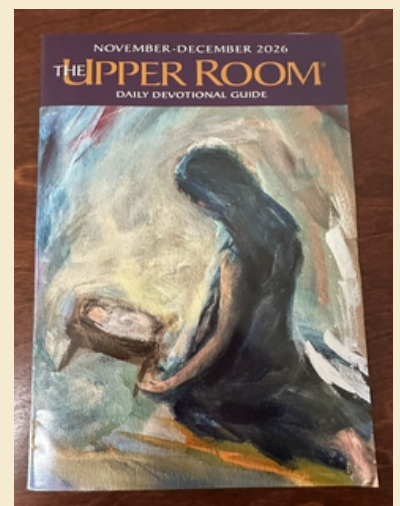
The HUMC News is emailed every Tuesday. It is also placed on our website. Let us know if you'd like to be on the email distribution.

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 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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“He (Jesus) said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Matthew 22: 37-40