

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

"I CAN DO THAT!" (icandothathumc@gmail.com)

Rev. John W. Bowling

Amy White

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love; Running to the Light;

No Longer Slaves; As the Deer

Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, Jane DeSoi, Neal Sterrett, JR Brumley, Sally Osborn

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

(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

Youth Sunday School meets downstairs in the youth room.)

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC

Brother; Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

MESSAGE

NEVER FORGET

Rev. John W. Bowling

(MATTHEW 5:43-48, LUKE 10:25-37, ROMANS 12:17-21)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Our gracious God, You love the world.

The whole world.

We confess we have, at least at times, loved a smaller world than that.

So we simply ask, "Forgive us, Lord."

Expand our love to fit the size of Yours.

As disciples of Jesus, help us to stretch our hearts.

Yes, give us the courage to love the people who are, at least for us in the moment, the hardest to love.

Give us courage Lord.

And make us known—

In our neighborhoods

In our workplaces, schools, and city.

And in our world—

By the love that can only come from You.

Make us known by our love.

Amen.

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

You've Got a Friend; The Blessing

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.



Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters**,

Pat & Jeff Sidler

Aibileen & Vivian White

Your service is greatly appreciated!

REMINDER—Church Picnic is TODAY at 12:15.

Highland Park Shelter #2.

Greeter/Usher Volunteers Needed— Would you like to meet more of your church family? Being a Greeter/Usher is the perfect opportunity to do just that. When I first joined HUMC I volunteered for this opportunity and in a short time became familiar with so many of our church family whom I wouldn't have met otherwise. This is open to both adults & youth and would only be one Sunday per month. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Karen Beymer, Suebey402@gmail.com.

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PRELUDE Dialogue & Fugue Louis Marchand

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HYMN #133* Leaning of the Everlasting Arms

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 (APOSTLE'S CREED)

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY Monastic Meditation A Trappist Nun

DOXOLOGY*

ANTHEM Abide With Me Mark Edwards

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HYMN (INSERT) They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

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CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE Marinus de Jong

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YOUTH MINISTRY

To **volunteer** for **Monday Morning Prayer** or **Sunday School** please contact Madeline at youth@highlandmethodist.com.

Youth Upcoming Dates

- Sunday 9/13—NO YOUTH GROUP
- Monday, 9/14—Monday Morning Prayer
- **Sunday, 9/20—Back to School Bash, 6pm at Altitude Trampoline Park!



AS OF AUGUST 31, 2026

General Fund YTD Income: \$399,520
General Fund YTD Expense: \$435,755
YTD Net Shortfall: (\$36,235)

YTD General Fund Budgeted Need: \$418,724

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

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| • Renee—cancer diagnosis | • Todd K—health concerns |
| • Hellen S—mission trip | • Jason H—mom's broken leg |
| • Harry C—lung cancer | • Marcia W—cancer |
| • Dottie D—terminal cancer | • Lohner Family—loss of Joe's mother |
| • Todd K—health concerns | • Younger family—loss of daughter |
| • Dottie D—terminal cancer | • Grateful for our Praise Team |



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Highland United Methodist Church

September 13, 2026 11:00am
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



NEVER

FORGET

SUNDAY, SEP. 13

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.

Join us for our next **Wednesday Night Dinner, September 16th @ 5:30pm!** There's no better way to get to know your church family than at the dinner table. [Please RSVP on our website](#) and don't forget to join us for our Wednesday Night programming after the meal! Price is just \$6 per person or \$20 per family. Please RSVP by 5PM on Monday.



Menu: Pork, baked chicken, hash brown casserole, broccoli, salad & fruit



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United Women in Faith **Circle 13 is meeting Monday, September 21** in the Welcome Center at 2:00pm. All women are invited to attend.



The **Creation Care Team** next meeting will be **Monday, September 21 at 7pm** in the Welcome Center. Please contact Karen Perce, 859-638-9206.

The **Senior Fellowship** group will meet Friday, **September 25 @ 12:30 PM in the Welcome Center for lunch (\$10).** "The Gospel of Healthy Aging" led by Ann Richards. Please come prepared to share your own discoveries for healthy living, including heart healthy recipes, etc. Contact Ginger Paul 859-653-5733 for additional information.



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We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by
our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's
pride.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
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