

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 28

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym
9:45AM to 10:30AM	Sunday School	FLC/Ed. Bldg.
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Monday, September 29

5:00PM to 8:00PM	CLT Rising Stars	Gym
7:00PM to 9:00PM	Latino Dance Group Practice	Youth Room

Tuesday, September 30

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
7:00PM to 9:00PM	Latino Dance Group Practice	Youth Room

Wednesday, October 1

9:00AM to 11:30AM	Preschool: Music	Trinity Room
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scouts	Wesley Bldg.
8:00PM to 9:00PM	Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Thursday, October 2

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, October 3

5:00PM to 8:00PM	CLT Rising Stars Basketball	Gym
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Saturday, October 4

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
10:00AM to 2:00PM	Girl Scouts	Epworth
12:00AM 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, October 5

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
8:00AM to 5:00PM	Restoration Community Church	Gym
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

September 28, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hickory Grove United Methodist Church



**A Multicultural 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)

Afternoon Children's Bible Study: 1:00 PM (Asbury 2nd Floor—205)

Afternoon Youth Bible Study: 1:00 PM (Asbury 2nd Floor - 209)

Latino Service: 2:00 PM (Family Worship Center)

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Daily Scripture Readings

Mon., Sept. 29: Psalm 119:49-56 Thurs., Oct. 2: Lamentations 3:19-26

Tues., Sept. 30: Jeremiah 32:36-44 Fri., Oct. 3: Jeremiah 52:12-30

Wed., Oct. 1: Matthew 19:16-22 Sat., Oct. 4: Matthew 20:29-34

Prayer

God, you are the way, the truth, and the life. Show me the path you are calling me to go down and give me the strength to follow you, wherever you may lead. Amen.

September 21st, 2025

Total Worship Service Attendance: 140

Sunday School Attendance: 40

Offering: \$10,076.00 Online Giving: \$19.66

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Prayer Requests

Church Family

Gary Little
Mary Martin
Scott Bucklin
Don and Linda Wigley
The Family of Jill Hagler
Sam and Rita Leggett
Kathleen Robinson
Brenda Cathey
Claudia Waddell
Pete and Nancy Scerby
Shem Logan
Bill and Mary MaGee
Margaret Norwood
Ronnie Oaten
Ron, Sr. and Ron, Jr. Spivey
Patty Marks
Lana Freeman

Family and Friends

The Family of Norman Picard Jr.

The Family of Maegan and Casey Habich

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)

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

Pastoral Challenge:

We encourage you to pause at 6:40 AM and 6:40 PM each day to pray from wherever you are. This time of prayer is inspired by our church address, and it is our way of uniting as a church family in prayer, no matter our location.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WeCare Food Needs:

Peanut butter, corn, green beans. The next pantry date will be October 11th from 10am-12pm.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

All are invited to join us on Wednesday nights for Bible study and reflection on Zoom @ 7:30 pm. We are studying the book of Revelation. Please read chapter 2:12-17. The Zoom meeting ID# 81541770673 and Passcode: 522533.

Fall Festival Candy Donations

To make Fall Festival a success, candy donations are needed. Stores already have Halloween candy on sale and we are accepting donations via the bins located in the Sanctuary narthex and at the Family Worship Center entrance.

Help Hand out Flyers!

Help hand out flyers notifying and inviting our neighbors around the church to our fall festival! Meet at the church on Saturday October 4th at 10am. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Candido Albino or Pilar Perez.

Yard Sale Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11 starting at 7am for a church-wide yard sale. Donations of clean, well maintained clothing, shoes, toys, electronic, etc. are appreciated. You may drop your items off in the sanctuary basement youth room. If you are interested in volunteering, please connect with Pilar Perez localpumc@gmail.com or via text 704-995-1471.

Anniversary of Hurricane Helene

September 24 marked the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Helene's destruction upon the mountains of North Carolina. We celebrate the progress thus far, and support the ongoing recovery. If you would like to financially support the work in Western North Carolina, you may give online or you may send a check to "WNCC Treasurer" with "Helene Anniversary" in the memo. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 2757, Huntersville, NC 28070.

Stewardship Month

October is Stewardship month! Make sure your mailing address is correct with the church office so that you may receive a letter from Pastor Caitlin and a pledge card in the mail.

Choir Practice

Choir Practice for the Traditional Service has been moved to Tuesdays at 2pm. If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, please talk to a current choir member or the music director.

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Caitlin Lai
Ed Locklin

*Call to Worship

Leader: When they call to me, I will answer them, says the Lord.

Congregation: I will be with them in trouble,

Leader: I will rescue and honor them.

Congregation: with thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God.

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" UMH#514

*Passing of the Peace

You are invited to stand as you are able and greet one another with signs and words of God's peace.

Call to Prayer

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.

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

*Doxology

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

UMH#95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem

Luke 16: 19-31

Scripture

Message

"I Love To Tell The Story"

Rev. Caitlin Lai
UMH#156

*Closing Hymn

*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Song	"How Great Is Our God"
*Song	"Walk With Jesus"
Announcements	
*Passing of the Peace	
*Song	"Made For More"
Joy and Concerns	
Pastoral Prayer	
*Song	"Revelation Song"
Scripture Message	Luke 16: 19-31
*Song	"I Know A Name"
*Dismissal with Blessing	
*Please stand as you are able.	

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.

Contemporary Service Task Force

Pastor Caitlin is looking for partners in ministry to dream, offer input or feedback, and try new things for our 11am contemporary worship service. Is God calling you to serve our church in this way? Please reach out to Pastor Caitlin if you feel God's nudge!

2:00 PM LATINO SERVICE

Bienvenida y Anuncios	
Salmo	
*Alabanza y Adoración	
Escritura	
Sermon y Invitación a Cristo	
Ofrenda	
*Benedición	

Rev. Candido Albino

11:00 AM AFRICAN SERVICE

Lighting of the Candles		
Prelude		Hassan Sankary
Liturgist		Scarlett Nimley
Praise Song		Praise Team
Welcome		Pastor Morris
*Opening Prayer and Call to Worship		Arlette Nimley
Leader: When they call to me, I will answer them, says the Lord.		
Congregation: I will be with them in trouble,		
Leader: I will rescue and honor them.		
Congregation: with thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God.		
*Opening Hymn	"Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"	UMH#514
Joys And Concerns		Scarlet Nimley
Call to Prayer/Prayer for the People		Musu Badio
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		Edith Davis
Selection		Colnik S. Morris
Praise & Worship		Praise Team
Scripture Lesson	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Moses Levine
Selection		Choir
Sermon	"Fight The Good Fight"	Rev. Colston Wuor-Gabie Morris
Call to Christian Discipleship		Pastor Morris
Announcements/Community Concerns		Scarlett Nimley
Closing Song		Praise Team
*Dismissal with Blessing		
Postlude		Hassan Sankary
*please stand as you are able		