

Highlands United Methodist Church News

Week of April 7, 2026



The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

Thanks to everyone who provided leadership for, participated in and attended our Holy Week Services last week, culminating in a meaningful Easter Sunday celebration of the resurrection. It was a meaningful week of remembrance, reflection, music, worship and celebration. As we have now embarked on The Great Fifty Days of Easter, may we strive to live victorious lives as God's Easter People!



Office Closing Early

Our Church Office will close at 12noon on Thursday, April 9th.

Ministry



Little

Children of the World

Our mission is to help develop caring Christian communities for the world's children at risk so they will be able to escape poverty and abuse. We **share love** by letting poverty-stricken children know that someone cares about them, **give help** through financial partnership and child sponsorship, and **bring hope** to those who have none through sharing Jesus



NEEDS



- Crayons
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Small Dolls
- Toy Cars
- Girl's Hair Accessories
- Boy's Fidget Toys

Children and Youth

Easter Fun at After-School

The last school day before Easter Break, the After-School Kiddos made Resurrection Rolls for their snack, had an egg hunt in the F&FC, and heard the Holy Week story told using Resurrection Eggs.



Gordon Center

HOLY WEEK FUN @ THE GORDON CENTER

Easter Egg decorating, Resurrection Eggs, Bunny Ears, April's Fool jokes, and hunting for eggs has made a busy week in the GCC classrooms!



Coming Soon!

ROBOTICS CLUB

WEDNESDAYS

APRIL 8, 15, 22, 29

MAY 6, 13

5:45 - 6:45pm

Dinner @ 5:15pm

LIMITED SPACE!!

Contact Pastor Christine to RSVP!!



COMING SOON!!

VBS 2026
@ HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 8 - 11, 2026
9:30am - Noon
Ages: 4-10 years

Registration:
Contact Pastor Christine
christinehumc@icloud.com
828-526-3376 ext 103



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 March 29th:

Internal Restricted Funds:

Pastor's Fund - \$1,100.00

Summer Camps - \$500.00

Library - \$100.00

General Operating Fund

\$26,582.00

Our 2026 February year to date financial report

Income - \$81,164.95

Expenses - \$113,590.78 (-\$32,425.83)



Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to:

April

7 - James Bryson

8 - Susan Hood

- Nancy LaCoe

- James Tate

10 - Trish Foor

13 - Penelope McRae

14 - Ann Aultman

- Colleen Holt

- Christy Weller

15 - Paul Schneider

17 - Rich Grove

18 - Brenda Pierson

Happy Anniversary to:

April

9 - Wayne and Nancy LaCoe

11 - Dan and JoAnn Chapman

13 - Fred and Kathy Smith

16 - Jim and Diane Riddle

19 - Tom and Debbie Brock

Altar Flowers

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

Church Programs

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday

NIGHT
SUPPER

5:15pm

This Week

Please remember that we're taking our traditional week-after-Easter-break. There will be no Wednesday night meal/program this week. Our regular schedule will resume the week of April 13th.

Upcoming Programs

April 8th - No Wednesday night meal or program

April 15th - "A Shepherd's Story" presented by Don Germano

JOY GROUP

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This Week at HUMC



Week of April 7 - April 13

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

Wednesday, April 8th: - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **4pm**
- **NO Family Night Meal (F&FC)**

Thursday, April 9th: - **NO Joy Group (F&FC)**

Sunday, April 12th: - **First Sunday After Easter**
- 909 Bluegrass Service (F&FC) - **9:09am**
- Traditional Service (Sanctuary) - **11am**

Monday, April 13th: - Red Cross Blood Drive (F&FC) - **10am - 2pm**

Coming Soon...

Friday, April 17th - Senior Lunch (Rec Park) - **12noon**

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**.

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

Jan Potts and Meridith Watson will be leading the study based upon: Elijah: Fire and Faith by Priscilla Shirer. **Tuesday at 7PM** in the Parlor.

Seekers Sunday School Class

This class is currently studying the Books of Galatians, Ephesians, and Hebrews. 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 Book of Acts - 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 .

Have a Prayer Need?
If you have a prayer need you would
like to share with the HUMC Prayer
Circle
please contact the church office
at 526-3376.

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.**

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.**



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-IA

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

Special Winter Email List

We maintain a special email list to notify people of schedule changes during winter weather. Contact us to be a part of that distribution.

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.
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Our physical address is

315 Main St.
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"Jesus said to him (Thomas), 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'"

John 20:29