

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 6

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 7

Tuesday, September 8

8:30AM to 10:00AM	Preschool Parents Social	FLC Lobby
2:00PM to 3:00PM	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
5:00PM to 8:30PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scout Meck 7 District Meeting	Epworth Building
6:30PM to 8:30PM	ESL Class CPCC	Parlors
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Fall Festival Planning Meeting	Google Meet

Wednesday, September 9

8:30AM to 10:00AM	Preschool Parents Social	FLC Lobby
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 10

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 11

Saturday, September 12

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.

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

September 6, 2026
15th 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. 7: Psalm 121

Tues., Sept. 8: Exodus 12:29-42

Wed., Sept. 9: Matthew 21:18-22

Thurs., Sept 10: Psalm 114

Fri., Sept. 11: Exodus 14:1-18

Sat., Sept. 12: Matthew 6:7-15

Prayer

God who cares for us, give us a glimpse of your hope so that our faith will remain strong. Let us draw near your holy works so that we can live our lives near to you. Amen.

August 30, 2026

Total Worship Attendance: 145

Sunday School Attendance: 38

Offering: \$9,254.00

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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

The Family and Friends of Rick Frye (Brother of Sandy Oaten)
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.

Children/Youth Lunch

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

Special Recognition

The African Ministries of Hickory Grove United Methodist Church warmly welcome the members of the S. T. Nagbe Distant Members Fellowship in the Americas and Other Regions who are worshiping with us this morning.

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 fourth 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. Register at <https://matthewsumc.org/events/jesus-was-a-migrant>.

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! We appreciate the assistance and donations from S.T. Nagbe Distant Members Fellowship this past weekend.

Back To School Drive for HGES

The Back To School Drive is about to begin. 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 this Tuesday, September 8 at 7pm via Google Meet. You can access the meeting via the church calendar or the weekly email.

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Caitlin Lai
Channing Kirkpatrick

*Call to Worship

From Psalm 119

Leader: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

Congregation: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

Leader: Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

Congregation: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God. With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

"Come Sinners To The Gospel Feast"

UMH#328

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Colston Morris

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: 15-20

Message

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Holy Communion

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Closing Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

UMH#89

Benediction

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Postlude

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

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*Songs	"Raise A Hallelujah" "This I Believe"	
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Caitlin Lai
*Song	"Goodness Of God"	
Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Caitlin Lai
Scripture	Matthew 18: 15-20	
Message		Rev. Caitlin Lai
Holy Communion		
Invitation, Confession and Pardon		
*Passing of the Peace		
The Great Thanksgiving		
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.		
Breaking the Bread	"O Come To the Altar"	
Giving the Bread and Cup		
*Song	"Forever Reign"	
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
Holy Communion	
Ofrenda	
*Benedición	

11:00 AM AFRICAN SERVICE

Lighting of the Candles	Maima Tyler, Levi William & Leilai Vuopawoe
Prelude	Hassan Sankary
Liturgist	Alex-Jon Kwiagaye
Praise Song	HG Praise Team
Welcome	Rev. Colston Morris
*Opening Prayer/Call to Worship	DMF – Rev. Varney Cassell
<i>Based on Psalm 100</i>	
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Come before God with gladness and joyful songs.	
People: We come with thankful hearts, praising God for His goodness and faithfulness!	
Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.	
People: We belong to the Lord, and we rejoice in God's unfailing love!	
Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to the Lord and bless His holy name.	
People: We will give thanks! We will praise! We will worship the Lord with joyful hearts!	
Leader: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness continues through all generations.	
All: Let us worship the Lord with joy, thanksgiving, praise, and grateful hearts! For the Lord is good, and His love endures forever. Amen!	
*Opening Hymn	"Now Thank We All Our God" UMH#102
Call to Prayer/Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Colston Morris
*Passing of the Peace	
Offering	
DMF Presentation of Love Offering	DMF – Dwanah Dwanah
*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	DMF – Rev. Henry Dolopei
Praise & Worship	DMF Praise Team
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 18:15-20 DMF- Hannah Harris
Selection	DMF Chorus
Sermon	Psalm 100:4 "Harvest of Blessing" DMF - Rev. G. Morris K. Jarkloh
Holy Communion	UMH #12-15
Installation of DMF New Officers	DMF – Rev. Henry Dolopei
Call to Christian Discipleship	Rev. Colston Morris
Acknowledgements	Dartor Bolo
Announcements/Community Concerns	Precious Gibson
Closing Song	DMF/Congregation Chorus
*Dismissal with Blessing	DMF - Rev. G. Morris K. Jarkloh
Closing Hymn/Recession	"To God Be The Glory" UMH #98

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