

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 13

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, September 14

2:00PM to 3:00PM	Group Lydia Meeting	Trinity Room
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Tuesday, September 15

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, September 16

9:00AM to 10:30AM	Preschool: Bible Stories	FWC
10:00AM to 12:00PM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Parlors
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scouts	Wesley Building
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Knowing Who We Are Study	Trinity Room
8:00PM to 9:00PM	Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Thursday, September 17

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, September 18

7:00PM to 9:00PM	Latino Men's Meeting	Trinity Room
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Saturday, September 19

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
9:00AM to 1:00PM	African Venue Basketball	Gym
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.
6:00PM to 10:00PM	HGUMC Hispanic Heritage Celebration	Gym, Gym MP

Sunday, September 20

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym MP
12:30PM to 2:00PM	Children and Youth Lunch	Trinity Room, Parlors
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

September 13, 2026
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Hickory Grove

United Methodist Church



A Multicultural United Methodist Church
Spreading the Branches of God's Love

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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., Sept. 14: Psalm 77	Thurs., Sept 17: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Tues., Sept. 15: Nehemiah 9:9-15	Fri., Sept. 18: Exodus 16:1-21
Wed., Sept. 16: Mark 11:20-25	Sat., Sept. 19: Matthew 19:23-30

Prayer

O God of grace, as I am washed in the waters of baptism and in the blood of Communion, make me clean and pure before you. Amen.

September 6, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 145

Sunday School Attendance: 34

Offering: \$3,357.93

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Prayer Requests

Church Family

The Family and Friends of Jerri McCloud
Jean Long
Hayne Baucom
Desmond Turner
Jennifer Scoggins
Brenda and Ray Cathey
Sandy and Ronnie Oaten
Kathleen Robinson
Chap 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

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)

Additional Announcements

Request from Finance Chair, Randy Bunnell

Hello friends, Once again, we have had unexpected expenses arise. We have an older facility and as all homeowners know, the components do not last a lifetime. We now have had to replace the AC units in the Epworth Building and the Multi Purpose Room in the Gym. In addition, one of our commercial ice makers has had to be replaced. The total cost of these three items total approximately \$27,000. We are asking you, our faithful congregation, to do what you can to assist in the payment of these unanticipated expenses. Anything you can provide 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 AC units and Ice maker. God bless you and thank you again for all you do for Hickory Grove United Methodist Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Combined Service

Our next combined worship service will be Sunday, September 27th at 11am in the Sanctuary.

Snack Pack

Hickory Grove Elementary started back to school! SNACK Pack needs your HELP! Please prayerfully consider donating to SNACK pack. You will be serving our neighbors and community kids. If you have any questions or would like to donate your time to help, call or text Jennifer Stribling at 704-617-2520.

Book Study: "Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace"

Join Pastor Caitlin and friends on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the Trinity room to study "Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace" by Lacey Warner. Participants are expected to read the fifth chapter before our next session.

Jesus Was A Migrant Documentary Screening & Discussion

Tuesday, Sept 15 at 6:30, Matthews UMC, The Commons & Gym
Light Snacks Provided. Panel discussion to follow with Immigration Attorneys and Area Clergy, including Pastor Caitlin. Register at <https://matthewsumc.org/events/jesus-was-a-migrant>.

Children/Youth Lunch

There will be a children/youth lunch on September 20th from 12:30pm-2pm in the Parlors and the Trinity Room. Contact the church office with any questions.

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 beans, corn, jelly, carrots, pork n beans, all types of other beans, and cake mix. Anything you can give is appreciated!

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.

Fall Festival

Mark your calendars for our annual Fall Festival! It will take place on Saturday October 17th from 12pm-3pm. Our next planning meeting will be Monday, September 28 at 7pm via Google Meet. You can access the meeting via the church calendar or the weekly email. We are in need of pop up tents and candy donations. Please drop your donations off at the church office.

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Caitlin Lai

*Call to Worship

Susan Bailey

From Psalm 103

Leader: People of God, bless the Lord,

Congregation: bless God's holy name.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth.

Congregation: so great is God's steadfast love for us.

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

"Ask Ye What Great Things I Know"

UMH#163

*Apostles Creed

UMH#881

*Gloria Patri

UMH#70

*Passing of the Peace

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 18: 21-35

Message

Closing Hymn

"Lord I Want To Be A Christian"

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Benediction

UMH#402

Postlude

Rev. Caitlin Lai

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

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs "Yes I Will"
"My Reward" Rev. Caitlin Lai

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of The Peace

*Song "The Truth"

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Caitlin Lai

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*Song "Build My Life"

Scripture Matthew 18: 21-35 Rev. Caitlin Lai

Message "The Lord Will Provide"

*Song

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 Rev. Colston Morris

*Opening Prayer/Call to Worship Josee Nimley

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who forgives us beyond measure.

People: We come with grateful hearts, remembering God's mercy toward us.

Leader: As Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another.

People: Lord, soften our hearts and teach us to extend mercy and grace.

Leader: Let us release resentment and embrace forgiveness.

All: We worship the God of mercy, grace, and forgiveness. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "My Jesus I Love Thee" UMH#172

*Apostles Creed UMH#881

*Gloria Patri UMH#70

*Joys and Concerns Musu Badio

Call to Prayer/Prayer for the People Victor Teclar

*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 Meme Victor

Praise & Worship Praise Team

Scripture Lesson Matthew 18:21-35 Abraham Karva

Selection Choir

Sermon "Mercy At The Crossroads" Rev. Colston Wuor-Gabie Morris

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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