

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Monday, September 21

Tuesday, September 22

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
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Admin Council Meeting	Zoom

Wednesday, September 23

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 24

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 25

9:30AM to 11:00AM	Preschool: Music	Trinity Room
4:00PM to 9:00PM	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Saturday, September 26

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
8:00AM to 4:00PM	Wedding	Sanctuary
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, September 27

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

September 20, 2026
17th 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. 21: Psalm 119:97-104

Tues., Sept. 22: Numbers 11:1-9

Wed., Sept. 23: Matthew 18:1-5

Thurs., Sept 24: Psalm 78:1-4

Fri., Sept. 25: Numbers 20:1-13

Sat., Sept. 26: Mark 11:27-33

Prayer

God, you are selfless to the core. Your love for others transcends all bounds. Give me just a portion of your selflessness, and I will be made anew. Amen.

September 13, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 131

Sunday School Attendance: 36

Offering: \$6,604.00

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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 next 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 sixth chapter before our next session.

Children/Youth Lunch

There will be a children/youth lunch TODAY from 12:30pm-2pm in the Parlors and the Trinity Room.

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.

African Ministry Food Sale Preorders

If you are interested in placing an order for the African Food Sale, orders are due Wednesday, September 23rd! See Pastor Colston or check out a flyer that is placed around campus for details!

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Caitlin Lai

*Call to Worship

Gary Little

From Psalm 105

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

Congregation: Give thanks to the Lord!

Leader: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

Congregation: Give thanks to the Lord!

Leader: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

Congregation: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

"There's Within My Heart A Melody"

UMH#380

*Apostles Creed

UMH#881

*Gloria Patri

UMH#70

*Passing of the Peace

Blessing of The Quilts

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 20: 1-16

Message

Closing Hymn

"Shepherd Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

Rev. Caitlin Lai

UMH#381

Benediction

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Postlude

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

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs "10,000 Reasons"
"Open Skies" Rev. Caitlin Lai

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of The Peace

*Song "Heart Of Worship"

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Caitlin Lai

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*Song "Your Love Is Extravagant"

Scripture Matthew 20: 1-16

Message Rev. Caitlin Lai

*Song "God Of Wonders"

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 Precious Gibson

Praise Song Praise Team

Welcome Rev. Colston Morris

*Opening Prayer Sophina Nimley

*Call to Worship Colnik Morris

Leader: Good morning, church! Today we come together to worship a God who knows what we need before we even ask.

Congregation: God is our provider!

Leader: When we are afraid, God is with us.

Congregation: God is greater than our fear!

Leader: When we don't know what tomorrow will bring, God has already gone before us.

Congregation: We will trust God!

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who provides, protects, and cares for His children.

All: We will trust in the Lord, because God's provision is greater than our fear!

*Opening Hymn "How Great Thou Art" UMH#77

*Apostles Creed UMH#881

*Gloria Patri UMH#70

*Joys and Concerns Precious Gibson

Call to Prayer/Prayer for the People Alex-Jon Kwiagaye

*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 Exodus 16:2-15 Kaniis Morris

Selection Choir

Sermon "God's Provision Is Greater Than Our Fear" 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