

WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 15, 2026
4th Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 15

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, March 16

Tuesday, March 17

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 18

10:00AM to 12:00PM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Parlors
12:00PM to 1:00PM	Midday Mercies	Cokesbury 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 19

5:00PM to 9:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
5:00PM to 11:59PM	Room in the Inn	Gym, Gym MP., Kitchen
6:30PM to 8:30PM	ESL Class CPCC	Parlors
7:00PM to 8:30PM	Therapy of the Soul Rehearsal	FWC

Friday, March 20

7:00AM-12:00PM	Room in the Inn	Gym, Gym Kitchen
11:00AM to 12:00PM	Memorial Service for Lana Freeman	Sanctuary
12:00PM to 1:00PM	Visitation for Lana Freeman	Parlors
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars	Gym
7:00PM to 9:00PM	Latino Men's Meeting	Trinity Room

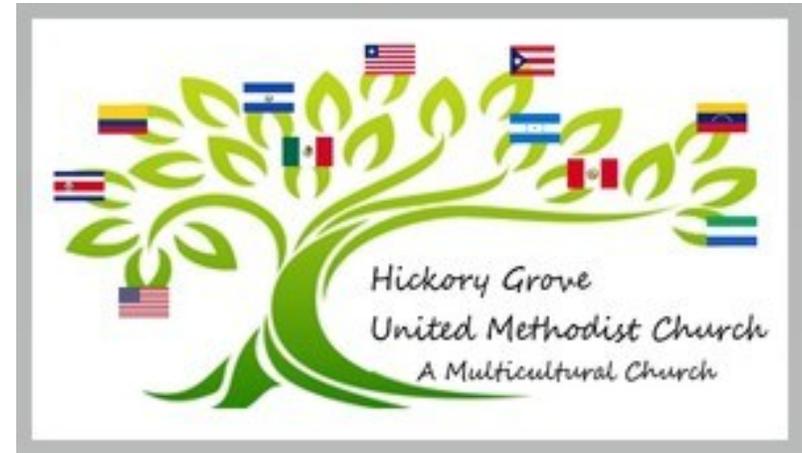
Saturday, March 21

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
10:00AM to 2:00PM	Latino Senior's Meeting	Trinity Room
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.
2:00PM to 6:00PM	RCC Children and Youth Play Day	Gym

Sunday, March 22

6:00AM to 2:00PM	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
12:30PM to 1:45PM	Children and Youth Lunch	Parlors
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 16: Psalm 146 Thurs., March 19: Psalm 130
Tues., March 17: Isaiah 42:14-21 Fri., March 20: Ezekiel 33:10-16
Wed., March 18: Matthew 9:27-34 Sat., March 21 : Luke 24:44-53

Prayer

Spirit of God, I long for you alone. Fill me with your gifts of love, joy, and peace so that I will be empty of the things of this world and full of your presence. Amen.

March 8, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 144

Sunday School Attendance: 42

Offering: \$13,485.63

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Prayer Requests

Church Family

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)

Additional Announcements

Special Announcement

Thank you all for the cards and acts of kindness helping us celebrate our 70th Wedding Anniversary. We are so happy to be a part of such a caring church. In sincere gratitude, Pete and Nancy Scercy

Paypal Giving

As of March 9th, we will no longer be using Paypal as a giving service. Please switch your giving over to Realm or visit the church website to give online.

Children and Youth Event

There will be a lunch event for children and youth held March 22 in the parlor from 12:30 to 1:45.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 fourth chapter before our next session on March 18th.

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 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, the next date is 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 on March 22nd as we continue to dream and discern what future contemporary worship at HGUMC could look like! We will reflect on homework from previous sessions.

Room Above (Room in the Inn) Needs

Room Above needs your help. The next Room Above date is March 19th and the African Ministry is hosting. The program could use a volunteer to be an innkeeper, people to help with set up, to provide snacks, lunches, breakfast and clean up after the event. Please contact Randy Bunnell, Pastor Morris, or the church office if you are willing to help in any way!

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Caitlin Lai

*Call to Worship

Gary Little

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

Congregation: God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name.

Leader: God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

Congregation: Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

UMH#429

*Apostles Creed

UMH #881

*Gloria Patri

UMH #70

*Passing of the Peace

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Caitlin Lai

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

*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 9: 1-41

Message

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Closing Hymn

"Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

UMH#381

Benediction

Postlude

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

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs	“Rise” “I See The Cross”	
Welcome and Announcements		
*Passing of the Peace		
*Song	“The Way”	
Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
*Song	“Jesus Messiah” John 9: 1-41	
Scripture		Rev. Caitlin Lai
Message		
*Song	“I Know A Name”	
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		Pastor Morris
*Opening Prayer and Call to Worship		Mya Roberts
Leader: Come, let us gather in the presence of the Lord who sees beyond appearances and looks upon the heart.		
People: We come to worship the God who knows us, calls us, and chooses us.		
Leader: When others overlook us, God sees our purpose and our potential.		
People: Like David, we are reminded that the Lord sees the best in us.		
Leader: Let us lift our hearts in praise to the One who anoints, restores, and calls us by name.		
People: We come with grateful hearts to worship the Lord!		
*Opening Hymn	“O How I Love Jesus”	UMH#170
*Apostles Creed		UMH #881
,*Gloria Patri		UMH
#70		
Joys and Concerns		Precious Gibson
Call to Prayer/Prayers of the People		Arlette 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		Josee Nimley
Praise & Worship		Praise Team
Scripture Lesson	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Davina Early
Selection		Choir
Sermon	“He Saw The Best In Me”	Rev. Colston Wuor-Gabie Morris
Call to Christian Discipleship		Pastor Morris
Announcements/Community Concerns		Kaniis Morris
Closing Song		Praise Team
*Dismissal with Blessing		
Postlude		Hassan Sankary