

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 11

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 Basketball	Gym
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Monday, January 12

2:00PM to 3:00PM	Group Lydia Meeting	Trinity Room
7:00PM to 9:00PM	Latino Dance Group Practice	Youth Room

Tuesday, January 13

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
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scout Meck 7 District Meeting	Epworth Building
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Admin Council Meeting	Zoom
7:00PM to 9:00PM	Latino Dance Group Practice	Youth Room

Wednesday, January 14

9:30AM to 11:00AM	Preschool: Fit Kids	Trinity Room
10:00AM to 12:00PM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Parlors
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scouts	Wesley Bldg.
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars Basketball	Gym
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Grounded in Gratitude	Trinity Room
8:00PM to 9:00PM	Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Thursday, January 15

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
5:00PM to 12:00AM	Room in the Inn	Gym

Friday, January 16

12:00AM to 9:00AM	Room in the Inn	Gym
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Saturday, January 17

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
9:00AM to 1:00PM	African Ministry Basketball	Gym
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.
2:00PM to 6:00PM	RCC Children and Youth Day	Gym

Sunday, January 18

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

January 11, 2026
1st Sunday after the Epiphany

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)

January 4th, 2026

Total Worship Service Attendance: 191
Sunday School Attendance: 47
Offering: \$7,884.00 Online Giving: 100.00
Please scan the QR code for online giving



Prayer Requests

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Daily Scripture Readings

Mon., Jan. 12: Psalm 89:5-37	Thurs., Jan. 15: Psalm 40:1-11
Tues., Jan. 13: Jeremiah 1:4-10	Fri., Jan. 16: Genesis 27:30-38
Wed., Jan. 14: Matthew 12:15-21	Sat., Jan. 17: Luke 5:1-11

Prayer

Lord, as you will, and as you know, have mercy.

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 Scercy
Shem Logan
Margaret Norwood
Ron, Sr. and Ron, Jr. Spivey
Lana Freeman

Family and Friends

Juda Stone (Great Grandson of Jim Barker)
Melvin Adams(RITI)
Alan Bodenheimer and Family (RITI)
Tim McCluney(RITI)
Don Moore(RITI)
Mark Taylor (RITI)
Albert Wright(RITI)
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)
***Bold lettering: Prayer Request added/updated this week.**

Metro District Deep South Pilgrimage

The second annual Metro District Deep South Pilgrimage will take place April 9–12, 2026. You are invited to join us for this meaningful and inspiring trip. The cost is \$250 per person, which includes bus transportation, hotel accommodations, entrance fees to all sites, and a ticket to the play.

Itinerary Highlights: The Edmund Pettus Bridge, All three Equal Justice Initiative sites: The Legacy Museum, The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, and The Freedom Monument Sculpture Park, The Rosa Parks Museum, Lowndes Interpretive Center, The Civil Rights Memorial Park, Dexter Avenue Church and Parsonage, the play *To Kill a Mockingbird* in Monroeville

If you are interested in participating, please RSVP to the church office at office@hgumc.com or 704-537-4686 by Monday January 29th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

WECARE: Thank You!

Thank you to all who supported WeCare this year whether it was with your time, food donations or monetary donations. Your generous donations allowed us to provide food throughout the year and provide Christmas to 136 families. Thank you to all who donated their time, services, and donations into making WeCare a success during this season of uncertainty. God Bless!

Room in the Inn

RTI has started! The basic goal is to keep our neighbors and guests from the Roof Above organization from freezing on cold winter nights. We support this ministry with a variety of different roles while our guests are with us. These roles include drivers, innkeepers (spend the night with our friends), cooks, set up the Gym, provide snacks and clean up the Gym the next morning. The dates we will be hosting our guests this season are January 15th ,February 19th and March 19th . If you see a role that appeals to you and would like to help us, please contact Randy Bunnell @ 704-905-6177.

Grounded in Gratitude: A 5 Week Study (Jan 14 - Feb 11)

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.

Out of the Office - Pastor Caitlin

Pastor Caitlin will be away this week for time with family. She will be back in the office on Monday January 12th. If you have an emergency and need a pastor, please contact Pastor Colston, Pastor Candido, or contact the church office.

Upper Room Devotional Update

Many have been asking about the Upper Room Devotional Guides for the months of January/ February. We have been having some issues getting in touch with the company about the current shipment and will most likely not be receiving them this month. Thank you for your understanding.

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

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Channing Kirkpatrick

*Call to Worship

Channing Kirkpatrick

Leader: In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

Congregation: In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind

Leader: God caused the waters to be part of Israel so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation

Congregation: God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

Leader: Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

Congregation: Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

Leader: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

Congregation: God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be to God!

*Opening Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn

"Wash O God Our Sons And Daughters"

UMH#605

Joys and Concerns

Gary Little

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

Matthew 3: 13-17

Message

Consenting To Life

Sylvia Sekle-Dueh

Closing Hymn

"Holy God We Praise Thy Name"

UMH#79

Benediction

Postlude

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs	"I Speak Jesus" "Just As Good"	
Welcome and Announcements		Randy Bunnell
*Passing of the Peace		
*Song	"The Commission"	
Joys and Concerns		Fred Floyd
Prayers of the People		
*Song	"Miracle Child"	
Scripture	Matthew 3: 13-17	
Message	Consenting To Life	Sylvia Sekle-Dueh
*Song	"Benediction"	
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
Ofrenda	
*Benedición	

11:00 AM AFRICAN SERVICE

Lighting of the Candles	
Prelude	Hassan Sankary
Liturgist	Musu Badio
Praise Song	Praise Team
Welcome	Pastor Morris
*Opening Prayer and Call to Worship	Alex-Jon Kwiagaye
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Leader: God caused the waters to be part of Israel so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation	
Congregation: God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.	
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Congregation: God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be to God!	
*Opening Hymn	"Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"
Joys and Concerns	UMH#400
Call to Prayer/ Prayers of the People	Musu Badio
*Passing of the Peace	Scarlett Nimley
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	Musu Badio
Praise & Worship	Praise Team
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 3:13-17
	Josee Nimley

Selection	Choir
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Sermon "Remember Your Baptism And Be Thankful "	Rev. Colston Wuor-Gabie Morris
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Call to Christian Discipleship	Pastor Morris
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Announcements/Community Concerns	Precious Gibson
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Closing Song	Praise Team
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*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude	Hassan Sankary
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