Highlands United Methodist Church News

November 10-16, 2026



Honoring our Veterans

This past Sunday we honored our Highlands Veterans during both worship services. We are grateful for their service to their county and continued to be blessed by their faithful work among us.





Our HUMC Veterans

Below is our current list of Veterans from our HUMC family! Thank you for your service and welcome home!

Gary Ammons.
Greg Clarkson
Larry Dale
Al Davidson
Carter Davis
Joseph Davis
Bill Edwards
Frank Edwards
Linda Edwards
Ty Emmert
Jeff Getz
Don Germano
Keith Hall
Bob Hood
Ken Knight
Lee Ladensack
Dennis Leftwich
George Miffleton
Tim Moseley
Fred Motz
Jim Neal
Richard Newhouse
Leonard Parks
Greg Parrott
Doug Parrott
Brandon Picklesimer
James Riddle
Paul Schowalter
Fred Smith
Jack Smith
Hal Taylor
James Tester
Olan Vinson
Rick Willeford

Veterans Service

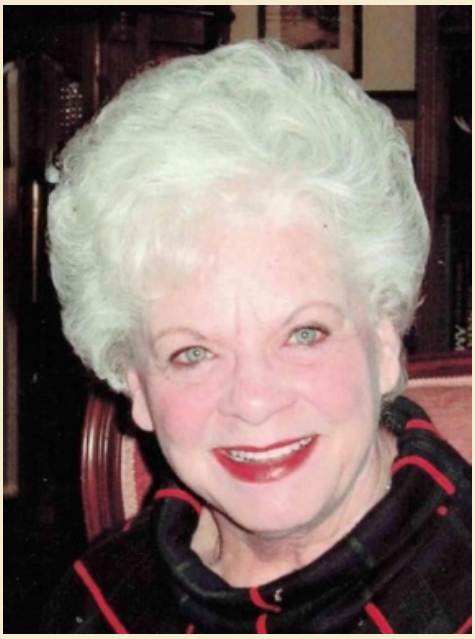
Wednesday, November 11th at Veterans Plaza

You're invited to join American Legion Post 370 for a special Veterans Day Observance at **11am at Veterans Plaza** on Veterans Day this Wednesday. Veterans Plaza is located at the Highlands Police Department.

Church Office Closed

Please remember that the church office will be closed in observance of Veterans Day this **Wednesday, November 11th**. There will be no choir practice or Wednesday night meal or program.

Remembering Vangie



We will celebrate the life of Vangie Rich this **Saturday, November 14th at 2pm**. The service will take place in the Church Sanctuary, with a reception to follow in the Faith and Fellowship Center.

"The Gift of Respite" Friday, December 4th

On **Friday, December 4th from 10am - 2pm** we are offering “The Gift of Respite” for families impacted by dementia. We will celebrate the season and share meaningful time together through fellowship, fun and good food. Please contact Craig in the church office for more information or to volunteer!



Faith and Fellowship Center Carpet Cleaning This Week

The F&FC carpet is being cleaned this week - **all activities through Friday are cancelled.**

Bazaar Update

A final thank you to all who supported the craft bazaar. After expenses we raised $8600! Those funds are already being put to good use to secure the camels, sponsor the 40 Christmas families, and other year end missions.

Bingo Bingo Bingo!

Bingo will be held at the Highlands Community Building on Thursday, **November 12th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm** to support Shop With a Cop.



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.

Upcoming Meetings

Finance Committee Meeting - Monday, November 16th at 5:30pm
Church Council Meeting - Thursday, November 19th at 5:30pm.
Charge Conference - Sunday, November 22nd at 10am (between services). All are welcomed at the Charge Conference.

Senior Lunch Resumes

Senior Lunches resume for the season at the Rec Park. Our first lunch will be **Friday, November 20th at 12noon.** Look forward to seeing you there!

American Legion

Meeting and Breakfast will be held in the Faith and Fellowship Center on **Saturday November 21st, at 9am.**

Mah Jong Monday

returns on Monday, **November 30th from 5:15pm to 7:15pm.** Please RSVP to Craig in the Church Office.

Blood Drive

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will take place on **Monday, December 7th from 10am to 2pm** in the Faith and Fellowship Center.

Community Thanksgiving





An annual tradition! Join us at the Rec Park on Tuesday, November 24th at 6pm for a festive holiday meal and plenty of fellowship!

See Kristy to volunteer.







“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 wil 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!





Coffee Chats with Pastor Randy Thursdays at 10am



Pastor Randy is enjoying 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.

Christmas Happenings

Christmas Parade



Join us as HUMC takes place in the annual Highlands Christmas Parade. Please see Julie Jared to volunteer.

HUMC volunteeers will gather at 9am
Parade starts at 10am.





Adopt a Family

Each year we sponsor families through the Emergency Council for Christmas. This year we have 40 families (77 children). Please see Kristy to adopt a family or donate to this incredible ministry.

Christmas Happenings

Breakfast With Santa



Saturday, December 12th
8:30am
Highlands United Methodist Church
Faith & Fellowship Center

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Marking Graves with Surveyor Flags
Friday December 18 at 11:00AM
Highlands Cemetery meet at the Flagpole

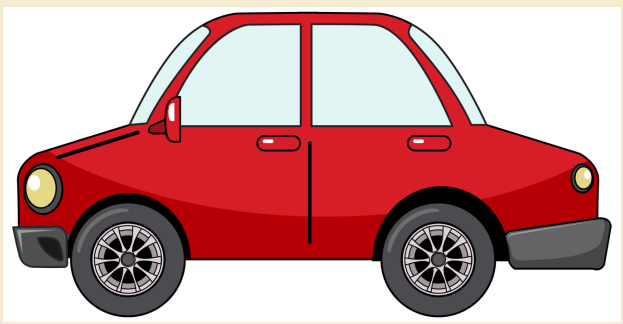
Wreaths Across America Day
Saturday December 19
Meet at Highlands Community Building
At 11:30AM, Ceremony starts at 12 Noon

Ministry



Leaving Town for the Season?

Please remember **the Highlands Emergency Council and the Food Pantry** when cleaning out your pantries/freezers/homes as you get ready to depart Highlands for the season. Those in need will certainly be grateful you did!



Ministry

November Ministry Bags

Macon County Elves



Mission Statement

Macon County Elves is a volunteer-led organization dedicated to bringing holiday joy to children and families across Macon County, North Carolina.

We believe in the power of community, compassion, and local giving — ensuring that every donation, every toy, and every act of kindness stays right here at home.





Needs

UNWRAPPED new toys for local boys and girls of all ages!

Church Programs

Wednesday Night Family Meal and Program

Wednesday NIGHT SUPPER

No Meal or Program this week

Please remember there will be no Wednesday night meal or program this week.



JOY GROUP

There will be NO JOY GROUP on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th as we will have the carpets cleaned in the F&FC. Joy Group wll return on Thursday, November 19th.

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 25th:

Internal Restricted:
Bazaar - $287.00
Pastor's Fund - $25.00

Operating Fund:
$8,588.00
(Includes $100.00 Memorial for Vangie Rich)

Our 2026 September year to date financial report
Income - $528,626.56
Expenses - $532,004.47 (-3,377.91)

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to:

November

13 - Kristin Edwards
- Bryan Jones
15 - Patricia Allen
- James Hines
- Peggy Roberts
- Olan Vinson
16 - Sharon Willeford
19 - Leigh Ivy
- Megan James
- Marsha Little
- Tony Potts
24 - Sara Mayer
25 - Linda Dryman
- Sheri McGauhy
26 - Marlene Nix
27 - Rick Willeford
28 - Jeannie Edwards Jones
29 - Kristy Martin.
- Nancy Sutton

Happy Anniversary to:

November

15 - Patty and Doug Campbell
- Barbara and Jim Recktenwald
21 - Hal and Verna Taylor

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 November 10th – 16th.

Tuesday, November 10th – Men's Breakfast at Blue Bike **– 8:15am**
– Women's Bible Study (Parlor) – **6pm**
– Lectionary Home Group at the home of Fred and Elizabeth Motz –**7pm**

Wednesday, November 11th – **Veteran's Day (Office Closed)**
– **NO Wednesday Night Meal or program**

Thursday, November 12th – **NO JOY (Just Older Youth) Group**
– Bingo (Community Building) **– 6:30 – 8:30pm**

Saturday, November 14th – Celebration of the Life of Vangie Rich – 2pm

Sunday, November 15th – **Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
– Morning Breakfast (F&FC) – **8:30am**
– 909 Bluegrass Service (F&FC) – **9:09am**
– "Respite for All" Meeting **– 10am**
– Sunday School (Various Locations) – **10am**
– Traditional Service (Sanctuary) – **11am**

Monday, November 16th – Finance Committee Mtg (Old Fellowship) – **5:30pm**

Coming Soon…

Thursday, November 19th *– Church Council Meeting –* ***5:30pm***
Friday, November 20th – *Senior Lunch (Rec Park) –* ***2pm***
Saturday, November 21st – *American Legion Meeting (F&FC) –* ***9am***
Sunday, November 22nd – *Charge Conference (F&FC)* ***– 10am***
Monday, November 23rd – *Deck the Halls (F&FC) –* ***10am***
Tuesday, November 24th – *Community Thanksgiving (Rec Park) –* ***6pm***
Thursday, November 26th – Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)
Monday, November 30th – *Mah Jong Monday (F&FC) –* ***5:15 – 7:15pm***
Friday, December 4th – *"The Gift of Respite" (F&FC) –* ***10am – 2pm***
Saturday, December 5th – *Highlands Christmas Parade –* ***9am gather***
Saturday, December 12th – *Breakfast with Santa (F&FC) –* ***8:30am***

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

.Tuesday women's study group will be studying. "Common Ground" by Amberly Neese, which 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.

Seekers Sunday School Class

This class is currently studying the Books of Philippians, Galatians, and Ephesians. 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

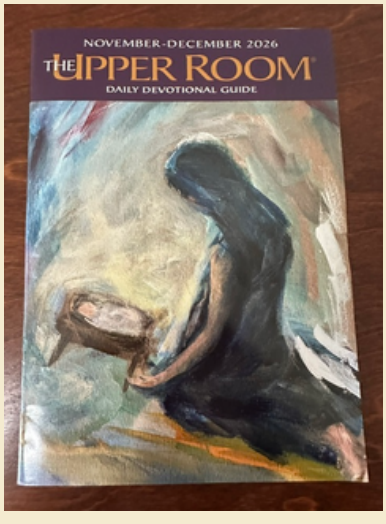
The HUMC News is emailed every Tuesday. It is also placed on our website. Let us know if you'd like to be on the email distribution.

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

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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"For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him."

1 Thessalonians 5:10