

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 18

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 19	<i>MLK Jr. Day- Church Office Closed</i>	
2:00PM to 3:00PM	Group Lydia Meeting	Trinity Room

Tuesday, January 20

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

Wednesday, January 21

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 22

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
5:30PM to 7:00PM	Habitat for Humanity Community Meeting	Epworth Building

Friday, January 23

Saturday, January 24

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
9:00AM to 1:00PM	African Ministry Basketball	Gym
10:00AM to 11:00AM	Memorial Service for Linda Logan	Sanctuary
11:00AM to 12:00PM	Visitation for Linda Logan	Trinity Room
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, January 25

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
2:00PM to 4:30PM	Equip and Connect Training	Forest Hill UMC
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

January 18, 2026

Human Relations Sunday

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)

January 11th, 2026

Total Worship Service Attendance: 144
Sunday School Attendance: 37
Offering: \$5,902.87
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Daily Scripture Readings

Mon., Jan. 19: Psalm 40:6-17
Tues., Jan. 20: Isaiah 53:1-12
Wed., Jan. 21: Matthew 9:14-17

Thurs., Jan. 22: Psalm 27:1-6
Fri., Jan. 23: 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8
Sat., Jan. 24: Luke 5:27-32

Prayer

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors and all your creation, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Family and Friends

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.**

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 Thursday January 22nd.

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs	"Goodness Of God"	
	"Lead Me To The Cross"	
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Passing of the Peace		
*Song	"This I Believe"	
Joys and Concerns		
Prayers of the People		
*Song	"It Is Well"	
Scripture Message	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	
*Song	Christian Relations	Rev. Caitlin Lai
Benediction	"Miracle Child"	
*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		Arlette Nimley
Praise Song		Praise Team
Welcome		Pastor Morris
*Opening Prayer and Call to Worship		Iseman Rupheme Yates
Leader: Children of God, who has God called you to be?		
People: A light to all the nations!		
Leader: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?		
People: A light to all the nations!		
Leader: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?		
People: A light to all the nations!		
Leader: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?		
People: A light to all the nations!		
Leader: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!		
All: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.		
*Opening Hymn	"Trust And Obey"	UMH #467
*Apostles Creed		UMH #881
*Gloria Patri		UMH #70
Joys and Concerns		Alfred Nimley
Call to Prayer/ Prayers of the People		Kaniis Morris
*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		Davina Early
Praise & Worship		Praise Team
Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 49:1-7	Mya Roberts
Selection		Choir
Sermon	"Your Purpose"	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		