

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 24, 2026
Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 24

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 25

Memorial Day-Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26

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, May 27

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 28

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 29

6:00PM to 7:00PM	Fast And Prayer	Epworth Building
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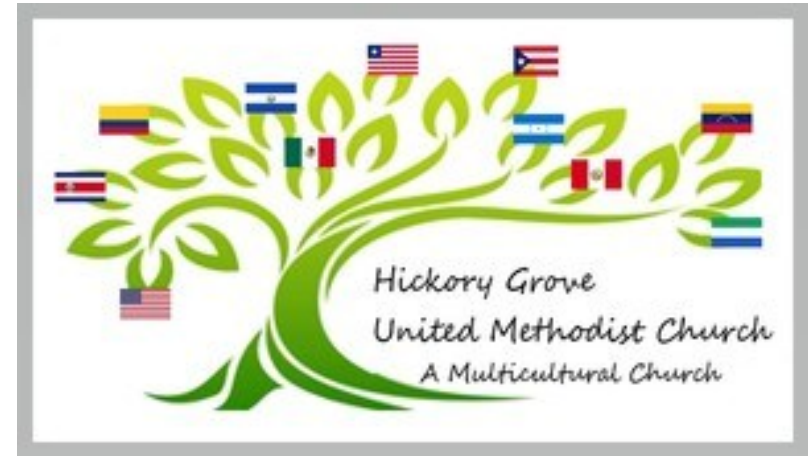
Saturday, May 30

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
8:00AM to 12:00PM	Funeral	Sanctuary
12:00PM to 9:00PM	Repass	Gym, Kitchen, MP
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 31

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	Call to Prayer Luncheon for Women	Trinity Room
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 25: Psalm 104:24-34 Thurs., May 28: Psalm 8
Tues., May 26: Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29 Fri., May 29: Job 38:12-21
Wed., May 27: John 7:37-39 Sat., May 30: John 14:15-17

Prayer

Thank you, God, for the power you have given us through the Holy Spirit. Empower us to live as faithful disciples of Jesus. Amen.

May 17, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 142

Sunday School Attendance: 40

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Prayer Requests

Church Family
Jennifer Scoggins
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
The Family of Harold Overcash
(Father of Sharon Freeze)
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)

Additional Announcements

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. **As of May 17th, we are \$6,000 dollars from our goal! God bless you and thank you for all you do for HGUMC.**

Memorial Day Closure

The church office will be closed Monday May 25th in observation of the Memorial Day holiday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UWF Sunday Combined Service

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

Renewal Leave

Reminder: Pastor Caitlin will begin her renewal leave on Wednesday May 27th and return on July 20th. Rev. De Hillyer will be joining us at our Traditional and Contemporary services starting on June 14th. Please see the FAQs in the latest Grove echoes newsletter or Mary English-Tri if you have any questions.

Monthly Fasting & Prayer Gathering

We warmly invite everyone to join us for this special time of seeking God together, beginning at midnight on 12:00 AM May 29, 2026 to 7PM. The fast will conclude with a powerful time of prayer and thanksgiving at 6:45 PM in the Epworth Building.

VBS Planning Meeting

The next VBS meeting will be Sunday June 28 during the SS hour at 10am in the Trinity room. Vacation Bible School dates are Monday August 3 - Wednesday August 5 .Please join us if you are interested in volunteering!

Craft Closet Cleanout

There will be a clean out of the craft closet in the basement of the sanctuary right after the contemporary service, on June 28th 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.

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 beginning July 1st. 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.

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!

Graduation and Confirmation Sunday

Please join us for a combined worship at 11am in the Sanctuary, celebrating our HGUMC confirmands and high school/college graduates.

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Fred Parker

*Call to Worship

Fred Parker

Leader: Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

Congregation: Alleluia!

Leader: Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Alleluia!

Leader: Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth

Congregation: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*Opening Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

UMH#545

Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

Gary Little

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

Acts 2: 1-21

Message

Closing Hymn

“How Firm A Foundation”

Rev. Caitlin Lai

UMH#529

Benediction

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Postlude

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

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs	“10,000 Reasons” “How Great Is Our God”	
Welcome and Announcements		Jatana Royster
*Passing of the Peace		
*Song	“Reckless Love”	
Joys and Concerns		
Prayers of the People		Steve Hagler
*Song	“Draw Me Close To You”	
Scripture	Acts 2: 1-21	
Message		Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Song	“I Surrender”	
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	Deontee Weh
*Call to Worship	Davina Early
Leader: Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty. Congregation: Alleluia! Leader: Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Alleluia! Leader: Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth Congregation: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!	
*Opening Hymn	“The Church’s One Foundation”
*Joys and Concerns	UMH#545
Call to Prayer/Prayers of the People	Scarlett Nimley
*Passing of the Peace	Musu Badio
Offering	
*Doxology	UMH#95
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Offertory Prayer	Arlette Nimley
Praise & Worship	Praise Team
Scripture Lesson	Acts 2:1-21
Selection	Choir
Sermon	“Empowered For Purpose”
Call to Christian Discipleship	Rev. Colston Wuor-Gabie Morris
Announcements/Community Concerns	Pastor Morris
Closing Song	Bonice Teeta Cooper
*Dismissal with Blessing	Praise Team
Postlude	Hassan Sankary
*please stand as you are able, in body and spirit	

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