

Highlands United Methodist Church News

June 30- July 6, 2026



Outdoor Worship in Town Square This Sunday, July 5th

We're grateful once again to John Lupoli of Lupoli Construction for allowing us to take our 909 worship on the road to Town Square. Please join us for this unique worship experience on Sunday, July 5th in Town Square (weather permitting; check the website at highlandsmethodist.org for the latest weather information.) And this year the good folks at Kilwins Ice Cream will provide coffee for the service. Thank you Kilwins!

We can always use some help setting up for our outdoor worship. If you can help, please come and join the fun. We plan to get started around 7:30am.

Thanks!



Summer Eucharist Sundays at 8:30am



You're invited to join us for brief service of Holy Communion each Sunday during the summer in the church sanctuary.

Fourth of July Popcorn and Pitstop

We'll be popping popcorn and providing soft drinks this Saturday July 4th from 2pm - 4pm. You're welcome to come by for a snack, or hang around and join in the fun.



American Flags on Veterans' Graves Thursday, July 2nd

American Legion Post 370 will be placing flags on the graves of Highlands Veterans this Thursday, July 2nd at 5:30pm. Everyone is invited.

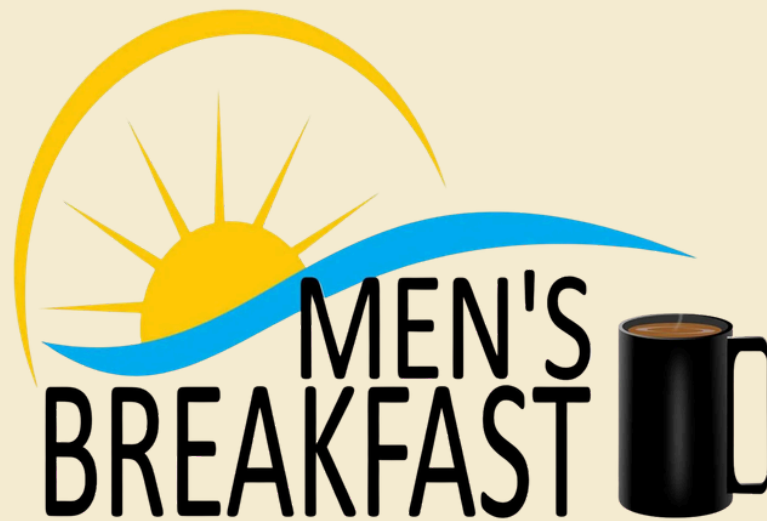
Annual Conference Report

You can read a report on this year's completed Western North Carolina Annual Conference at the following link:

<https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/19854876>



Methodist Men's Breakfast



Methodist Men's breakfast will be Saturday July 11th @ 8:30.

This month's guest speaker will be Colonel John Campell Ret. US Army. John is a highly decorated veteran. The Colonel will tell us about his 9-month unaccompanied tour in Iran as an advisor to Iranian military units. Considering the current events in Iran this should be a very interesting and informative presentation. Come join us as John talks about his interaction with the Iranian military and civilians of Iran.

Please join us. Saturday July 11th @ 8:30.

Bring a friend!

All are welcome!

Community Table

COMMUNITY
TABLE

July 14th

You're invited to join your neighbors at the Community Building at **6pm** for our community meal. Enjoy the food and fellowship!

Ministry

HIGHLANDS UMC

**back to
SCHOOL**

BACKPACK DRIVE

**PICK A GRADE LEVEL TAG (SEE BACK)
PURCHASE ALL ITEMS ON TAG
PLACE ALL SUPPLIES IN BACKPACK
CUT OUT & TIE TAG ONTO BACKPACK
RETURN BACKPACK TO HUMC**

**QUESTIONS?
CONTACT PASTOR CHRISTINE
526-3376
CHRISTINEHUMC[AT]ICLOUD.COM**



Ministry



Middle & High School

- 1 Backpack
- 1 Inch Binder
- 2 Packs College Rule Paper
- Notebook Dividers
- 2 Packs Pre-Sharpended Pencil
- 1 Packs of 4 Highlighters
- 1 Pack of Pens (black)
- Colored Pencils (12 count)
- 4 Spiral Notebooks (1 subject)



Elementary

- 1 Backpack
- Crayons (24 count)
- Markers (8 count)
- Binder - 1 inch
- Wide Rule Paper (2 packs)
- 2 Spiral Notebooks (1 subject)
- Child-Sized Scissors
- 5 Pocket Folders w/Brads
- Pre-Sharpended Pencils (2 packs)
- 2 Large Glue Sticks
- Colored Pencils (12 pack)
- 4 Highlighters
- Plastic Pencil Box

Food Pantry



ICE CREAM DONATED BY
JUANITIOS IN FRANKLIN AND
ISMAEL PALACIOS &
GABY MONTERO



Celebrate National Ice Cream Day

Sunday, July 19
Time 12-2



HIGHLANDS FOOD PANTRY
350 Spring Street-Lower
level of the Methodist
Church




Highlands
Food Pantry

See You There!



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 June 21st:

Internal Restricted:

Pastor's Fund - \$50.00
Upper Room Ministries - \$15.00

Operating Fund:

\$22,467.00

Our 2026 May year to date financial report

Income - \$244,370
Expenses - \$300,658 (-\$56,288)



Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to:

June

30 - Ryan Bryson
- Helen McGaughy

July

3 - Warren Lineberger
4 - Ivan Shchelgachov
6 - Jessica Carter
7 - Barbara Westholm
8 - Douglas Campbell
11 - John Witty
13 - Bryan Jones
14 - Bailey Baker

Happy Anniversary to:

July

4 - Ty and Betty Ann Emmert
5 - Frank and Kristin Edwards
6 - Richard and Martha Betz
8 - Mike and Sheri McGaughy
9 - Dana And Paula Gordon
- Brandon and Loretta Picklesimer
12 - Tay and Tamara Bronagh

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 Family Meal and Program

Wednesday NIGHT
SUPPER

POLTUCK

Join us for a special time of food, fellowship and fun this Wednesday, July 1st. It's potluck this week, so please bring your favorite dish to share. Then plan to stay for our program at 6pm - "Trivia Night with Mike" Fourth of July Edition.

By the way, here's a ministry opportunity. Dishwashers are needed for Wednesday Night Supper from 5:15pm - 6:30pm. Please see Kristy for the schedule. Thank you!

Upcoming Programs

July 1 - "Trivia Night with Mike" - 250th Fourth of July Edition
July 8 - No Wednesday Night Meal or Program

JOY GROUP

Join us for our weekly gathering of Just Older Youth, this Thursday July 2nd at 11:30am.



“Door Keepers in the House of God”

Thanks to a great idea from Mike Murphy and inspired by Psalm 84:10, we're looking for volunteers who will sit in the sanctuary for a couple of hours on a Saturday in the coming months so we can open wide our sanctuary doors in order that passersby can enjoy a few moments of quiet in that sacred space. If you'd be interested in helping with this, please contact Pastor Randy - randyhumc@icloud.com.



“Respite for All”

A support ministry for individuals and families impacted by dementia.

We are currently in the process of exploring a new ministry at HUMC which will provide a respite for caregivers and fellowship for family members navigating the challenges of dementia. If you would like to be involved or would simply like to learn more, please contact Pastor Randy - randyhumc@icloud.com.





This Week at HUMC



Week of June 30 - July 6.

Tuesday, June 30th - Men's Breakfast at Blue Bike - **8:15am**

- Lectionary Home Group at the home of Fred and Elizabeth Motz - **7pm**

Wednesday, July 1st - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **4pm**

- Wed Night **POTLUCK** Meal and Program (F&FC) - **5:15pm**

Thursday, July 2nd - JOY (Just Older Youth) Group Lunch (F&FC) - **11:30am**

- Placing flags on Veterans' graves at Memorial Part - **5:30pm**

Saturday, July 4th - **Happy Fourth of July!**

- Popcorn & Pitstop - **2pm - 4pm**

Sunday, July 5th - **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

- Summer Eucharist (Sanctuary) - **8:30am**

- Morning Breakfast (F&FC) - **8:30am**

- 909 Bluegrass Service (**Town Square, weather permitting**) - **9:09am**

- Sunday School (Various Locations) - **10am**

- Traditional Service (Sanctuary) - **11am**

- Stephen Ministry (F&FC) - **4-6PM**

Coming Soon...

Saturday, July 11th - Methodist Men's Breakfast - **8:30am**

Tuesday, July 14th - Community Table - **6pm**

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**.

Pastor Randy's Summer Sunday School Class

During June the class is reading *The Forgotten Way - The Saint James Master Plan* by Matthew Kelly.

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 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.**

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 works with Craig in the church
office.**

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

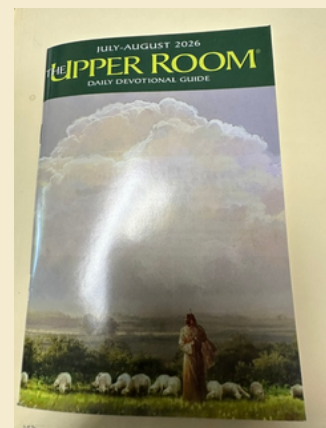
The HUMC News is emailed every Tuesday. It is also placed on our website. Let us know if you'd like to be on the email distribution.

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

**July /August
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

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(828) 526-3376

Our physical address is

315 Main St.
Highlands NC 28741.
highlandsumc@icloud.com

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<https://www.tinyurl.com/humc-giving>

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11: 28-30