

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**April 12, 2026**  
2nd Sunday of Easter

### Sunday, April 12

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
9:45AM to 10:30AM	Sunday School	FLC/Ed. Bldg.
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars	Gym
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

### Monday, April 13

2:00PM to 3:00PM	Group Lydia Meeting	Trinity Room
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### Tuesday, April 14

2:00PM to 3:00PM	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
5:00PM to 8:30PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scout Meck 7 Meeting	Epworth Building
6:30PM to 8:30PM	ESL Class CPCC	Parlors

### Wednesday, April 15

9:30AM to 11:30AM	Preschool: Bible Stories	Trinity Room
10:00AM to 12:00PM	Wednesday Moming Bible Study	Parlors
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scouts	Wesley Bldg.
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars Basketball	Gym
8:00PM to 9:00PM	Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous	Epworth Building

### Thursday, April 16

5:00PM to 9:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
6:30PM to 8:30PM	ESL Class CPCC	Parlors
7:00PM to 8:30PM	Therapy of the Soul Rehearsal	FWC

### Friday, April 17

7:00PM to 9:00PM	Latino Men's Meeting	Trinity Room
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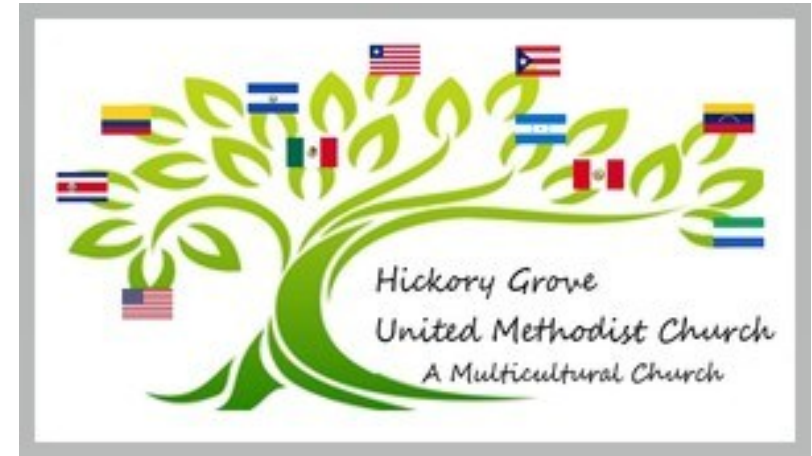
### Saturday, April 18

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
10:00AM to 2:00PM	Latino Seniors Meeting	Trinity Room
10:00AM to 2:00PM	Girl Scouts	Epworth
12:00PM to 1:00PM	African Ministry Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
12:00PM to 9:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
1:00PM to 3:00PM	Girl Scouts	Susanna Wesley Bldg.

### Sunday, April 19

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars	Gym
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

# Hickory Grove United Methodist Church



## **A Multicultural United Methodist Church Spreading the Branches of God's Love**

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Welcome! If you are new or visiting, please fill out a Connection Card located in the back of the pew or chair and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher so we can connect!

***This Order of Worship is subject to change at the  
direction of THE HOLY SPIRIT!***

## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Traditional Service: 9:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
Sunday School for all Ages: 10:00 AM (FLC and Education Bldg.)  
Contemporary Service: 11:00 AM (Family Worship Center)  
African Service: 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
Afternoon Adult Bible Study (Spanish) : 1:00 PM (FLC 2nd Floor- 203)  
Latino Service: 2:00 PM (Family Worship Center)

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### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Mon., April 13: Psalm 114      Thurs., April 16: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
Tues., April 14: Jonah 1:1-17      Fri., April 17: Isaiah 26:1-4  
Wed., April 15: Matthew 12:38-42      Sat., April 18: Luke 14:12-14

### **Prayer**

O God of wisdom and truth, give me self-awareness. Let me see the consequences of my actions plainly, so I may build my character to look like yours. Amen.

**April 5, 2026**

Total Worship Attendance: 177

Sunday School Attendance: 22

Offering: \$3,953.00

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### **Prayer Requests**

#### **Church Family**

Ray and Brenda Cathey  
Sandy and Ronnie Oaten  
Kathleen Robinson  
The Family of Floyd Sistrunk  
Chap and Nokie Tuttle  
Gary Little  
Mary Martin  
Don and Linda Wigley  
Sam and Rita Leggett  
Claudia Waddell  
Pete and Nancy Scercy  
Shem Logan  
Margaret Norwood  
Ron, Sr. and Ron, Jr. Spivey

**\*Bold lettering: Prayer Request added/updated this week.**

#### **Family and Friends**

Ryan Edwards  
(Son of Jennifer Stribling's friend,  
Elizabeth Edwards)  
Rick Frye  
(Brother of Sandy Oaten)  
Carol Garrett  
(Rev. Elinor Heerman's  
Sister)  
Lila Dye,  
(Dianne Horton's mother)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PayPal Giving

As of March 9th, we will no longer be using PayPal as a giving service. Please switch your giving over to Realm or visit the church website to give online.

### Serve at WeCare

Grow in the spiritual discipline of service by volunteering at our WeCare Food Pantry & Clothing closet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 10am -12pm. They are in need of boxes of teabags, coffee, and cake mix. Anything you can give is appreciated!

### SNACK Pack

Please consider making a financial donation to the SNACK pack program to help 48 Hickory Grove Elementary School students. We are also in need of regular sized plastic bags/grocery bags. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Stribling at 704-617-2520.

### Room Above (Room In the Inn) Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and effort with Room Above! We could not do it without you!

### Financial Secretary Opening

HGUMC is looking for a part-time Financial Secretary as Patrice moves on to pursue her accounting career. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Mary English-Tri at maryalison.english@gmail.com or 843-862-3603.

### Metro District Prayer Breakfast

Ladies! Join together with other Methodist women to worship and pray. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and breakfast at 8:45 AM. The worship service begins at 10. Sandy Hieronymus, will be the speaker. The breakfast is \$10.50 but you can attend the worship service for \$5. Let Susan Fox know by TODAY.

### Bookdrive for Liberia and WeCare

Yei Wuor, auntie/mother of our Rev. Morris, has reached out to HGUMC to collect books for a school that she built many years ago in Liberia. The school needs books for ages 5 to 15. WeCare is also in need of middle school and high school level books. Please look on your shelves at home and ask your friends and neighbors. Any type of book for these age groups will be appreciated.

### Next Children & Youth Lunch

Mark your calendars for lunch with special guest Liz Holloway on Sunday May 3 in the Parlors! Reach out to the church office or Lori Kodikara with any questions.

### Group Lydia Meeting

Group Lydia (Our United Women in Faith group) will meet this Monday, April 13 at 2pm.

## 9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Karen Lowery

\*Call to Worship

Karen Lowery

**Leader:** Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**Congregation: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.**

**Leader:** God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading

**Congregation: In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.**

**Leader:** For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

**Congregation: For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Opening Hymn

“Easter People Raise Your Voices”

UMH#304

Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

Gary Little

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

\*Doxology

UMH#95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem

Choir

Scripture

John 20: 19-31

Message

Closing Hymn

“Christ Is Alive”

Haley Givens

UMH#318

Benediction

Haley Givens

Postlude

\*please stand as you are able, in body and spirit

## 11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs	“How Great Is Our God” “One Step Closer To You”	
Welcome and Announcements		Jennifer Stribling
*Passing of the Peace		
*Song	“So Much”	
Joys and Concerns		
Prayers of the People		Jamie Horton
*Song	“Eagles Wings”	
Scripture	John 20: 19-31	
Message		Haley Givens
*Song	“The Lord Will Provide”	
Benediction		Haley Givens
*Dismissal with Blessing		

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***You are invited to respond to God financially by giving back to God a portion of what God has given to you. Please place your offering in the plate by the FWC entrance and talk to a pastor on how you can serve. Blank Offering Envelopes are available in the foyer.***

## 2:00 PM LATINO SERVICE

Bienvenida y Anuncios	
Salmo	
*Alabanza y Adoración	
Escritura	
Sermon y Invitación a Cristo	Rev. Candido Albino
Ofrenda	
*Benedición	

## 11:00 AM AFRICAN SERVICE

Lighting of the Candles		
Prelude		Hassan Sankary
Liturgist		Lily Kamara
Praise Song		Praise Team
Welcome		Pastor Morris
*Opening Prayer and Call to Worship		Abraham Karva
<b>Leader:</b>	Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!	
<b>Congregation:</b>	<b>God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.</b>	
<b>Leader:</b>	God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading	
<b>Congregation:</b>	<b>In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.</b>	
<b>Leader:</b>	For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.	
<b>Congregation:</b>	<b>For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.</b>	
*Opening Hymn	“Old Rugged Cross”	UMH#504
Joys and Concerns		Lily Kamara
Call to Prayer/Prayers of the People		Scarlett Nimley
*Passing of the Peace		
Offering		
*Doxology		UMH#95
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
Offertory Prayer		Sophina Nimley
Praise & Worship		Praise Team
Scripture Lesson	John 20:9-31	Josee Nimley
Selection		Choir
Sermon	“From Doubt To Life”	Rev. Colston Wuor-Gabie Morris
Call to Christian Discipleship		Pastor Morris
Announcements/Community Concerns		Kaniis Morris
Closing Song		Praise Team
*Dismissal with Blessing		
Postlude		Hassan Sankary