

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 19

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

Monday, July 20

7:00PM to 10:00PM	Legacy Theater Company	FWC, Trinity Room
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Tuesday, July 21

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	Admin Council Meeting	Google Meets
7:00PM to 10:00PM	Legacy Theater Company	FWC, Trinity Room

Wednesday, July 22

6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scouts	Wesley Building
7:00PM to 10:00PM	Legacy Theater Company	FWC, Trinity Room
8:00PM to 9:00PM	Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Thursday, July 23

5:00PM to 9:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
5:30PM to 8:30PM	Community Sports Night	Gym
7:00PM to 10:00PM	Legacy Theater Company	FWC, Trinity Room

Friday, July 24

7:00PM to 9:30PM	Latino Men's Meeting	Trinity Room
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Saturday, July 25

7:00AM to 10:00PM	Legacy Theater Company Load In	FWC, Trinity Room
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
10:00AM to 2:00PM	Girl Scouts	Epworth
10:00AM to 12:00PM	WeCare Food Pantry	WeCare House
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 26

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
10:00AM to 10:45AM	Safe Sanctuaries Training	Trinity Room
11:00AM to 12:00PM	Combined Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:30PM to 1:30PM	Safe Sanctuaries Training	Trinity Room
3:00PM to 8:00PM	Liberian Independence Day Service	Gym
4:00PM to 9:00PM	Legacy Theater Company	FWC, Trinity Room
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

July 19, 2026
8th 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 20: Psalm 139:13-18 Thurs., July 23: Psalm 105:1-11
Tues., July 21: Genesis 33:1-17 Fri., July 24: Genesis 29:9-14
Wed., July 22: Matthew 12:15-21 Sat., July 25: Matthew 12:38-42

Prayer

God, you are. You are more than we could ever name, more than we can grasp. Help us to know you even in our unknowing. Help us to love you, even as we learn how to love from you. Amen.

July 12, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 143

Sunday School Attendance: 34

Offering: \$4,191.18

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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

Snack Pack

It may be summer, but your monetary donations are welcome year-round for our Snack pack program. We always like to be ready right after Labor Day to send over our first set of bags. Thanks to all who help keep this ministry going. This year at VBS we will be doing a mission project called Kid to Kid. We are asking VBS attendees to bring either a kid friendly soup or canned pasta (like Chef Boyardee). I would like to challenge church members to bring an item and put in our red bins in the FLC or outside the church office starting July 26 through August 9. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer next school year with Snack pack please reach out to Jennifer Stribling at 704-617-2520 or giraffe@carolina.rr.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. De Hillyer's Last Sunday at HGUMC

Today is our last Sunday with Rev. De Hillyer at HGUMC. We are so grateful for his time and ministry during this time of renewal for Pastor Caitlin. Give him a big thank you and wish him well on his next journey!

Next Combined Worship Service

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

Back In The Office

Pastor Colston and Pastor Caitlin will be back in the office on a normal schedule tomorrow, July 20th.

Church Office Closure

The church office will be closed Thursday, July 23rd.

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

Karen Lowery

*Call to Worship

Karen Lowery

Leader: People of God, let us gather to worship and praise God's name.

Congregation: I give thanks to you, o God, with my whole heart. I will glorify your name forever!

Leader: For great is your steadfast love for me.

Congregation: You have delivered my soul from the depths.

Leader: God says, "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH#140

*Apostles Creed

UMH #881

*Gloria Patri

UMH #70

*Passing of the Peace

Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

Jamie Horton

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

Jamie Horton

*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

Jamie Horton

Anthem

Choir

Scripture

Matthew 13: 31-33, 36-43 (NRSV)

Message

The Parable of Weeds Among the Wheat

Rev. De Hillyer

Closing Hymn

"Hymn of Promise"

UMH#707

Benediction

Rev. De Hillyer

Postlude

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

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs	"Jesus I'm On My Way" "Evidence"	
Welcome and Announcements		Lari Procunier
*Passing of the Peace		
*Song	"Here I Am To Worship"	
Joys and Concerns		
Prayers of the People		Steve Hagler
*Song	"Great Are You Lord"	
Scripture	Matthew 13: 31-33, 36-43 (NRSV)	
Message	The Parable of Weeds Among the Wheat	Rev. De Hillyer
*Song	"Made For More"	
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	Precious Gibson
Praise Song	Praise Team
Welcome	Precious Gibson
*Opening Prayer/ Call to Worship	Blessing Tyler
Leader: Come, let us worship the God who is always with us.	
People: We come to praise the God who guides and cares for us.	
Leader: God gave Jacob a promise and showed him that he was never alone.	
People: God's promises are true, and His presence is with us.	
Leader: God provides for our needs and gives us purpose for our lives.	
People: We will trust God and follow where He leads.	
Leader: Let us worship the Lord with joyful hearts!	
All: We worship You, O God, because You are faithful. Amen.	
*Opening Hymn	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140
*Apostles Creed	UMH #881
*Gloria Patri	UMH #70
*Joys and Concerns	Precious Gibson
Call to Prayer/Prayer for the People	Rosee 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	Precious Gibson
Praise & Worship	Praise Team
Scripture Lesson	Genesis 28:10-22 Sophina Nimley
Selection	Choir
Sermon	"God's Three P's" Victor Teclar
Call to Christian Discipleship	Victor Teclar
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	

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