

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 25

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
5:00PM to 6:00PM	Metro DS Installation Service	Central UMC Concord
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Monday, October 26

9:30AM to 11:00AM	Preschool: Music	Trinity Room
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Tuesday, October 27

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
5:00PM to 9:00PM	CLT Rising Stars	Gym

Wednesday, October 28

10:00AM to 12:00PM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Parlors
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scouts	Wesley Building
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Defying Gravity Study	Trinity Room
8:00PM to 9:00PM	Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Thursday, October 29

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, October 30

9:00AM to 1:00PM	Preschool: Fall Event	FWC, Trinity Room
6:00PM to 7:00PM	Fast and Prayer	Epworth Building
7:00PM to 9:00PM	Hispanic Heritage Celebration	Trinity Room

Saturday, October 31

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
8:00AM to 1:00PM	Prison Ministry Baking	FWC Kitchen
9:00AM to 1:00PM	African Venue Basketball	Gym
10:00AM to 2:00PM	Girl Scouts	Epworth
10:00AM to 12:00PM	WeCare Food Pantry	WeCare House
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.

Sunday, November 1

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

Daylight Savings Next Sunday!

Clocks fall back 1 hour next Sunday, November 1. Turn your clocks back before going to bed Saturday night so you don't miss a minute of service!

October 25, 2026
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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., Oct. 26: Psalm 119:41-48 Thurs., Oct. 29: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Tues., Oct. 27: Exodus 34:29-35 Fri., Oct. 30: Joshua 2:1-14
Wed., Oct. 28: Matthew 19:16-22 Sat., Oct. 31: Matthew 23:13-28

Prayer

God, we have always been dependent on you for every step and every breath. You have never left us, even as we age and wear these bodies out. As we rely more and more on others, remind us to rely on you the most. Amen.

October 18, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 113

Sunday School Attendance: 34

Offering: \$9,606.00

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Prayer Requests

Church Family

The Family of Pete Scercy

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

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

Family and Friends

Donna and Bill Benson
(Aunt and Uncle of Jennifer
Stribling, Great Aunt and Uncle of
Elizabeth and Jocelyn Stribling)
Ed Beaver (Rick Beaver's brother)
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

Pete Scercy

Nancy Scercy
5101 Robinwood Drive
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charge Conference: Monday 11/9 at 6pm

Join us for our annual Charge Conference, held virtually. All are welcome to attend, and voting is limited to Administrative Council members. Please contact the church office for the meeting link.

All Saints Sunday: Sunday 11/1

All Saints Sunday is a day to give thanks for the communion of saints, those living and those who have gone before us. Join us next Sunday as we will light candles for the saints of our church who have joined the church triumphant this past year, and make time in worship for you to light a candle in remembrance of your loved ones.

Pastor and Staff Appreciation Month

This month we celebrate all that our pastors and staff do to make Hickory Grove a special place for all of us and our community. The Church council encourages you to express your appreciation when you see them, through email or hand written notes.

Honey Baked Ham

It's that time again!

The annual fundraiser for Honey Baked Ham gift cards is here! PLEASE contact your neighbors, friends or relatives and sell them a card OR buy some yourself! They make great gifts! But we need the money when they are purchased. The options of gift cards are \$10, \$25, \$35 and \$50 cards. The United Women in Faith will receive *20%* of the sales! The cards will be sold on Nov 1 and 8 in the FLC. The cards will be handed out at church on Nov 15.

Back To School Drive for HGES

We are in need of sneakers (small kid's sizes 11-13 & 1-3), uniforms (blue or khaki pants/white or blue short sleeve shirts (Sizes 4 - 10 most needed), Play-Doh, and belts (small sizes). Please put donations in the teal bins in the church office or FWC lobby.

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.

UWF Social Action Unit Meeting

You are invited to our United Women in Faith Social Action Unit Meeting on Monday, November 2 at 6:30 PM in the Trinity Room. Please bring a friend and bring a covered dish to share. Cathy McCauley will share a social action program with us. Drinks will be provided.

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Colston Morris

Stewardship Testimony

Yvonne Farfan

*Call to Worship

Deborah Parker

From Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Congregation: In you, we come home - to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved. We dwell in you.

Leader: Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

Congregation: In you, we are home - we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice, we dwell in you.

*Opening Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH#451

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

Luke 6:10-15

Message

Launch Pad

Rev. Caitlin Lai

*Closing Hymn

"More Love To Thee O Christ"

UMH#453

*Benediction

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Postlude

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

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs "What A Beautiful Life"
"Yes I Will"

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Caitlin Lai
Stewardship Testimony Yvonne Farfan

*Passing of the Peace

*Song "The Lord Will Provide"

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Caitlin Lai

The Lord's Prayer

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*Song "Good Good Father"

Scripture Luke 6:10-15

Message Launch Pad Rev. Caitlin Lai

*Song "I Know A Name"

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 Rev. Colston Morris

*Opening Prayer/ Call to Worship Arlette Nimley

From Psalm 90

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Congregation: In you, we are home - we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice, we dwell in you.

*Opening Hymn "All Hail The Power Of Jesus's Name" UMH#155

*Joys and Concerns Scarlett Nimley

Call to Prayer/Prayer for the People

*Passing of the Peace

Stewardship Video

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 Rosee Nimley

Praise & Worship Praise Team

Scripture Lesson Matthews 22:34-42 Moses Levine

Selection Choir

Sermon "The Greatest Commandments" Alex-Jon Kwiagaye

Call to Christian Discipleship Rev. Colston Morris

Announcements/Community Concerns Precious Gibson

Closing Song

*Dismissal with Blessing

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

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