

WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 1

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.
2:00PM to 2:30PM	Jill Hagler Internment	Columbarium
4:00PM to 11:59PM	Habitat Collegiate Challenge	FLC
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars	Gym
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Monday, March 2

12:00AM to 11:59PM	Habitat Collegiate Challenge	FLC
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Tuesday, March 3

12:00AM to 11:59pm	Habitat Collegiate Challenge	FLC
7:00AM to 7:00PM	Election Day Setup	Gym
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, March 4

12:00AM to 11:59PM	Habitat Collegiate Challenge	FLC
7:00AM to 7:00PM	Election Day	Gym
9:00AM to 11:30AM	Preschool: Bible Stories	FWC
10:00AM to 12:00PM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Parlors
12:00PM to 1:00PM	Midday Mercies	The Vine UMC
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scouts	Wesley Bldg.
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars Basketball	Gym
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Lenten Study	Trinity Room
8:00PM to 9:00PM	Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Thursday, March 5

12:00AM to 11:59PM	Habitat Collegiate Challenge	FLC
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, March 6

12:00AM to 2:00PM	Habitat Collegiate Challenge	FLC
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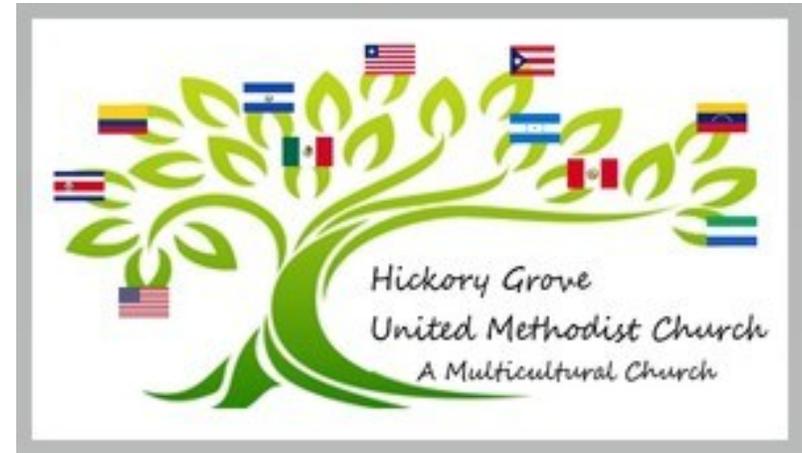
Saturday, March 7

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
9:00AM to 1:00PM	African Ministry Basketball	Gym
8:00AM to 3:00PM	UWF	FWC, Trinity Room
10:00AM to 6:00PM	Birthday Party	Gym
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, March 8

6:00AM to 2:00PM	<i>Daylight Savings</i> St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
12:00PM to 1:00PM	Contemporary Service Task Force	Trinity Room
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

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., March 2: Psalm 128
Tues., March 3: Isaiah 65:17-25
Wed., March 4: John 7:53-8:11
Thurs., March 5: Psalm 95
Fri., March 6: Exodus 16:9-21
Sat., March 7: John 4:1-6

Prayer

God, you are always bringing about your kingdom on earth. Give me the presence of mind to see your grace and love all around me. Amen.

February 22, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 136

Sunday School Attendance: 42

Offering: \$14,476.00

Please scan the QR code for online giving



Prayer Requests

Church Family **The Family of Lana Freeman**

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 Scercy
Shem Logan
Margaret Norwood
Ron, Sr. and Ron, Jr. Spivey

***Bold lettering: Prayer Request added/updated this week.**

Family and Friends **Thomas Cumberlander, Michael Hovrud, Gregory Hudgins, Damon Jenkins, Horace Jeridore, Jovani Lopez, Calvin Martin, Douglas McClure, Toribio Vasquez and David Walker (RITI)**

Tyrone Davis
(Stepfather of Lari and Rob
Procnier's daughter-in-law)
Barbara Frye
(Mother of Sandy Oaten)
Ryan Edwards
(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)

Notification of Death

Lana Freeman passed away February 19th. Arrangements are being made through Stephenson & Gaskin Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at Hickory Grove United Methodist Church on March 20th from 11am-11:45am in the Sanctuary. A visitation with family and friends will follow in the Parlors at 12:00pm. Please pray for her brother Paul and their family during this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Announcement

Seventy years ago on February 25, 1956, Pete and Nancy Scercy were married at Hickory Grove United Methodist Church and this year they celebrated their 70th anniversary! There will not be a formal celebration but a phone call or a card would be much appreciated.

Address: 5101 Robinwood Dr. Charlotte, NC 28215.

Phone: 980-495-6331.

Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times (Feb 25-Apr 1)

Join Pastor Caitlin in the Trinity Room on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the Trinity Room. We'll be using Magrey DeVega's book "Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times" as our guide. You are invited to purchase the book in advance via amazon, or contact the church office if you need assistance. Participants are expected to read the second chapter before our next session on March 4th.

Midday Mercies

Join United Methodists around East Charlotte for Midday Mercies, a traveling 20-30 minute worship service that will meet at different churches in our area each Wednesday throughout Lent. The service will begin at 12pm with a light lunch to follow. The schedule for the remainder of the season is as follows:

March 4 - Commonwealth UMC

March 11 - The Vine UMC

March 18 - Cokesbury UMC

March 25 - Hickory Grove UMC

Serve at WeCare

Grow in the spiritual discipline of service by volunteering at our WeCare Food Pantry & Clothing closet throughout Lent on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 10am-12pm. During Lent, those next dates are March 14, and March 28. They are in need of boxes of teabags, coffee, and cake mix. Anything you can give is appreciated!

Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 28 from 2-4pm in the church courtyard. We will be collecting candy for goody bags. Please place them in the boxes in the FLC foyer and Sanctuary narthex. Please contact Jennifer Stribling or Jennifer Scoggins to learn how you can help!

Palm Sunday Cantata & Potluck

Come together as one church for a combined worship service at 11am on March 29th in the sanctuary as our choirs present a cantata for Palm/Passion Sunday! All are invited to join the choir for this special presentation. Choir practice is on Tuesdays at 2pm in the choir room. Talk to Hassan for details! A potluck will follow in the Family Life Center. Bring a friend and a dish to share!

Contemporary Service Task Force & Worship Leadership Workshop

Stay after the contemporary service TODAY as we continue to dream and discern what future contemporary worship at HGUMC could look like! We will reflect on homework from session 1 and spend time exploring leadership in worship. Lunch (sandwiches) will be provided!

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Caitlin Lai

*Call to Worship

Diane Locklin

Leader: From where will our help come?

Congregation: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Who is our keeper?

Congregation: The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

Leader: How long will God protect us?

Congregation: God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn "Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above"

UMH#126

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

*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

Anthem

Choir

Scripture

John 3: 1-17

Message

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Holy Communion

UMH 12-15

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

"O Zion Haste"

UMH#573

Benediction

Postlude

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

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs "Beautiful Life"
"Walk With Jesus"

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

*Song "Yes I Will"

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture John 3: 1-17

Message Rev. Caitlin Lai
UMH 12-15

Holy Communion

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Breaking the Bread "O Come To The Altar"

Giving the Bread and Cup

*Song "Ever Be"

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 Alex-Jon Kwiagaye

Praise Song Praise Team

Welcome Pastor Morris

*Opening Prayer and Call to Worship Alex-Jon Kwiagaye

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Leader: How long will God protect us?
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*Opening Hymn "Blessed Assurance" UMH#369

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer/ Pastoral Prayer Pastor Morris

*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 Alex-Jon Kwiagaye

Praise & Worship Praise Team

Scripture Lesson John 3:1-7 Colnik Morris

Selection Choir

Sermon "The Gift Of A New Beginning" Rev. Colston Wuor-Gabie Morris

Holy Communion UMH 12-15

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