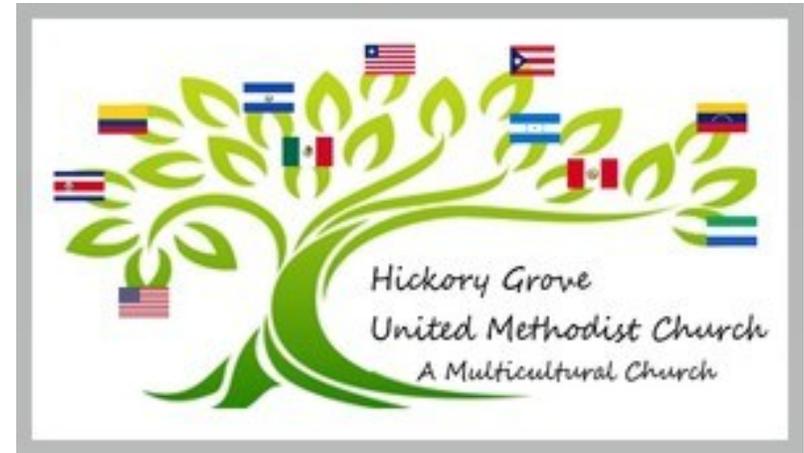


WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 8, 2026
3rd Sunday in Lent

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, March 8

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.
12:00PM to 1:00PM	Contemporary Service Task Force	Trinity Room
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars	Gym
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Monday, March 9

Tuesday, March 10

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
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scout Meck 7 Meeting	Epworth Building

Wednesday, March 11

9:00AM to 11:30AM	Preschool: Fit Kids	FWC
10:00AM to 12:00PM	Wednesday Moming 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 12

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 13

7:00PM-10:30PM	Repass Setup	Gym, Gym Kitchen
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Saturday, March 14

7:00AM to 10:30PM	Repass	Gym, Gym Kitchen
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
10:00AM to 12:00PM	WeCare Food Pantry	WeCare House
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 15

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

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 9: Psalm 81 Thurs., March 12: Psalm 23
Tues., March 10: Genesis 29:1-14 Fri., March 13: 1 Samuel 15:22-31
Wed., March 11: John 7:14-31, 37-39 Sat., March 14 :John 1:1-9

Prayer

Open my heart to your love, O God.

March 1, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 160

Sunday School Attendance: 41

Offering: \$10,328.00

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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)

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

Lana Freeman

Paul Cuthbertson (Brother)
5435 E W T Harris Blvd,
Charlotte NC 28215

A memorial service will be held on March 20th from 11am-11:45am in the Sanctuary. A visitation with family and friends will follow in the Parlors at 12:00pm.

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 third chapter before our next session on March 11th.

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 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!

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

Connie Wood

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;

Congregation: let us kneel before the Lord.

Leader: The hour is coming and is now here.

Congregation: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

*Opening Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn

"Jesus Is All The World To Me"

UMH#469

Joys and Concerns

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 4: 5-42

Message

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Closing Hymn

"Tell Me The Story Of Jesus"

UMH#277

Benediction

Postlude

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

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs "I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever"
"How Great Is Our God"
Welcome and Announcements
*Passing of the Peace
*Song "Goodness Of God"
Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
*Song "Refiners Fire"
Scripture John 4: 5-42
Message Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Song "Lead Me To The Cross"
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 Musu Badio
Praise Song Praise Team
Welcome Pastor Morris
*Opening Prayer and Call to Worship Alex-Jon Kwiyagaye
Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;
Congregation: let us kneel before the Lord.
Leader: The hour is coming and is now here.
Congregation: In spirit and truth, let us worship God
*Opening Hymn "I Love The Story" UMH#156

Joys and Concerns Musu Badio

Call to Prayer/Prayers of the People Scarlett 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 Musu Badio

Praise & Worship Praise Team

Scripture Lesson Exodus 17:1-7 Abraham Karva

Selection Choir

Sermon "Doubting God's Provision" 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