Highlands United Methodist Church News

November 17-23, 2026



"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!



Charge Conference
This Sunday, November 22nd

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held this **Sunday, November 22nd, at 10am in the Faith and Fellowship Center.** The Charge Conference is the historic annual connectional meeting that dates back to the days of John and Charles Wesley. The specific work will be to approve pastoral remuneration and church leadership for the coming year. In addition this year, an Endowment Document will be presented for Charge Conference approval. Voting members of Charge Conference are voting members of the Church Council. However, anyone is invited to attend.

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!



Deck the Halls!

Join us as we decorate the Faith and Fellowship Center for Christmas! **Monday, November 23rd at 10am.** See you then!



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

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.

“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.

Wreaths Across America

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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

Christmas Happenings

Breakfast With Santa



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

Gordon Center Envelope Challenge

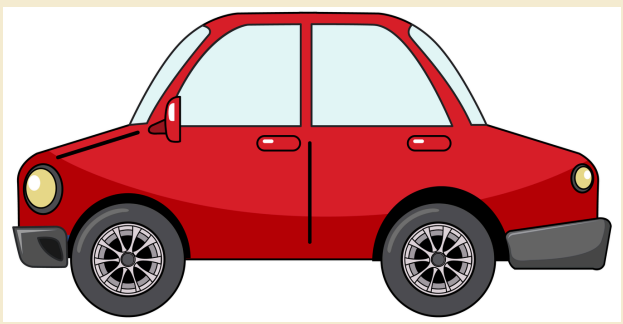


Ministry



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

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Wednesday Evening at 5:15pm

Join us this Wednesday, **November 18th at 5:15pm**, for a family mean featuring Chili, baked potato, salad and dessert. Then plan to stay at **6pm** for Part 2 of David Hodgson's program "Gratitude for things We Take For Granted.",



Please note there will be no Wednesday night meal or program next Wednesday, November 25th.

JOY GROUP

Joy (Just Older Youth) Group will take place on **Thursday, November 19th at 11:30am.** We look forward to seeing you there!

There will be NO JOY GROUP on **Wednesday November 26th.** Happy Thanksgiving! ,

JOY GROUP
JUST•OLDER•YOUTH

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 November 8th:

Internal Restricted:
Pastor's Fund - $525.00
Gordon Center- $130.00
Emergency Council - $100.00
Children's Fund - $5.00

Operating Fund:
$5,827.00

Our 2026 October year to date financial report
Income - $579,355.82
Expenses - $583,066.02 (-3,710.20)

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to:

November

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

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 17th – 23rd.

Tuesday, November 17th – 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 18h – Wednesday Night Meal and program – **5:15pm**

Thursday, November 19th **–** JOY (Just Older Youth) Group (F&FC) – **11:30am**
– Church Council Meeting (Old Fellowship Hall) – **5:30pm**

Friday, November 20th – Senior Lunch (Rec Park) **– 2pm**

Saturday, November 21st – American Legion Breakfast Meeting (F&FC) – **9am**

Sunday, November 22nd – **Christ the King Sunday**
– Morning Breakfast (F&FC) – **8:30am**
– 909 Bluegrass Service (F&FC) – **9:09am**
– Charge Conference (F&FC) – **10am**
– Sunday School (Various Locations) – **10am**
– Traditional Service (Sanctuary) – **11am**

Monday, November 23rd – Deck the Halls (F&FC) – **10am**

Coming Soon..
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***
Saturday, December 12th – *Breakfast with Santa (F&FC) –* ***8.30am***

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

.Beginning December 1st, Women's Bible Study will focus on The Scriptures Sing of Christmas, an Advent study by J. Ellsworth Kalas

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,***
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HUMC News

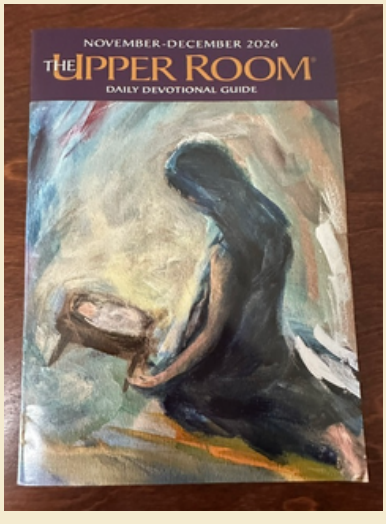
The HUMC News is emailed every Tuesday. It is also placed on our website. Let us know if you'd like to be on the email distribution.

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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"And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"

Matthew 25:40