

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 1

6:00AM to 2:00PM St. Mary Ethiopian Church
8:00AM to 5:00PM Restoration Community Church
9:45AM to 10:30AM Sunday School
5:00PM to 9:00PM CLT Rising Stars Basketball
7:00PM to 8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Chapel
Gym MP
FLC/Ed. Bldg.
Gym
Epworth Building

Monday, February 2

Tuesday, February 3

2:00PM to 3:00PM Chancel Choir Practice
5:00PM to 8:30PM Quilting Ministry
6:30PM to 8:30PM ESL Class CPCC

Choir Room
Wesley Rooms 205-206
Parlors

Wednesday, February 4

9:00AM to 11:00AM Preschool: Bible Stories
10:00AM to 12:00PM Wednesday Morning Bible Study
6:00PM to 8:00PM Girl Scouts
5:00PM to 9:00PM CLT Rising Stars Basketball
7:00PM to 8:00PM Grounded in Gratitude
8:00PM to 9:00PM Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous

FWC
Parlors
Wesley Bldg.
Gym
Trinity Room
Epworth Building

Thursday, February 5

5:00PM to 9:00PM Quilting Ministry
6:30PM to 8:30PM ESL Class CPCC
7:00PM to 8:30PM Therapy of the Soul Rehearsal

Wesley Rooms 205-206
Parlors
FWC

Friday, February 6

Saturday, February 7

8:00AM to 5:00PM Quilting Ministry
9:00AM to 1:00PM African Ministry Basketball
10:00AM to 2:00PM Girl Scouts
12:00PM to 1:00PM African Ministry Choir Rehearsal
12:00PM to 9:00PM St. Mary Ethiopian Church
1:00PM to 3:00PM Girl Scouts

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

Sunday, February 8

6:00AM to 2:00PM St. Mary Ethiopian Church
8:00AM to 5:00PM Restoration Community Church
12:30PM to 1:45PM Youth & Children Valentines Day Event
9:45AM to 12:30PM Super Bowl Chili Fundraiser
7:00PM to 8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Chapel
Gym MP
Trinity Room, Parlors
FWC
Epworth Building

February 1, 2026
4th Sunday After Epiphany

Hickory Grove United Methodist Church



**A Multicultural 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., Feb. 2: Psalm 27:7-4
Tues., Feb. 3: Judges 7:12-22
Wed., Feb. 4: Luke 1:67-79

Thurs., Feb. 5: Psalm 15
Fri., Jan. 30: Deuteronomy 24:17
Sat., Jan. 31: John 13:31-35

Prayer

Spirit of God, comfort and renew us with each breath. Amen.

January 18th, 2026

Total Worship Service Attendance: 136
Sunday School Attendance: 30
Offering: \$7,363.00 Online Giving: \$168.42
Please scan the QR code for online giving



Prayer Requests

Church Family

The Family and Friends of Linda
Logan
Jacob Southern
The Family of Ruth Perry
Chap and Nokie Tuttle
Ronnie Oaten
Sylvia Sekle-Dueh
Gary Little
Mary Martin
Don and Linda Wigley
Sam and Rita Leggett
Kathleen Robinson
Brenda Cathey
Claudia Waddell
Pete and Nancy Scerdy
Shem Logan
Margaret Norwood
Ron, Sr. and Ron, Jr. Spivey
Lana Freeman

Family and Friends

Matthew Stribling
(Brother of Jeff Stribling, Uncle of
Elizabeth and Jocelyn Stribling)
Orlando Brown, Myron Bullock,
Shane Clark, James George,
Horace Jeridore, Gene Jones,
Ronald Rudisill
Ricky Scott and Willie Scott
(RITI)
Barbara Frye
(Mother of Sandy Oaten)
Juda Stone (Great Grandson of
Jim Barker)
(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)
***Bold lettering: Prayer Request
added/updated this week.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grounded in Gratitude: A 5 Week Study (Jan 21- Feb 18)

Start the new year in a posture of gratitude with Pastor Caitlin in the Trinity Room on Wednesday nights at 7pm. Using scripture, emotions, questions, and personal stories, this study is designed to expand our understanding of gratitude, exploring how we may find elements to value even in the most difficult situations.

Youth and Children Valentine's Event

The youth and children will have a Valentine's Day event on Sunday February 8th from 12:30 to 1:45. Lunch will be provided. Children will meet in the Trinity Room and Youth will meet in the Parlors.

Super Bowl Sunday Chili Fundraiser

The United Women in Faith will be having a fundraiser on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 8. They will be selling pints of chili for \$10 per container along with fritos and cookies. Thank you for helping with raising funds for women, children and youth through UWF!

Ashes to Go:

Ash Wednesday Feb 18 from 6:30am-8:30am in the main church parking lot, by the flag pole.

Serve at WeCare

Grow in the spiritual discipline of service by volunteering at our WeCare Food Ministry & Clothing closet throughout Lent on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 10am-12pm. During Lent, those dates are Feb 28, March 14, and March 28. WeCare pantry needs are: boxes of teabags and jelly.

Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times (Feb 25-Apr 1)

Join Pastor Caitlin in the Trinity Room on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the Trinity Room. We'll be using Magrey DeVega's book "Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times" as our guide. You are invited to purchase the book in advance via amazon, or contact the church office if you need assistance. Participants are expected to read the first chapter before our first session on February 25th.

Midday Mercies

Join United Methodists around East Charlotte for Midday Mercies, a traveling 20-30 minute worship service that will meet at different churches in our area each Wednesday throughout Lent. The service will begin at 12pm with a light lunch to follow. The schedule is as follows:

February 25 - Memorial UMC

March 4 - The Vine UMC

March 11 - Cokesbury UMC

March 18 - Commonwealth UMC

March 25 - Hickory Grove UMC

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Caitlin Lai
Connie Wood

*Call to Worship

Leader: What does the Lord require of you?

Congregation: but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God?

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

"Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult"

UMH #398

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

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

UMH #95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem

Matthew 5: 1-12

Choir

Scripture

Rev. Caitlin Lai
UMH 12-15

Message

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

"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

UMH #430

Benediction

Postlude

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs	"Open Skies"	
	"Your Love Never Fails"	
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Passing of the Peace		
*Song	"Firm Foundation"	
Joys and Concerns		
Prayers of the People		
*Song	"The Lord Will Provide"	
Scripture Message	Matthew 5: 1-12	Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Song	"Glorious Day"	
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.

Contemporary Service Task Force

Pastor Caitlin is looking for partners in ministry to dream, offer input or feedback, and try new things for our 11am contemporary worship service. Is God calling you to serve our church in this way? Please reach out to Pastor Caitlin if you feel God's nudge!

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		Scarlett Nimley
Praise Song		Praise Team
Welcome		Scarlett Nimley
*Opening Prayer and Call to Worship		Lily Kamara
Leader: What does the Lord require of you?		
Congregation: but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God?		
*Opening Hymn	"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee	UMH#430
Joys and Concerns		Scarlett Nimley
Call to Prayer/ Prayers of the People		Rosee Nimley
*Passing of the Peace		
Offering		
*Doxology	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	UMH#95
Offertory Prayer		
Praise & Worship		Scarlett Nimley
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 5:1-12	Praise Team
Selection		Bonice Teeta Cooper
Sermon	"Unconventionally Blessed"	Choir
Holy Communion		
Call to Christian Discipleship		
Announcements/Community Concerns		Arlette Nimley
Closing Song		Praise Team
*Dismissal with Blessing		
Postlude		Hassan Sankary

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