

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 9

6:00AM to 2:00PM
8:00AM to 5:00PM
4:00AM to 9:00PM

St. Mary Ethiopian Church
Restoration Community Church
Legacy Theater Company Load-Out
Alcoholics Anonymous

Chapel
Gym MP
FWC, Trinity Room
Epworth Building

Monday, August 10

2:00PM to 3:00PM

Group Lydia Meeting

Trinity Room

Tuesday, August 11

2:00PM to 3:00PM
5:00PM to 8:30PM
6:30PM to 8:30PM
6:00PM to 8:00PM

Chancel Choir Practice
Quilting Ministry
ESL Class CPCC
Girl Scout Meck 7 District Meeting

Choir Room
Wesley Rooms 205-206
Parlors
Epworth Building

Wednesday, August 12

10:00AM to 12:00PM
6:00PM to 8:00PM
8:00PM to 9:00PM

Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Girl Scouts
Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous

Parlors
Wesley Building
Epworth Building

Thursday, August 13

5:00PM to 9:00PM
5:30PM to 8:30PM
6:30PM to 8:30PM
7:00PM to 8:00PM

Quilting Ministry
Community Sports Night
ESL Class CPCC
Therapy of the Soul Band Rehearsal

Wesley Rooms 205-206
Gym
Parlors
FWC

Friday, August 14

Saturday, August 15

8:00AM to 5:00PM
10:00AM to 2:00PM
12:00PM to 1:00PM
12:00PM to 9:00PM
1:00PM to 3:00PM
5:30PM to 11:00PM

Quilting Ministry
Girl Scouts
African Ministry Choir Rehearsal
St. Mary Ethiopian Church
Girl Scouts
Private Event

Wesley Rooms 205-206
Epworth
Sanctuary
Chapel
Susanna Wesley Bldg.
Gym, Gym Kitchen

Sunday, August 16

6:00AM to 2:00PM
8:00AM to 5:00PM
7:00PM to 8:00PM

St. Mary Ethiopian Church
Restoration Community Church
Alcoholics Anonymous

Chapel
Gym MP
Epworth Building

August 9, 2026
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Hickory Grove

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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. 10: Psalm 28

Tues., Aug. 11: Genesis 39:1-23

Wed., Aug. 12: Matthew 8:23-27

Thurs., Aug. 13: Psalm 133

Fri., Aug. 14: Genesis 41:37-57

Sat., Aug. 15: Matthew 14:34-36

Prayer

God, I want to grow closer to you. Move my attention toward you and away from all distractions. I simply want to be in your presence. Amen.

August 2, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 135

Sunday School Attendance: 23

Offering: \$8,798.00

Please scan the QR code for online giving



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 Announcement

Request from Finance Chair, Randy Bunnell

Hello friends,

Once again, we have had unexpected expenses arise. We have an older facility and as all homeowners know, the components do not last a lifetime. We now have had to replace the AC units in the Epworth Building and the Multi Purpose Room in the Gym. In addition, one of our commercial ice makers has had to be replaced. The total cost of these three items total approximately \$27,000.

We are asking you, our faithful congregation, to do what you can to assist in the payment of these unanticipated expenses. Anything you can provide would be greatly appreciated!

Please note these donations to the "Building Repair and Maintenance" fund. If you desire, you can also note the donation is for AC units and Ice maker. God bless you and thank you again for all you do for Hickory Grove United Methodist Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School for Children and Youth

Sunday School for Children & Youth resumes TODAY at 10am.

VBS Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with VBS this past week. It would not be possible without volunteers and participants!

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.

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.

UWF Annual Celebration

Saturday, September 12 - WNCC UWFaith Annual Celebration at St. Luke's UMC, Hickory, NC. Online registration is now open. Check out the Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith website for details and registration.

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Caitlin Lai

*Call to Worship

Diane Locklin

Leader: God speaks peace to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Congregation: Surely, salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

Leader: Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Congregation: Faithfulness springs up from the ground and righteousness looks down from the sky. God gives what is good and we respond with abundant praise!

From Psalm 85

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

"To God Be The Glory"

UMH#98

*Passing of the Peace

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Colston Morris

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

Matthew: 14:22-33

Message

Closing Hymn

"There's Within My Heart A Melody"

Rev. Caitlin Lai

UMH#380

Benediction

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Postlude

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

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs "10,000 Reasons"
"Your Love Is Extravagant" Rev. Caitlin Lai

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

*Song "Great Are You Lord"

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Caitlin Lai

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*Song "No Matter What"

Scripture Matthew: 14:22-33

Message Rev. Caitlin Lai

*Song "Run To The Father"

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

Ofrenda

*Benedición

11:00 AM AFRICAN SERVICE

Lighting of the Candles

Prelude Hassan Sankary

Liturgist Victor Teclar

Praise Song Praise Team

Welcome Pastor Morris

*Opening Prayer/ Call to Worship Arlette Nimley

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*Opening Hymn "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" UMH#369

*Joys and Concerns Victor Teclar

Call to Prayer/Prayers of the People Dauda Rahman

*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 Morris Gray

Praise & Worship Praise Team

Scripture Lesson Matthew 14:22-33 Moses Lavien

Selection Choir

Sermon "Courage In The Midst of The Storm" Rev. Colston Wuor-Gabie Morris

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

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