

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 7

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

Monday, September 8

8:00AM to 8:00PM	Primary Election Day Setup	Gym
2:00PM to 3:00PM	Group Lydia Meeting	Trinity Room
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room

Tuesday, September 9

5:30AM to 7:00PM	Primary Election Day	Gym
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

Wednesday, September 10

6:00PM to 8:00PM	Girl Scouts	Wesley Bldg.
8:00PM to 9:00PM	Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous	Epworth Building

Thursday, September 11

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, September 12

5:00PM to 8:00PM	CLT Rising Stars Basketball	Gym
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Saturday, September 13

8:00AM to 5:00PM	Quilting Ministry	Wesley Rooms 205-206
9:00AM to 1:00PM	African Ministry Basketball	Gym
10:00AM to 2:00PM	Girl Scouts	Epworth
10:00AM to 12:00PM	WeCare Food Pantry	WeCare House
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, September 14

6:00AM to 2:00PM	St. Mary Ethiopian Church	Chapel
12:30PM to 1:30PM	Youth Lunch Meeting	Parlors
7:00PM to 8:00PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Epworth Building

September 7, 2025
Thirteenth 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)
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. 8: Psalm 2	Thurs., Sept. 11: Psalm 14
Tues., Sept. 9: Jeremiah 19:1-15	Fri., Sept. 12 : Jeremiah 4:1-10
Wed., Sept. 10: Luke 18:18-30	Sat., Sept. 13: John 10:11-21

Prayer

Jesus, you have entered every place on this earth so that we might live and grow in you. May we open our doors to you and to your teachings.
Amen.

August 31st 2025

Total Worship Service Attendance: 105
Offering: \$6681.00 Online Giving: \$73.84
Please scan the QR code for online giving



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 Scercy
Shem Logan
Bill and Mary MaGee
Margaret Norwood
Ronnie Oaten
Ron, Sr. and Ron, Jr. Spivey
Patty Marks
Lana Freeman

Family and Friends

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

New Giving Options

Text to Give - text HGUMCGIVE to 73256 or use the Online giving from HGUMC website. Go to hickorygroveumc.com/give and complete the online giving form. All transactions are secure.

WeCare Food Needs:

Peanut butter, corn, green beans. The next pantry date will be September 13th from 10am-12pm.

SNACK Pack

School started August 25 and Snack Pack is gearing up for another school year. Your donations keep this ministry alive. Monetary or cans of kid friendly soup or pasta. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Stribling at 704-617-2520.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Bible Study is back! 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 1:9-20 The Zoom meeting ID# 81541770673 and Passcode: 522533.

September Youth Lunch

Our next youth lunch meeting will take place on Sunday September 14 from 12:30pm-1:30pm in the Parlors. See Lori Kodikara if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Toddlers/Preschool Sunday School

Starting today, there will be a Sunday School class for toddlers/preschoolers during the 10am hour in Room 102 on the preschool hallway.

September Fall Festival Planning

Our next fall festival meeting will take place on Wednesday September 24th at 7pm in the Trinity Room. If you can't make it in person, let Pastor Caitlin know. A virtual option may be available to loop you in.

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.

Thank You, Church!

Following worship last Sunday we shared in food from Toni's Deli to raise funds for our recent air conditioning expenses. Thanks to the hands that provided the meal, and for your generosity, we were able to raise over \$1000 to help cover the costs! Glory to God!

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Caitlin Lai

*Call to Worship

Fred Parker

Leader: Happy are those who delight in the Word of God.

Congregation: They are like trees planted by streams of water, and they will flourish.

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

"Come Sinners To The Gospel Feast"

UMH#616

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

Scripture

Luke 14: 25-53

Message

Words With Jesus

Rev. Caitlin Lai

Holy Communion

UMH 12-15

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

*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.

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

"Jesus Is All The World To Me"

UMH#469

*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Announcements

*Song "Let Everything That Has Breath"

*Song "You're Worthy Of My Praise"

Joys and Concern

Pastoral Prayer

*Song "Good, Good Father"

Scripture Luke 14: 25-53

Message Words With Jesus

Holy Communion

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Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup "Amazing Grace/ My Chains Are Gone"

Prayer

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

*Song "Voice Of Truth"

*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.

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

Prelude

Hassan Sankary

Liturgist

Alex Jon Kwiagaye

Praise Song

Praise Team

Welcome

*Opening Prayer and Call to Worship

Lily Kamara

Leader: Happy are those who delight in the Word of God.

Congregation: They are like trees planted by streams of water, and they will flourish.

*Opening Hymn

"To God Be The Glory"

UMH#98

Call to Prayer/Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Morris

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

Josee Nimley

Praise & Worship

Praise Team

Scripture Lesson

Luke 14:25-33

Bonice Teeta Cooper

Selection

Choir

Sermon

"Count The Cost!"

Rev. Colston Wuor-Gabie Morris

Holy Communion

(UMH 12-15)

Call to Christian Discipleship

Pastor Morris

Announcements/Community Concerns

Abraham Karva

Closing Song

Praise Team

*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

Hassan Sankary

*please stand as you are able