

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 2

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.
11:00AM to 1:00PM	VBS Set-Up	FWC
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Monday, August 3

12:00PM to 10:00PM	Legacy Theater Company	FWC, Trinity Room
5:30PM to 8:00PM	Vacation Bible School	FWC, Courtyard

Tuesday, August 4

12:00PM to 7:00PM	Legacy Theater Company	FWC, Trinity Room
2:00PM to 3:00PM	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
5:00PM to 8:30PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
6:30PM to 8:30PM	ESL Class CPCC	Parlors
5:30PM to 8:00PM	Vacation Bible School	FWC, Courtyard

Wednesday, August 5

12:00PM to 10:00PM	Legacy Theater Company	FWC, Trinity Room
5:30PM to 8:00PM	Vacation Bible School	FWC, Courtyard
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scouts	Wesley Building
8:00PM to 9:00PM	Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Thursday, August 6

12:00PM to 10:00PM	Legacy Theater Company	FWC, Trinity Room
5:00PM to 9:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
5:30PM to 8:30PM	Community Sports Night	Gym

Friday, August 7

6:00PM to 7:00PM	Fast and Prayer	Epworth Building
7:00PM to 9:30PM	Historias que Transforman Vidas	Epworth Building

Saturday, August 8

7:00AM to 10:00PM	Legacy Theater Company	FWC, Trinity Room
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
8:00AM to 7:00PM	MCAAA Event	Gym, Gym Kitchen
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, August 9

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
4:00PM to 10:00PM	Legacy Theater Company	FWC, Trinity Room
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

August 2, 2026
10th Sunday after Pentecost

Hickory Grove

United Methodist Church



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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., Aug. 3: Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Thurs., Aug. 6: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22
Tues., Aug. 4: Genesis 32:3-21 Fri., Aug. 7: Genesis 36:1-8
Wed., Aug. 5: Matthew 15:32-39 Sat., Aug. 8: Matthew 16:1-4

Prayer

O God, let me feel your presence in the darkness of my grief. Be with me in the silence; be with me when I weep; be with me as I find a way forward. Amen.

July 26, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 82

Sunday School Attendance: 19

Offering: \$4,471.66

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Prayer Requests

Church Family

Hayne Baucom

Desmond Turner
Jennifer Scoggins
Brenda and Ray Cathey
Sandy and Ronnie Oaten
Kathleen Robinson
Chap 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

Donna and Bill Benson
(Aunt and Uncle of Jennifer Stribling, Great Aunt and Uncle of Elizabeth and Jocelyn Stribling)
Ed Beaver (Rick Beaver's brother)
Rick Frye (Brother of Sandy Oaten)
Carol Garrett (Rev. Elinor Heerman's Sister)
Lila Dye (Dianne Horton's mother)

Additional Announcements

Message from Financial Chair, Randy Bunnell

I wanted to provide an update to the status of our recent financial need. As you know we had unexpected expenses arise to replace an AC unit and the windows at the parsonage. The total cost was approximately \$50,000. Your generosity was overwhelming! We received approximately \$45,000 from the congregation and have paid both invoices in full. Thank you all so much for your dedication to HGUMC - your kindness is astounding!

Book Study: "Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace"

Join Pastor Caitlin and friends on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the Trinity room to study "Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace" by Lacey Warner from August 19-September 23 to gain a deeper understanding of Wesleyan Christianity. Participants may purchase the book on their own on Cokesbury or Amazon, and are expected to read the first chapter before our first session on August 19th. If you need assistance in purchasing the book, please contact the church office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is THIS WEEK, August 3rd-5th from 5:30pm to 8:00pm! Sign up on the church website hickorygroveumc.com or register day of at the church! **Join us today after the 11am services to decorate the FWC.** We are in need of pop up tents and camping tents for VBS.

Legacy Theater Company Production of Jesus Christ Superstar

Legacy Theater and Music Company will be using the FWC to put on a production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Find a flyer to get your tickets!

VBS Kid to Kid Mission Project

We will have a Kid-to-Kid Mission Project at Vacation Bible School, which takes place August 3rd through August 5th. This project is serving neighbors and kids in the community. Please bring peanut butter, jelly, canned soup or canned pasta to support this mission project. We will serve dinner each day of camp starting at 5:30pm.. We invite the family to join us.

Sunday School for Children and Youth

Sunday School for Children & youth will resume Sunday Aug 9th at 10am

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. **Please make sure your donations are non-perishable.** They are in need of green beans, corn, jelly, carrots, pork n beans, all types of other beans, and cake mix. Anything you can give is appreciated!

Snack Pack

It may be summer, but your monetary donations are welcome year-round for our Snack pack program. We always like to be ready right after Labor Day to send over our first set of bags. Thanks to all who help keep this ministry going.

Back To School Drive for HGES

The Back To School Drive is about to begin. We are in need of sneakers (small kid's sizes 11-13 & 1-3), uniforms (blue or khaki pants/white or blue short sleeve shirts (Sizes 4 - 10 most needed), Play-Doh, and belts (small sizes). Please put donations in the teal bins in the church office or FWC lobby.

S. T. Nagbe UMC Distant Members Gathering for 2026

The African Ministries warmly welcomes our sisters and brothers of the S. T. Nagbe Distant Members Fellowship in the Americas and Other Regions to HGUMC for their Fellowship Gathering, September 4-6, 2026. The weekend's activities will begin on Friday with assisting with the WeCare ministry from 9:00am to 10:30am. The day will conclude with an evening of praise and worship in the FWC from 7:00-10:30 p.m. On Saturday, the Fellowship will hold its business session and election of officers, followed by an evening banquet. The celebration will come to a climax on Sunday with a divine worship service at 11:00 a.m.

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Caitlin Lai

*Call to Worship

Deborah Parker

Leader: Anyone who thirsts, come and drink!

Congregation: If you have no money but you're hungry, come and receive milk and fruit of the vine without a price tag.

Leader: Why do you spend money on what does not nourish you?

Congregation: Why do you work for what does not nurture you?

Leader: Listen, come and eat healthy food that will delight you.

Congregation: Come and partake in the Spirit that will give you life!

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

"Come Sinners To The Gospel Feast"

UMH#616

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Colston Morris

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

Matthew 14: 13-21

Message

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Holy Communion

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Closing Hymn

"Standing On The Promises"

UMH#374

Benediction

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Postlude

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs	"Even So Come" "This I Believe"	
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Song	"I Surrender"	
Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Caitlin Lai
Scripture	Matthew 14: 13-21	
Message		Rev. Caitlin Lai
Holy Communion		UMH 12-15
Invitation, Confession and Pardon		
*Passing of the Peace		
The Great Thanksgiving		
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.		
Breaking the Bread	"O Come To The Altar"	
Giving the Bread and Cup		
*Song	"Come To The Table"	
Benediction		
*Dismissal with Blessing		

*Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit

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
Holy Communion	
Ofrenda	
*Benedición	

11:00 AM AFRICAN SERVICE

Lighting of the Candles	
Prelude	Hassan Sankary
Liturgist	Alex-Jon Kwiagaye
Praise Song	Praise Team
Welcome	Pastor Morris
*Opening Prayer/ Call to Worship	Bonice Teeta Cooper
Leader: Come, people of God! Bring what you have and offer it to the Lord.	
People: We come with open hearts, trusting that God can use all we bring.	
Leader: We may feel our gifts are small, but in the hands of Jesus, little becomes much.	
People: We believe that God's grace is greater than our limitations.	
Leader: Christ welcomes the hungry, the weary, and the hopeful, inviting all to His table.	
People: We come to be fed by God's Word, strengthened by God's love, and sent to serve God's world.	
Leader: Let us worship the One who multiplies our faith, our hope, and our offerings for the glory of God's kingdom.	
All: We worship the Lord with joyful hearts, for little is much when God is in it. Amen.	
*Opening Hymn	"O How I Love Jesus" UMH#170
Call to Prayer/Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Morris
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	Josee Nimley
Praise & Worship	Praise Team
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 14:13-21 Herbert Dennis
Selection	Choir
Sermon	"Little Is Much When God Is In It" Rev. Colston Wuor-Gabie Morris
Holy Communion	UMH 12-15

*Passing Of The Peace

Call to Christian Discipleship	Pastor Morris
Announcements/Community Concerns	Precious Gibson
Closing Song	Praise Team
*Dismissal with Blessing	
Postlude	Hassan Sankary

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