

Good afternoon, Church,

Our annual Fall Festival takes place in 9 DAYS! Have you shared the news with a neighbor or friend? If not, please do! Also - if you've not signed up to volunteer yet, please be sure to sign up via our website or via the clipboards in the Sanctuary and FWC.

This Sunday at 3pm we will be worshipping God with other Charlotte-area United Methodists and celebrating Abraham Karva, Fred Floyd, and Jackson Gonzalez, who have responded to God's call in loving service to our church, and who will be receiving the District Laity Service award at University City UMC! I hope you will make plans to be there!

Otherwise, I will see you this Sunday for worship as we reflect upon Wesley's teaching: *Save all you can.*

Gratefully,
Caitlin

WEEKLY E-NEWS

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!

Metro District Worship Service

Join United Methodists around the Charlotte-Metro area as we worship God together and celebrate our laity. The service will be held at 3pm on Sunday October 19th at University City UMC (Charlotte).

Community Fall Festival

We need YOU on Saturday October 25th from 11am-3pm to serve at our annual fall festival. We'll start setting up around 10am and still need volunteers to help run games, crafts, and monitor the bounce house. Please reach out to Pastors Caitlin, Colston, or Candido if you can serve!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090948AAAE2FA7FC1-multicultural#/>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090948AAAE2FA7FC1-59098311-espaol#/>

Families in Need of Assistance for Christmas:

WeCare is now taking applications to help provide Christmas for families who are financially challenged. Applications may be submitted online at <https://hickorygroveumc.com/wecare-christmas-signup> starting now through October 26th or at the WeCare house the 2nd & 4th Saturday each month from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

United Women in Faith Unit Meeting

Please join United Women in Faith for their quarterly unit meeting of all women's groups on October 14th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Trinity Room . Please bring a covered dish to share. Drinks will be provided. Come for great fellowship of our diverse church!

New Renters

You may notice some new faces on our campus Sunday mornings. Restoration Community Church will be renting the gym and multipurpose room on Sunday mornings, in addition to office space on the second floor of the Francis Asbury Building. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jamie Horton or Bob Young, Co-Trustees Chairs.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Carter for Hispanic Heritage Month

Please click [HERE](#) to access a pastoral letter from Bishop Carter for Hispanic Heritage Month.

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 3:1-6**. The Zoom meeting ID# 81541770673 and Passcode: 522533

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.

WNCCUMC Equip & Connect Recordings available

The conference webinars for lay leadership are available on youtube. Please click [HERE](#) to access the recordings.

Join Bishop Carter and Friends for a One-Year Journey Through Luke and Acts

Start off 2025 joining Bishop Carter and other leaders from our Conference and denomination on a transformative journey through two of the most impactful books of the New Testament—Luke and Acts. Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up to receive the weekly discussion guides via email.

WECARE: Food Needs

Please help us restock the shelves at WeCare: peas, green beans, corn . Our WeCare Food Pantry and Clothing Closet will be open on Saturday October 25th from 10am-12pm.

Snack Pack

Snack Pack is well underway this school year. We have made several deliveries to the school. The price of food has gone up and we see it when purchasing for SNACK pack. Donations to this ministry are greatly appreciated. Prayerfully consider us every week.If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Stribling at 704-617-2520.