

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 5

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 6

Tuesday, July 7

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, July 8

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 9

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 10

Saturday, July 11

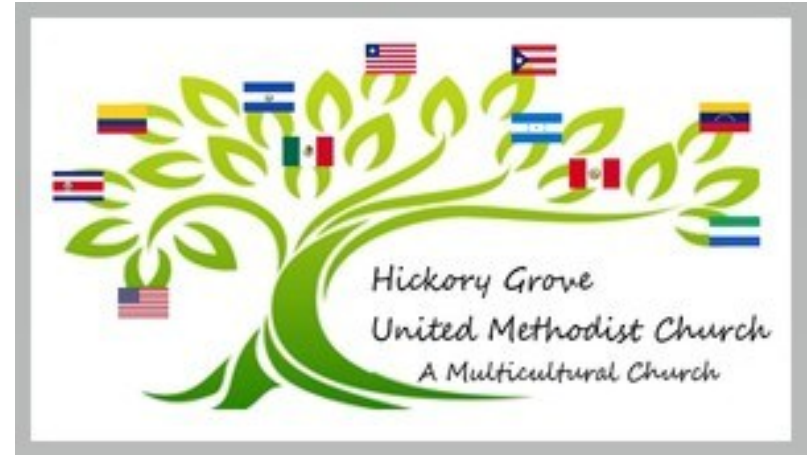
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
10:00AM to 2:00PM	Girl Scouts	Epworth
10:00AM to 12:00PM	WeCare Food Pantry	WeCare House
12:00PM to 1:00PM	African Ministry Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
12:00PM to 9:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
1:00PM to 11:00PM	Repass	Gym, Gym Kitchen
1:00PM to 3:00PM	Girl Scouts	Susanna Wesley Bldg.

Sunday, July 12

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
4:30PM to 7:30PM	Community Prayer Service	Sanctuary, Parlors
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars	Gym
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

July 5, 2026
6th Sunday after Pentecost

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., July 6: Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Thurs., July 9: Psalm 119:105-112
Tues., July 7: Genesis 29:1-14 Fri., July 10: Deuteronomy 32:1-10
Wed., July 8: John 13:1-17 Sat., July 11: John 12:44-50

Prayer

God, your call on my life is not something I can simply run away from.
Show me your will, and give me the courage to follow through. Amen.

June 28, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 155

Sunday School Attendance: 30

Offering: \$8,549.00

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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)

**Please remember in your thoughts and prayers
the family and friends of ~**



Jackie Cobb

Past member of Hickory Grove UMC– Cokesbury Sunday School Class

Son: Jay Cobb 919-434-5668

Arrangements are being made through Brown-Wynne Funeral Home in Cary NC

Obituary: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/cary-nc/jacquelyn-cobb-12926569>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

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!

Pastor Morris Full Time at HGUMC

Pastor Morris's first Sunday with HGUMC as our full-time associate pastor will be TODAY. He will be mostly leading and assisting in the Traditional and African services. We are so grateful for him and his ministry!

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!

Rev. De Hillyer's Contact Information

HGUMC is grateful for Rev. De Hillyer! He is preaching at the Traditional and Contemporary service while Pastor Caitlin is on Renewal Leave! If you would like to learn more about De, please check out the June edition of the Grove Echoes. If you need to reach De, his phone number is (980) 2534724. He leaves it on 24 hours a day. You can also reach him by text or email: friartuck43@gmail.com.

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		Channing Kirkpatrick
*Call to Worship		Channing Kirkpatrick
Leader: Come, all you who carry heavy burdens, and Christ will give you rest.		
Congregation: For he is gentle and humble in heart: in him we find rest for our souls.		
*Opening Prayer		
*Opening Hymn	"This Is My Song"	UMH#437
*Passing of the Peace		
Call to Prayer		
Prayers of the People		Gary Little
Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts		Gary Little
*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		Gary Little Choir
Anthem		
Scripture	Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 (GNT)	
Message	Learning How to Make Your Tongue Smile	Rev. De Hillyer Rev. De Hillyer
Holy Communion		Rev. Colston W. Morris
Invitation, Confession and Pardon		
*Passing of the Peace		
The Great Thanksgiving		
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.	
Breaking the Bread		
Giving the Bread and Cup		
Prayer After Communion		
	Eternal God, we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	
Closing Hymn	"For The Healing Of The Nations"	UMH#428
Benediction		Rev. De Hillyer
Postlude		

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

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs "10,000 Reasons"
"Reckless Love"

Welcome and Announcements Mary English-Tri

*Passing of the Peace

*Song "This I Believe"

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People Randy Bunnell

Scripture Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 (GNT)

Message Learning How to Make Your Tongue Smile Rev. De Hillyer

Holy Communion UMH 12-15

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

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Breaking the Bread "Word of God Speak"

Giving the Bread and Cup

*Song "Great Are You Lord"

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

Holy Communion

Ofrenda

*Benedición

11:00 AM AFRICAN SERVICE

Lighting of the Candles

Prelude Hassan Sankary

Liturgist Jon-Alex Kwiagaye

Praise Song Praise Team

Welcome Pastor Morris

*Opening Prayer/ Call to Worship Lily Kamara

Leader: Come, all you who carry heavy burdens, and Christ will give you rest.

Congregation: For he is gentle and humble in heart: in him we find rest for our souls.

*Opening Hymn "To God Be The Glory" UMH#98

Call to Prayer/Pastoral Prayer Pastor Morris

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 Jon-Alex Kwiagaye

Praise & Worship Praise Team

Scripture Lesson Romans 7:15-25 Geraldine Barchue

Selection Choir

Sermon "The Battle Within" Rev. Colston Wuor-Gabie Morris

Holy Communion UMH 12-15

*Passing of the Peace

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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