

BETTER STRONGER GIVING **TOGETHER**

All are invited to prayerfully consider giving to support the ministries of Highlands in 2022.

Complete a pledge card or make your pledge online at www.highlandsumc.net/pledge.

Pledges are requested by December 24, 2021.

Welcome to Highlands!

Thank you for joining us in worship today! If you would like to learn more about the ministries of Highlands, please fill out an information card found in the pews, or speak with a member of the clergy or staff in the coming week. We welcome the opportunity to be in conversation with you. *Staff contact information – www.highlandsumc.net/staff*

UMCOR Donations for Disaster Relief

Our prayers are with all of those impacted by the tornadoes across the Midwest and Southeast last week. To aid in relief efforts, we encourage donations to The United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR responds to disasters in the United States and around the world by working with communities and local partners. When a disaster overwhelms a community's ability to recover on its own, UMCOR provides essential relief supplies and supports long-term rebuilding efforts. While UMCOR is not a first-response organization, it stands ready to accompany communities in need over the long haul of their recovery until a "new normal" is established after a crisis. To make a donation today, visit www.umcmission.org/umcor or leave a check in the offering plate. Please make checks to HUMC and include "UMCOR" in the memo line

Advent Midday Communion Services - Tuesday

All are welcome and invited to join us this Tuesday for our final Advent Midday Communion service. Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall for \$10. Our homily will be provided by Rev. Elizabeth Cole Goodrich.

Children's Day of Service - December 20

All children are invited to join us for a service project on Monday, December 20 from 3 to 5 PM. Children will rotate through stations creating needed items for various ministries of the church and local service organizations and enjoying some holiday crafts and snacks. Each child is encouraged to bring three canned goods for a local food pantry. All are welcome and invited. RSVPs requested.

Contact: Lauri Soong – laurisoong@hotmail.com

Youth Group Christmas Party - December 20

All 6th–12th graders are invited to the youth group Christmas Party on Monday, December 20 from 5 to 7 PM at the home of the Rand family. We will be playing lots of games, including the traditional Candy Ball and Dirty Santa. Please bring a wrapped gift of \$5-\$10 value to exchange; no gag gifts! Please RSVP to Danny or Leslie to help us get an accurate headcount for food and games.

Please note: Since we are gathering on Monday, we will NOT be having Sunday evening programming today.

Contact: Danny Jones – danny@highlandsumc.net | 933-8751 ext. 211

Leslie Williams – leslie@highlandsumc.net | 933-8751 ext. 200

Community Ministries Christmas Meal

Join us for our Community Ministries Christmas Meal on Friday, December 24 at 10 AM. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will be distributing catered boxed meals to our guests. Volunteers are needed to serve, beginning at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to volunteer but would still like to help, please consider making a donation to assist with the purchase of the meal. Make checks to HUMC with "CM Christmas" in the memo line and place in the offering plate today during worship.

To volunteer, contact: Danny Jones – danny@highlandsumc.net

Tower Bells 100th Anniversary Concert

December 24, 2021 will mark the 100th anniversary of the dedication of Highlands' McCoy Bell Tower. Join us this Christmas Eve at 3 PM for a concert of ten traditional carols played at the bells' dedication one hundred years ago. All in attendance will receive a small bell ornament to commemorate the occasion.

Christmas Eve at Highlands

Join the Highlands family to celebrate the birth of the Christ child this Christmas Eve. All are welcome!

2 PM – Holy Communion for Children and Families

3 PM – Tower Bells 100th Anniversary Concert on the Front Lawn

4:30 PM – The Music of Christmas Choral Concert

5 PM – Holy Communion and Candlelighting-

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Britton Buckner	Sonny Holt	Nancy Sawyer	Lisa, sister of Angela Chramer
Tim Brennan	Pamela & Paul Huck	Mary Carol Smith	Mark Carleton, brother of Lynn Hairston
Gayle Byrne	Joyce Jones	Vastine Stabler	Billy Ray, father of Suzanne Hoye
Cathy Caldwell	Judy Mills	Carol & Arthur Stephens	Lee Windham, son of Joyce & Ebbie Jones
Jean & James Daniels	Brook Morris	Abby Thompson	Mary Jane Meadows, sister of Margaret Moore
Susan Gaskin	Keith Owens	Kathleen & Tommy Thompson	Neil Shelor, father of Jennifer Shelor
Martha George	Lois Poe		Judy Trench, mother of Bart Trench
Patty Green	Christian Riley		

Contact information for those listed is available on the ShelbyNext Membership Directory. For help connecting to the directory, visit www.highlandsumc.net/shelbynext or contact Mary Elizabeth Neal at maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net.

2021 Year-End Giving Guidelines

Please consider this important reminder regarding giving to Highlands. In order for contributions to be tax deductible for 2021, they must:

By mail: be postmarked on or before December 31.

Online: be completed by midnight (CST) December 31 at www.highlandsumc.net/giving.

Hand Delivered: be delivered to the church office no later than 4 PM on Friday, December 31 or placed in the offering plate on Sunday, December 26.

If you would like to make a gift of stock to the church, we have accounts with Charles Schwab and Morgan Stanley. Please contact Tyra Pirtle in the church office (finance@highlandsumc.net or 933-8751 x103) and she will provide you with the church account number and transfer codes. Your contributions to the church are greatly appreciated!

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Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Closed for lunch 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Get email updates from Highlands!
Text HIGHLANDS to 84576

To include an announcement in *Happening At Highlands*, please submit information to the church office by Wednesday at noon.