

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 3

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.
12:30PM to 1:45PM	Children and Youth Lunch	Parlors, Trinity Room
3:00PM to 6:00PM	Latino Ministry Mother's Day Dinner	Trinity Room
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars	Gym
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Monday, May 4

Tuesday, May 5

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 6

8:30AM to 3:00PM	Preschool Staff Appreciation/ Grad Practice	FLC, Trinity Room
9:00AM to 11:30AM	Preschool: Fit Kids	Trinity Room
10:00AM to 12:00PM	Wednesday Moming Bible Study	Parlors
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scouts	Wesley Bldg.
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars Basketball	Gym
8:00PM to 9:00PM	Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Thursday, May 7

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 18

9:00AM to 11:00AM	Preschool Graduation Practice	FWC
5:00PM to 6:00PM	Memorial Service Practice	Sanctuary

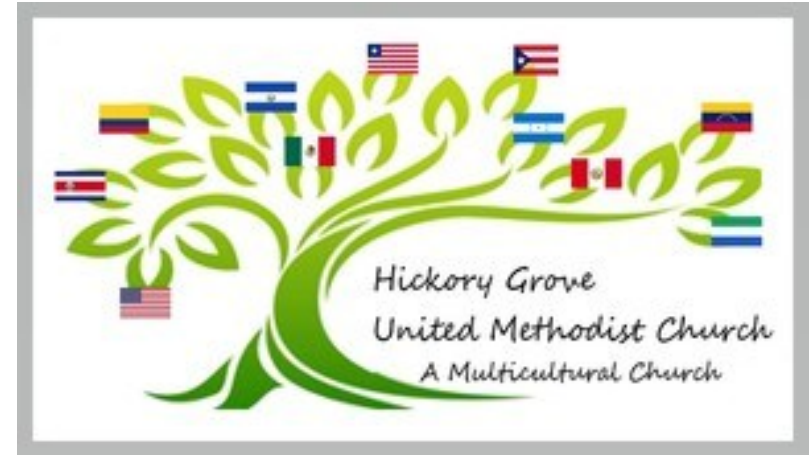
Saturday, May 9

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
9:00AM to 1:00PM	Reception with Logan Family	Trinity Room
10:00AM to 11:00AM	Memorial Service for Linda Logan	Sanctuary
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, May 10

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 4: Psalm 102:1-17 Thurs., May 7: Psalm 66:8-20
Tues., May 5: Proverbs 3:5-12 Fri., May 8: Genesis 7:1-24
Wed., May 6: John 8:31-38 Sat., May 9: John 14:27-29

Prayer

O God of love, you have offered compassion to me in abundance. Bring me close to you, so I may offer compassion to those who are suffering.
Amen.

April 26, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 115

Sunday School Attendance: 33

Offering: \$20,726.00

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Save the Date!

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

Next Children & Youth Lunch

Mark your calendars for lunch TODAY from 12:30pm to 1:45pm in the Parlors! Youth will be meeting with special guest Liz Holloway, the therapist that meets right here on our campus, for Mental Health Awareness Month. Children will have a separate lesson about emotions and feelings in the Trinity Room.

Monthly Fasting & Prayer Gathering Thank You

Thank you to everyone who joined us this past Friday for the monthly fast and prayer! Hope to see everyone again next month!

Financial Secretary Opening

HGUMC is looking for a part-time Financial Secretary as Patrice moves on to pursue her accounting career. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Mary English-Tri at maryalison.english@gmail.com or 843-862-3603.

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

Gary Little

Leader: Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord

Congregation: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

"To God Be The Glory"

UMH#98

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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 2: 2-10

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

"Savior, Like Shepherd Lead Us"

UMH#381

Benediction

Postlude

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

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs	“This I Believe” “Just As Good”	
Welcome and Announcements		Jennifer Scoggins
*Song	“The Way”	
Holy Baptism of Eliya Williams		
Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Caitlin Lai
Scripture	1 Peter 2: 2-10	
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	“I Will Rise”	
Giving the Bread and Cup		
*Song	“I Speak Jesus”	
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
Holy Communion		
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		Abraham Karva
	Leader: Let not your hearts be troubled	
	People: We place our trust in God and in Christ.	
	Leader: In times of uncertainty and fear	
	People: We find peace in His promises.	
	Leader: Jesus has prepared a place for us	
	People: And He will come again to receive us.	
	Leader: He is the way, the truth, and the life	
	People: And through Him, we draw near to the Father.	
	Leader: Though our hearts may be troubled	
	People: We choose faith over fear and peace over worry.	
	All: Come, let us worship the One who calms every troubled heart!	
*Opening Hymn	“To God Be The Glory”	UMH#98
Call to Prayer/Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Morris
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 14:1-14	Nathalie Ejogu-Smart
Selection		Choir
Sermon	“Troubled Hearts”	Rev. Colston Wuor-Gabie Morris
Holy Communion		UMH 12-15
*Passing of the Peace		
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		