WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 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

Monday, November 16

Tuesday, November 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, November 18

10:00AM to 12:00PM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Parlors
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars	Gym
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scouts	Wesley Building
8:00PM to 9:00PM	Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Thursday, November 19

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 8:00PM	Therapy of the Soul Band Rehearsal	FWC

Friday, November 20 ***Grove Echoes Deadline***

9:00AM to 11:30AM	Preschool: Music	Trinity Room

Saturday, November 21

7:00AM to 1:00PM	Book Signing	FWC
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
9:00AM to 2:00PM	Latino Seniors Thanksgiving Lunch	Gym
9:00AM to 1:00PM	UMM Meeting	Trinity Room
10:00AM to 2:00PM	Girl Scouts	Epworth
12:00PM to 1:00PM	African Ministry Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
12:00PM to 9:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
1:00PM to 3:00PM	Girl Scouts	Susanna Wesley Bldg.
1:00PM to 5:00PM	Pie Baking	FWC Kitchen
1:30PM to 7:00PM	Book Signing Seminar	Trinity Room

Sunday, November 22

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
12:00PM to 2:00PM	Advent Decorating	FWC, Sanctuary
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

November 15, 2026

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Hickory Grove

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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., Nov. 16: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10
Tues., Nov. 17: Exodus 2:1-10
Wed., Nov. 18: Matthew 24:45-51
Thurs., Nov. 19: Psalm 100
Fri., Nov. 20: Isaiah 40:1-11
Sat., Nov. 21: Matthew 12:46-50

Prayer

God of love, we are nothing without you. It is your graciousness that brings us into true life in God the Father. We pray that we can love you and love our neighbors with the same love you extend to us. Amen.

November 8, 2026

Total Worship Attendance:147
Sunday School Attendance: 35
Offering: $6, 832.50
Please scan the QR code for online giving

Prayer Requests

Church Family

Jim Barker
Sandy and Ronnie Oaten
Royce Williams
Jean Long
Desmond Turner
Brenda and Ray Cathey
Kathleen Robinson
Chap Tuttle
Gary Little
Mary Martin
Don and Linda Wigley
Claudia Waddell
Shem Logan
Margaret Norwood
Ron, Sr. and Ron, Jr. Spivey

***Bold lettering: Prayer Request added/updated this week.**

Family and Friends

Nancy Drake (Sister of Patty Smith)
The Family of Charles Taylor (Elizabeth Stribling's coworker)
Ed Beaver (Rick Beaver's brother)
Carol Garrett (Rev. Elinor Heerman's Sister)
Lila Dye (Dianne Horton's mother)

Additional Announcement

Advent Study: Heaven and Earth
This Advent, come and wait, wonder, and prepare with us in the Trinity Room at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights as we use Will Willimon's book *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation* as our guide. You do not need to purchase the book to participate. Everyone is welcome, whether you join us for one evening or all four.
Focus Scriptures:
Nov. 18: Mark 13:24-37
Dec. 2: Mark 1:1-8
Dec. 9: John 1:6-8, 19-28
Dec. 16: Luke 1:26-55

Announcements

Children and Youth Announcements.
There will be no youth on November 29th,in light of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The next children and youth lunch event will be Sunday December 6th from 12pm-2pm.

WeCare Christmas Packing
You are invited to volunteer at WeCare to pack Christmas boxes!
WeCare will be open for packing from November 9 to December 3: Monday 6:30-8pm, Tuesday 1-3 pm, Wednesday 3-5 pm, Saturday 10am-12pm. All packing is done at the Hyland house (6315 Market Street) down at the garage. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

WeCare Angel Tree
The WeCare Angel Tree is up in the lobby for the FWC. Please take an angel or angels and help put a smile on a child's face this Christmas. Additionally, some angels have been added to Signup Genius on the church website for those who like to shop online. Use the QR code to access the Angel Tree page on the church website. Instructions explain how to get your gift(s) to WeCare. Select your angel at: Care And Support: WeCare: WeCare Angels 2026. All gifts are due to WeCare by November 29.

Spirit Seeker/Pathfinder Sunday School Classes Pie Sale
The Spirit Seeker/Pathfinders is taking orders for homemade pies in the FLC or on the church website. The last day to order online is 11/18. Pick up will be Saturday November 21 at 5:30pm or Sunday November 22 in the FLC lobby. Pie types are Pecan($15), Pumpkin($10), Apple($15), Sweet Potato($10), and Coconut($10). Make checks payable to Pathfinders Class.

Decorate the Church for Advent!
Help "hang the greens" Sunday November 22 between 12pm to 2pm in the FLC & Sanctuary.

Honey Baked Ham
If you purchased a Honey Baked Ham card, please pick it up TODAY. The cards will be handed out in the FWC.

Update from Finance Chair, Randy Bunnell
I wanted to keep the church posted on where we stand with our payment of unexpected expenses this year. We have replaced windows @ the parsonage, the HVAC control board, 2 AC units, a commercial ice maker and a refrigerator. Those expenses total ~ $80,000. You have graciously designated ~$50,000 towards those needs. Thank you so much - thank you so much! I can't thank you enough. However, the simple math tells us we are still ~$30,000 short of the goal. Anything you can do to assist in minimizing this deficit would be greatly appreciated. Please note these donations to the "Building Repair and Maintenance" fund. God bless you and thank you again for all you do for Hickory Grove United Methodist Church.

9:00 AM Traditional Service

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Call to Worship — Channing Kirkpatrick
From 1 Thess. 5:8
Leader: Clothe yourselves with faith and love; be confident in your salvation in Jesus Christ.
Congregation: The Lord is with us! Let us worship God.
*Opening Prayer
*Opening Hymn — "God of Grace and God of Glory" — UMH#577
*Apostles Creed — UMH#881
*Gloria Patri — UMH#70
*Passing of the Peace
Blessing of the Scarves
Joys and Concerns
Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer — Rev. Colston Morris
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 — Matthew 25: 14-30
Message — Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Closing Hymn — "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" — UMH#103
*Benediction — Rev. Caitlin Lai
Postlude

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

11:00 AM Contemporary Service

*Songs "We Praise You"
"Goodness Of God"
Welcome and Announcements
*Passing of the Peace
*Song "10,000 Reasons"
Joys and Concerns
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.

*Song "Give Me Jesus"
Scripture Matthew 25: 14-30
Message Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Song "I Walk By Faith"
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 Arlette Nimley
Praise Song Praise Team
Welcome Rev. Colston Morris
*Opening Prayer Sophina Nimley
*Call to Worship Colnik Morris

From Matthew 25:14–30
Leader: Come, let us worship God, who has entrusted us with gifts and talents.
People: We come to offer our gifts and serve the Lord faithfully.
Leader: God calls us to be faithful stewards of all we have received.
People: We will serve with commitment, courage, and gratitude.
Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with joyful hearts!
All: We will use our gifts to glorify God and faithfully serve His kingdom. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus" UMH#514
*Apostles Creed UMH#881
*Gloria Patri UMH#70
*Joys and Concerns Arlette Nimley
Call to Prayer/Prayers of the People Rev. Colston Morris
*Passing of the Peace
Offering

"Lord, I may not have much, but what I have, I give to You. Take it, bless it, break it, and use it for Your glory."

*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 Blessing Tyler
Praise & Worship Praise Team
Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:14-30 Kaniis Morris
Selection Choir
Sermon "Managing the Master's Gift" Alex- Jon Kwiagaye
Call to Christian Discipleship Rev. Colston Morris

Announcements/Community Concerns Josee Nimley

Closing Song

*Dismissal with Blessing

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

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