

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 22

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.
12:00PM to 1:00PM	Contemporary Service Task Force	Trinity Room
12:00PM to 8:00PM	Enlace Dominicano	Gym, Kitchen, MP
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

### Monday, February 23

### Tuesday, February 24

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
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Administrative Council Meeting	Virtual

### Wednesday, February 25

9:00AM to 11:30AM	Preschool: Music	Parking Lot
10:00AM to 12:00PM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Parlors
12:00PM to 1:00PM	Midday Mercies	Memorial UMC
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scouts	Wesley Bldg.
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars Basketball	Gym
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Lenten Study	Trinity Room
8:00PM to 9:00PM	Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous	Epworth Building

### Thursday, February 26

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

### Friday, February 27

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

### Saturday, February 28

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
9:00AM to 1:00PM	African Ministry Basketball	Gym
10:00AM to 12:00PM	WeCare Food Pantry	WeCare House
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.

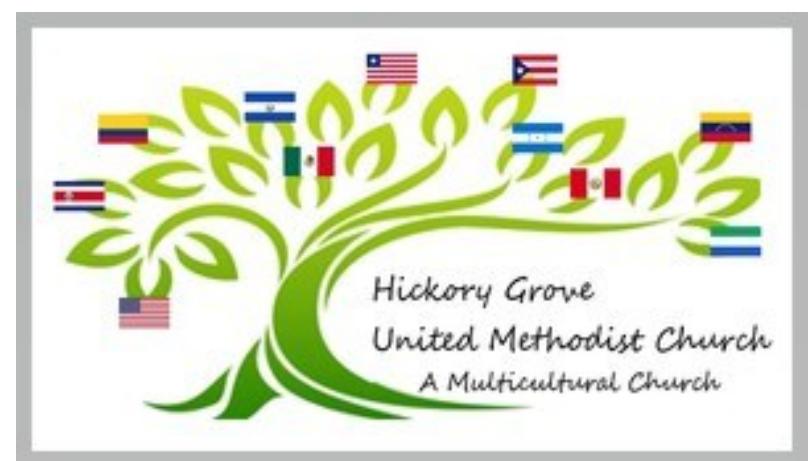
### Sunday, March 1

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

**February 22, 2026**

1st Sunday in Lent

# 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., Feb. 23: Psalm 32

Tues., Feb. 24: Genesis 4:1-16

Wed., Feb. 25: Matthew 18:10-14

Thurs., Feb. 26: Psalm 121

Fri., Feb. 27: Micah 7:18-20

Sat., Feb. 28: Luke 7:1-10

## Prayer

God, as I fast this Lent, teach me to see you in the faces of the least of these. Draw close to me so I will give generously to the poor, stranger, sick, and imprisoned. Amen.

**February 15, 2026**

Total Worship Attendance: 129

Sunday School Attendance: 34

Offering: \$6,544.00 Online Giving: \$168.42

*Please scan the QR code for online giving*



## Prayer Requests

### **Church Family**

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 Scerby

Shem Logan

Margaret Norwood

Ron, Sr. and Ron, Jr. Spivey

Lana Freeman

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

### **Family and Friends**

#### **The Family of Eddie Brown**

(Elizabeth Stribling's coworker)

Tyrone Davis

(Stepfather of Lari and Rob Procunier's daughter-in-law)

Matthew Stribling

(Brother of Jeff Stribling, Uncle of Elizabeth and Jocelyn Stribling)

Barbara Frye

(Mother of Sandy Oaten)

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)

## Upper Rooms Devotionals

Upper Room Devotional Guides are back! They should be available in the Narthex or on the information table in the FLC. Go ahead and grab yours!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Room Above (Room in the Inn) Needs

Room Above needs your help. The next Room Above date is February 19th and volunteers are needed for specific tasks. The program could use a volunteer to be an innkeeper, people to help with set up, to provide snacks, lunches, breakfast and clean up after the event. Please contact Randy Bunnell or the church office if you are willing to help in any way!

### 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 - Commonwealth UMC

March 11 - The Vine UMC

March 18 - Cokesbury UMC

March 25 - Hickory Grove UMC

### Contemporary Service Task Force

This is an open meeting for anyone interested in growing or relaunching our contemporary service. We will meet TODAY in the Trinity Room after the contemporary service.

### Serve at WeCare

Grow in the spiritual discipline of service by volunteering at our WeCare Food Pantry & 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.

### Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 28 from 2-4pm in the church courtyard. We will be collecting candy for goody bags. Please place them in the boxes in the FLC foyer and Sanctuary narthex. Please contact Jennifer Stribling or Jennifer Scoggins to learn how you can help!

### Palm Sunday Cantata & Potluck

Come together as one church for a combined worship service at 11am on March 29th in the sanctuary as our choirs present a cantata for Palm/Passion Sunday! A potluck will follow in the Family Life Center. Bring a friend and a dish to share!

## **9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Rick Beaver

\*Call to Worship

**Leader:** People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

**Congregation: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

**Leader:** People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

**Congregation: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

**Leader:** People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

**Congregation: We worship the Lord our God alone.**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Opening Hymn "Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days" UMH#269

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Caitlin Lai

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

Matthew 4: 1-11

Choir

Scripture

Message

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Closing Hymn

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

UMH#365

Benediction

Postlude

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

## 11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs	"Friend Of God"	
Welcome and Announcements	"Heart Of Worship"	
*Passing of the Peace		
*Song	"I Give You My Heart"	
Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
*Song	"I Still Believe"	
Scripture Message	Matthew 4: 1-11	Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Song	"Made For More"	

\*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		Scarlett Nimley
Praise Song		Praise Team
Welcome		Pastor Morris
*Opening Prayer and Call to Worship		Nathalie Ejioju-Smart
<b>Leader:</b> People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?		
<b>Congregation:</b> The word of the Lord is our daily bread.		
<b>Leader:</b> People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?		
<b>Congregation:</b> Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.		
<b>Leader:</b> People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?		
<b>Congregation:</b> We worship the Lord our God alone.		
*Opening Hymn	"Lift Every Voice And Sing"	UMH#519
Joys and Concerns		
Call to Prayer/ Prayers of the People		Musu Gbarbea-Badio
*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		Scarlett Nimley
Praise & Worship		Praise Team
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 4:1-11	Moses Levine
Selection		Choir
Sermon	"Overcoming Temptation"	Rev. Colston Wuor-Gabie Morris
Call to Christian Discipleship		Pastor Morris
Announcements/Community Concerns		Josie Nimley
Closing Song		Praise Team
*Dismissal with Blessing		
Postlude		Hassan Sankary
*please stand as you are able, in body and spirit		