

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 12

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

Monday, July 13

2:00PM to 3:00PM	Group Lydia Meeting	Trinity Room
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Tuesday, July 14

2:00PM to 3:00PM	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
5:00PM to 8:30PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scout Meek 7 Meeting	Epworth Building
6:30PM to 8:30PM	ESL Class CPCC	Parlors

Wednesday, July 15

6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scouts	Wesley Building
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars Basketball	Gym
8:00PM to 9:00PM	Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Thursday, July 16

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, July 17

Saturday, July 18

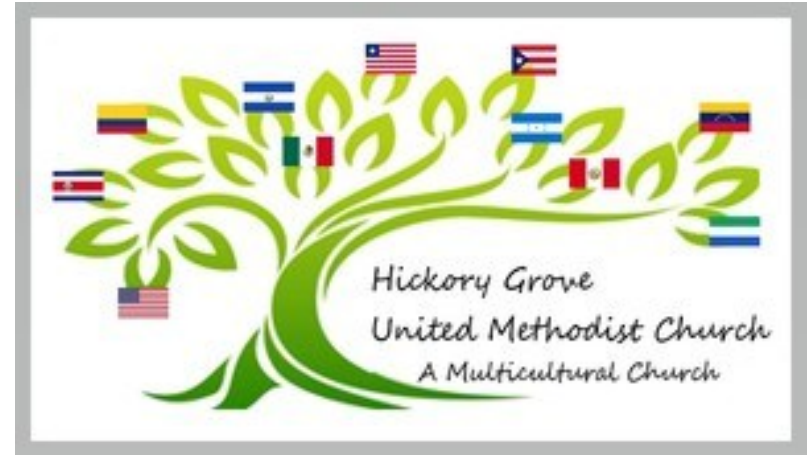
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
10:00AM to 2:00PM	Girl Scouts	Epworth
10:00AM to 2:00PM	Latino Seniors Meeting	Trinity Room
12:00PM to 1:00PM	African Ministry Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
12:00PM to 9:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
1:00PM to 3:00PM	Girl Scouts	Susanna Wesley Bldg.

Sunday, July 19

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars	Gym
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

July 12, 2026
7th Sunday after Pentecost

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)

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Daily Scripture Readings

Mon., July 13: Psalm 142 Thurs., July 16: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Tues., July 14: Jeremiah 49:7-11 Fri., July 17: Ezekiel 39:21-29
Wed., July 15: Matthew 13:10-17 Sat., July 18: Matthew 7:15-20

Prayer

Lord, Give me knowledge and insight that will help me make the right choices in my life. Amen.

July 5, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 136

Sunday School Attendance: 24

Offering: \$9,202.68

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Prayer Requests

Church Family

Desmond Turner
The Family of Nokie Tuttle
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

Thank You From Snack Pack

Snack Pack would like to send a huge shout out to the following volunteers. Without their help we could not have a Snack Pack program. Thank you to Kathy Coates, Deborah Parker, the Wednesday morning bible study group, Sharon Freeze and the preschool teachers for helping make sure the bags get packed each week. Thank you also to Jeff Stribling for making sure the shelves are stocked and everything set out each week to be packed and Randy Bunnell for making sure the bags get delivered every week to Hickory Grove Elementary school. Lastly, thank you to all who donated monetarily to Snack Pack. School maybe out but still keep Snack Pack in mind. Your monetary donations over the summer will help us start off next school year strong!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. De Hillyer's Last Sunday at HGUMC

Sunday, July 19th will be our last Sunday with Rev. De Hillyer at HGUMC. We are so grateful for his time and ministry!

Next Combined Worship Service

The next combined worship service will be July 26th at 11am in the Sanctuary. Join us!

Transitional Time Off

We are delighted that Rev. Colston Morris began serving with us full-time on July 1. As part of his transition into this new role, Pastor Morris will be away from July 13–19 for a planned transition period. We pray that this time will provide him with rest, renewal, and an opportunity to prepare for this new season of ministry.

Message from Financial Chair, Randy Bunnell

I wanted to provide an update to the status of our recent financial need. As you know we had unexpected expenses arise to replace an AC unit and the windows at the parsonage. The total cost was approximately \$50,000. Your generosity was overwhelming! We received approximately \$45,000 from the congregation and have paid both invoices in full. Thank you all so much for your dedication to HGUMC - your kindness is astounding! God bless each of you for what you have done and what you continue to do for our church!

VBS Pre-Registration Open

Vacation Bible School is coming soon! Sign up on the church website hickorygroveumc.com or fill out a form in the Sanctuary Narthex or lobby of the FWC!

VBS Volunteer Sign-Up

Want to devote your time helping with Vacation Bible School? Sign up now on the church website hickorygroveumc.com or on the clipboards in the Sanctuary Narthex and the lobby of the FWC.

Safe Sanctuary Training

Planning on volunteering for VBS? Join us for Safe Sanctuary Training on Sunday July 26th at 10am during the Sunday School hour and after the 11am service in the Trinity Room.

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!

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gary Little

*Call to Worship

Gary Little

Leader: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Congregation: Your word is our heritage forever, the joy of our hearts.

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

“O Spirit Of the Living God”

UMH#539

*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

Rev. Colston Morris

*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

Rev. Colston Morris

Anthem

Choir

Scripture

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 (GNT)

Message

The Cultivation Of Our Souls

Rev. De Hillyer

Closing Hymn

“Wonderful Words Of Life”

UMH#600

Benediction

Rev. De Hillyer

Postlude

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

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs	“Soul On Fire” “Praise”	
Welcome and Announcements		Jennifer Stribling
*Passing of the Peace		
*Song	“Home”	
Joys and Concerns		
Prayers of the People		Sylvia Sekle-Dueh
*Song	“Lord I Need You”	
Scripture	Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 (GNT)	
Message	The Cultivation Of Our Souls	Rev. De Hillyer
*Song	“Raise A Hallelujah”	
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		Musu Badio
Praise Song		Praise Team
Welcome		Pastor Morris
*Opening Prayer/ Call to Worship		Mya Roberts
Leader:	Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.	
Congregation:	Your word is our heritage forever, the joy of our hearts.	
*Opening Hymn	“Wonderful Words Of Life”	UMH#600
Call to Prayer/Prayer for the People		Scarlett Nimley
*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		Musu Badio
Praise & Worship		Praise Team
Scripture Lesson	Romans 8:1-11	Moses Lavien
Selection		Choir
Sermon	"From Condemnation To Freedom"	Jon-Alex Kwiagaye
Call to Christian Discipleship		Pastor Morris
Announcements/Community Concerns		Precious Gibson
Closing Song		Praise Team
*Dismissal with Blessing		
Postlude		Hassan Sankary

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