

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 10, 2026
6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 10

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, May 11

9:00AM to 11:00AM	Preschool Graduation Practice	FWC
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Tuesday, May 12

11:00AM to 12:00PM	Group Lydia Meeting	Matthews UMC
1:00PM to 2:00PM	Preschool Graduation Decorating	FWC
2:00PM to 3:00PM	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scout Meck 7 District Meeting	Epworth Building
5:00PM to 8:30PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
6:30PM to 8:30PM	ESL Class CPCC	Parlors

Wednesday, May 13

9:00AM to 11:30AM	Preschool: Bible Stories	Trinity Room
9:00AM to 11:00AM	Preschool Graduation Practice	FWC
10:00AM to 12:00PM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Parlors
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, May 14

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, May 15

8:00AM to 1:00PM	Preschool Graduation	FWC/ Trinity Room
7:00PM to 9:00PM	Latino Mens Meeting	Trinity Room

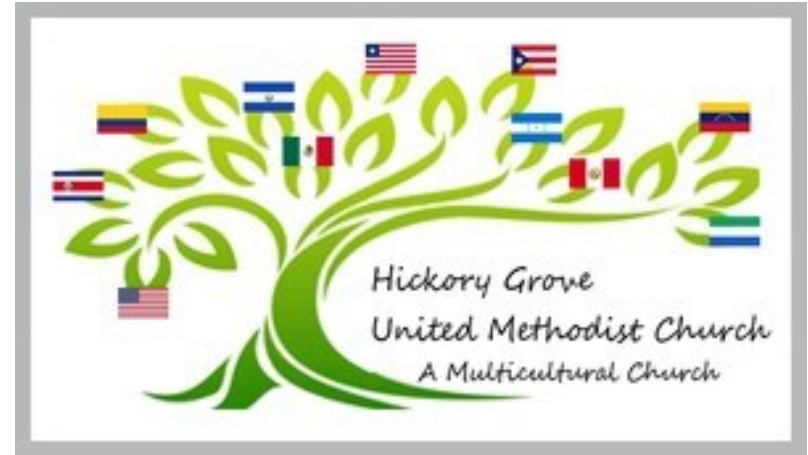
Saturday, May 16

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
10:00AM to 2:00PM	Latino Seniors 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.

Sunday, May 17

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

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., May 11: Psalm 93 Thurs., May 14: Acts 1:1-11
Tues., May 12: Deuteronomy 5:22-33 Fri., May 15: 2 Kings 2:1-12
Wed., May 13: John 16:16-24 Sat., May 16: John 8:21-30

Prayer

God, in you all things are loved. When I see myself, may I see your love for me. When I see my neighbor, may I see your love for them. May I learn to love all beings as much as you do. Amen.

May 3, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 224
Sunday School Attendance: 52
Offering: \$18,380



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Prayer Requests

Church Family

The Family of Travis Bunn
Ray and Brenda Cathey
Sandy and Ronnie Oaten
Kathleen Robinson
Chap and Nokie 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

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 Announcement

Financial Need: Note from Finance Chair, Randy Bunnell

Hi Friends, Unfortunately, we have had a couple of unexpected expenses arise. We had to replace the windows in the Parsonage. I know it seems like the house was built just a few years ago, but it was 1991. It was time to replace and not continue to repair. The cost to replace is \$29,985. In addition, we had to replace an AC unit in the Preschool building. Again, time to replace and not repair. The cost is \$20,900. So now we could use some additional financial assistance. These were not anticipated expenses and they were not in our budget. If you can give a little extra to help, it would be greatly appreciated. Please note these donations to the "Building Repair and Maintenance" fund. If you desire, you can also note the donation is for the Parsonage Windows or AC Unit. God bless you and thank you for all you do for HGUMC.

Preschool Graduation

Please join HGUMC's Pre-K class families for a special graduation program on Friday, May 15 at 11:00am. "Going on a Picnic" will be a musical celebration followed by graduation ceremonies. Please come out and celebrate with them on this day!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Appointments 2026-2027

The Church Council is pleased to share that Pastor Caitlin, Pastor Candido, and Pastor Colston will all be returning to Hickory Grove this upcoming year. We are also excited to have Pastor Colston joining us full-time, returning to continue presiding over our African Service of worship, while taking on additional Associate Pastor responsibilities within the Church. Thank you to our pastors who care so deeply for our congregation, Church, and community. We look forward to another year under your guidance and stewardship.

2026 Graduates!

We will be celebrating our 2026 graduates on Sunday June 7th. Please send us the name, school, a photo and post-grad plans, if available by May 20th to the church office. These students will also be shared in our June edition of Grove Echoes.

Upper Rooms and Grove Echoes

May-June Upper Room Daily Devotional are available, as well as the May edition of the Grove Echoes on the information tables. Grab yours!

Save the Date!

Monday August 3 - Wednesday August 5 for Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School!

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 peas, cereal, and oatmeal. Anything you can give is appreciated!

SNACK Pack

Please consider making a financial donation to the SNACK pack program to help 48 Hickory Grove Elementary School students. We are also in need of regular sized plastic bags/grocery bags. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Stribling at 704-617-2520.

Youth Confirmation Retreat

"Confirmation" is an act by which persons who were baptized as infants/young children make their first public profession of faith. In a sense, they confirm their faith and are received into full membership at Hickory Grove UMC. Our 2026 Youth Confirmation Retreat (required for all confirmands!) will be Saturday May 16th from 10am-6pm at the church. Lunch and snacks provided. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lori Kodikara or the church office.

UWF Sunday

Join us as the United Women in Faith lead worship on May 31st at 11am in the Sanctuary! There will be a women's luncheon after the service. Bring a covered dish and a friend!

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Caitlin Lai

*Call to Worship

Diane Locklin

Leader: Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

Congregation: Let the sound of praise ring out.

Leader: Come and hear what the Lord has done,

Congregation: the Lord who has made everything!

*Opening Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

UMH#89

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

1 Peter 3: 13-22

Message

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Closing Hymn

"Standing On The Promises"

UMH#374

Benediction

Postlude

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

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs	“Open The Eyes Of My Heart” “Good Good Father”	
Welcome and Announcements		Jennifer Scoggins
*Passing of the Peace		
*Song	“Great Are You Lord”	
Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
*Song	“Build My Life”	
Scripture	1 Peter 3: 13-22	
Message		Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Song	“Goodness Of God”	
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		Scarlet Nimley
Leader: Bless the Lord, O people, sing! Congregation: Let the sound of praise ring out. Leader: Come and hear what the Lord has done, Congregation: the Lord who has made everything!		
*Opening Hymn	“Standing On The Promises”	UMH#89
*Joys and Concerns		Musu Badio
Call to Prayer/Prayers of the People		Daudu Rahman
*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	1 Peter 3:13-22	Moses Lavien
Selection		Choir
Sermon	“Standing Firm”	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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