

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 28

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.
10:00AM to 11:00AM	VBS Planning Meeting	Trinity Room
12:15PM to 3:15PM	Craft Closet Cleanout	Sanctuary
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars	Gym
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Monday, June 29

Tuesday, June 30

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 1

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 2

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 3

Saturday, July 4

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
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, July 5

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

June 28, 2026
5th 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., June 29: Psalm 47 Thurs., July 2: Psalm 45:10-17
Tues., June 30: 1 Kings 18:36-39 Fri., July 3: Genesis 27:1-17
Wed., July 1: Matthew 11:20-24 Sat., July 4: Luke 10:21-24

Prayer

O God, I long to spend time with you. If not every hour, I lay aside this moment to draw near to you. Let me retreat into your arms if only for these few minutes. Amen.

June 21, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 100

Sunday School Attendance: 26

Offering: \$3,260.00

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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)

Special Recognition

The African Ministries of Hickory Grove United Methodist Church warmly welcome the members of the **Bong Diaspora Citizens Association (BODCA)** who are worshiping with us this morning. BODCA has been holding its annual convention from June 25-28 and will conclude its gathering today. We are honored and grateful that you have chosen to worship with us during your time together. It is our prayer that your worship experience this morning will be spiritually uplifting, enriching, and renewing. May God's presence strengthen your fellowship, guide your deliberations, and bless all that you do. As you prepare to return to your respective homes, we pray for God's protection, traveling mercies, and continued blessings upon each of you and your families.

Welcome, and may the Lord richly bless you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Craft Closet Cleanout

There will be a clean out of the craft closet in the basement of the sanctuary right after the contemporary service, **TODAY** and lunch will be provided for anyone who would like to help us. Please contact Jennifer Stribling, Lori Kodikara, or the church office if you have any questions.

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.

VBS Kid to Kid Mission Project

We will have a Kid-to-Kid Mission Project at Vacation Bible School, which takes place August 3rd through August 5th. This project is serving neighbors and kids in the community. We will be supporting two projects supported at Hickory Grove UMC:

· WeCare Food and Clothing Pantry - a ministry that helps families in need that live in the Hickory Grove community. Please bring peanut butter or jelly to support this mission project.

· SNACK Pack - a ministry that supports the highest at need students at Hickory Grove Elementary. Please bring canned soup or canned pasta (like Chef Boyardee) to support this mission project.

We will serve dinner each day of camp starting at 5:30pm – 6:00pm. We invite the family to join us.

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 Sunday July 5th. 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 Roberts, 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!

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Susan Beaver

*Call to Worship

Susan Beaver

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,
Congregation: and proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: Your steadfast love endures forever.

Congregation: Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.

Leader: Happy are those who sing your praise

Congregation: and extol your righteousness all the day.

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

"Ye Servants Of God"

UMH#181

*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 10: 40-42 (GNT)

Message

The World's Worst Alibi

Rev. De Hillyer

Closing Hymn

"Trust And Obey"

UMH#467

Benediction

Rev. De Hillyer

Postlude

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

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs "Beautiful Life"
"So Much"
Welcome and Announcements Jennifer Stribling
*Passing of the Peace
*Song "Open The Eyes Of My Heart"
Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People Steve Hagler
*Song "Amazing Grace/ My Chains Are Gone"
Scripture Matthew 10: 40-42 (GNT)
Message The World's Worst Alibi Rev. De Hillyer
*Song "Glorious Day"
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 Scarlett Nimley
Praise Song Praise Team
Welcome Pastor Morris
*Opening Prayer/ Call to Worship Arlette Nimley
Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,
Congregation: and proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
Leader: Your steadfast love endures forever.
Congregation: Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.
Leader: Happy are those who sing your praise
Congregation: and extol your righteousness all the day.
*Opening Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" UMH#514
*Joys and Concerns Scarlett Nimley
Call to Prayer/Prayers of the People Musu Badio
*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 Bonice Teeta Cooper
Praise & Worship Praise Team
Scripture Lesson Matthew 10:40-42 Josee Nimely
Selection Choir
Sermon Every Act Of Kindness Matters 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

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