

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Oh Happy Day; Come, Now Is the Time to Worship; God Is Here;
Joy to the World; Your Love, Oh Lord; Father, I Adore You

*Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, AJ Allen, Neal Sterrett, Sally Osborn, Angelena Stephens,
Kaitlin Guenther, Maria Sweeney*

BACKPACK BLESSING

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

*(At this time, children 4yrs through 5th grade are dismissed to go upstairs for Sunday School.
Parents, please pick up your child in room 207 upstairs following worship.)*

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC Calling On You; I Propose a Toast

MESSAGE **Bumper Sticker Theology** Rev. John W. Bowling
“Live, Laugh, Lexapro”

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.



The Highland United Methodist **Summer Picnic is TODAY!** Don't miss out on this yearly tradition. Join us **at 12:15** at Highland Hills Park, shelter two.



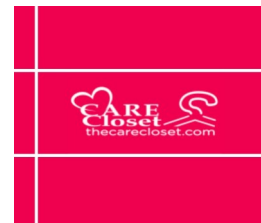
Join us **NEXT Sunday, August 17th** as we celebrate the opening of our **Newly Renovated Fellowship Hall!**

Enjoy coffee, cookies, fellowship, and a first look at our beautiful new space.

Stop by between the first & second service.



Work continues on the Highland United Methodist Pollinator Garden Update! Located on the east side of the church building (facing the high school). Weather permitting, we will be working on installing the garden on the following dates: July 26, August 9, and August 16. If you are interested in donating to or volunteering in this effort, please contact Karen Perce at khp795@gmail.com or 859-638-9206.



The **Care Closet** is currently fulfilling referrals for over **150 school-aged children**, and we're running low on sizes 5/6, 7/8, 10/12, & 14/16 (both genders). New or very gently used shorts, capris, T-shirts, jeans or lightweight joggers would be greatly appreciated! (No dresses, underwear, or shoes at this point, please). Thank you for your consideration and continued support. You are such a Blessing to us!



Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters**,
Amy & David Golden
Your service is greatly appreciated!

Welcome to Highland United Methodist! If you're looking for information about our church, you can probably find it and much more at highlandmethodist.com

We welcome all visitors today and kindly request you complete a "Connect Card" found either in the pew or by scanning this QR code. We would love to get to know you!



PRELUDE	I Come With Joy	David Cherwien
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CALL TO WORSHIP	<p>We believe in God, who made us in the image of the Divine.</p> <p>We live, we love, and we laugh... because these are marks of the divine.</p> <p>We profess Jesus Christ, today as the Son of God.</p> <p>And Jesus had the last laugh over evil when he rose from the dead!</p> <p>We believe in the presence of Holy Spirit in our everyday lives.</p> <p>Our counselor, our guide, our motivator, the delight of our very being.</p> <p>Empower us, Lord, to display all of Your wonderful gifts.</p> <p>May the knowledge of Your love, the joy of our salvation, and the delightful nature of the Spirit enliven our hearts and give testimony to the wonder of our faith.</p>	
HYMN #67*	We, Thy People, Praise Thee	
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PASTORAL PRAYER		
LORD'S PRAYER		
MINISTRY OF GIVING		
OFFERTORY	Come Thou Almighty King	Richard Proulx
DOXOLOGY*		
SPECIAL MUSIC	Canon in C <i>Ding & Dong, Hand Bells</i>	Pachelbel
MESSAGE	Bumper Sticker Theology "Live, Laugh, Lexapro"	Rev. John W. Bowling

HYMN #732*	Come, We That Love the Lord	
BENEDICTION*		
POSTLUDE	Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above	Barry Bob
*Please stand as you are able.		



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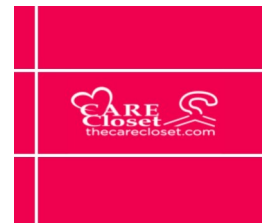
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YOUTH MINISTRY



We are seeking 1-2 adults to help lead **Monday Morning Prayer** during the '25-26 school year, on a rotational basis. Are you available once or twice a month on Monday mornings from 7:15—7:40 am?

Monday morning prayer is scheduled to return

Monday, August 18th and run thru May (only during the weeks when school is in session). A devotional reading will be provided for you if you'd like.

Please contact Amy at 859-992-9450 or the church office to be a part of this longstanding, vibrant ministry that HUMC has offered to our youth & the community for many years.

AS OF JULY 31, 2025



General Fund YTD Income: \$295,566

General Fund YTD Expense: \$311,877

YTD Net Shortfall: (\$16,311)

YTD General Fund Budgeted Need: \$357,929

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Paul W—Last radiation-cancer
- Brenda S—breast cancer
- Peggy—weakened heart
- Scott S—loss of vision
- Carol (Donna Clapp's cousin)-multiple health problems
- Vern H—recovering from illness and preparing for surgery
- Stephanie—biopsy & treatment plans
- Rhonda R—health issues
- Lynn E—recovery
- AJ S—surgery & health issues
- Greg—Bladder cancer/chemo



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Highland United Methodist Church

August 10, 2025 9:30am

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



Grow – Follow – Love

At Highland United Methodist Church, we are a community of imperfect people who exist to **grow** God's kingdom by **following** the examples of Jesus and **loving** with purpose.

We are deepening our spiritual understanding by embracing diversity, enriching lives, mindfully serving, and bringing joy through music and friendship. As United Methodists, we inclusively welcome everyone and follow the Wesleyan call to do no harm, do good, and love God.