

Good afternoon, church!

This Saturday December 6th from 10am-12pm and Monday December 8th from 6:30pm-8:30pm we will distribute WeCare Christmas boxes and angel tree gifts to our neighbors. Come for fellowship and to lend a helping hand!

This Sunday will be a regular worship schedule as we observe the second Sunday of Advent and share in Holy Communion, together. I hope to see you there!

Gratefully,
Pastor Caitlin

WEEKLY E-NEWS

Staff Love Offering

From SPRC: It is that time of year when we express our thanks for the staff we have here at HGUMC. Please send in your Love Offering as soon as possible. Mark your gift as "Love Offering." Thanks!

Message from Randy Bunnell: Finance Chair

Hi Friends,

We are coming to the close of our fiscal year and unfortunately find ourselves not meeting our budget. I'm praying December is a better month and we can catch up. Thankfully, we are not too far behind with either the General Fund or the Building Fund. The General Fund is approximately \$20,000 behind budget and the Building Fund is approximately \$10,000 behind budget. Therefore, if you are looking to make a donation to balance out your tax season, need to make a donation to honor your annual pledge or just love our Lord and Hickory Grove United Methodist Church, please consider making an end of year donation to the Building Fund or the General Fund. If you can give a little extra to help, it would be greatly appreciated. Please note these donations to the fund you wish to support. God bless you and thank you for all you do for Hickory Grove United Methodist Church.

WNCCUMC Young Adult Christmas Gathering

Join the Young Adult Missional Network on Saturday December 13th for an evening of fellowship and Christmas cheer in downtown Newton! We'll start with casual mingling at Novel Taproom at 4pm before heading to a nearby restaurant for dinner and conversation. Drop in anytime and connect with other United Methodist young adults from across Western North Carolina. RSVP via the Facebook link or email Jacob Lancaster at jlancaster@wnccumc.net

Support Businesses in East Charlotte!

Local businesses in East Charlotte are suffering due to the increased presence of ICE and Border Patrol in the area. If you're planning to shop or dine out, please consider supporting one (or more!) of these businesses. You find a directory (9 pages) by clicking [HERE](#).

Children and Youth Meeting

Children and youth are meeting after church Sunday December 7th for Christmas Play rehearsal and pizza. Please plan on attending. We will have another rehearsal on Saturday 12/13 at 11am. See you there!

Weekly Advent Prayer by Bishop Carter

Check out Bishop Carters Weekly Advent Prayer!

<https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/weekly-advent-prayers-by-bishop-carter-19505426#Week%202>

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!

Christmas Luncheon

Join us for a special Christmas luncheon in the FWC as we celebrate the season on Sunday December 14th following our combined service Christmas Cantata!

Watch Night Service

Join us for a celebration of ringing in 2026! The service will be Wednesday December 31st at 9pm (FWC)

WECARE: Food Needs

Please help us restock the shelves at WeCare: peas, green beans, corn, pork & beans. Our WeCare Food Pantry and Clothing Closet will be closed until January.

SNACK Pack

The holiday months are coming up and Snack Pack needs your help! During Thanksgiving time, each family that is a part of our program gets a 50 dollar Food Lion gift card to help with Thanksgiving dinner. It costs \$2000 per holiday, Thanksgiving and Christmas, for a total of \$4,000 that is needed for Snack pack food lion gift cards. It is now more important than ever to help families in need. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Stribling at 704-617-2520

WeCare Christmas Distribution

WeCare will be distributing the WeCare Christmas boxes this Saturday from 10am to 12pm and Monday night from 6:30 to 8:30. If you are able to help take boxes to cars, please come to the WeCare house on one of those days!

Combined Service Christmas Cantata

You will not want to miss it! December 14 at 11am in the Sanctuary

Combined Christmas Eve service

Let's worship as one church as we await the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The service will start at 4pm in the Sanctuary on Wednesday December 24th.

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.