

Good Afternoon,

Please see below for the Weekly E-News.

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? We will meet on Sunday Feb 22 in the Trinity Room after the contemporary service. This is an open meeting for anyone interested in growing or relaunching our contemporary service.

Upper Rooms Devotionals

Upper Room Devotional Guides are back! They should be available in the Narthex or on the information table in the FLC. Go ahead and grab yours!

A Faithful Public Witness

Nearly 1,000 United Methodists from across Western North Carolina are offering a public witness on behalf of people harmed by current immigration enforcement policies. Those who have signed do so as individual United Methodists, offering a shared witness of faith and conscience. This statement does not speak for all United Methodists or for The United Methodist Church as a whole. You may read the statement and if you feel so led, add your signature [here](#):

Room Above (Room in the Inn) Needs

Room Above needs your help. The next Room Above date is February 19th and volunteers are needed for specific tasks. The program could use a volunteer to be an innkeeper, people to help with set up, to provide snacks, lunches, breakfast and clean up after the event. Please contact Randy Bunnell at 704-905-6177. or the church office if you are willing to help in any way!

WeCare Needs

WeCare needs your help! They are in need of boxes of teabags and jelly. Anything you can give is appreciated!

Building Futures Affordable Housing Symposium

Each year, Habitat Charlotte Region brings the community together to hear from industry experts and local panelists who shed light on the ongoing affordable housing crisis impacting our part of North Carolina and the communities nationwide. The 2026 Building Futures Symposium will take place at Central Piedmont Community College's Parr Center on Wednesday March 11th at 6:30pm with Natasha Reid Rice, Vice President of Global Housing Opportunities & Mission Engagement for Habitat for Humanity International, offering the Keynote speech.

2026 Metro District Lay Servant Training

Basic and Advanced Lay Servant trainings will take place on Saturday March 28 from 9am-4pm and Sunday March 29 from 2pm-6pm at Pineville UMC. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$15 and you will need to purchase the book on your own. You can find more information and register at this link:

<https://wnc-reg.brtaapp.com/2026MetroDistrictLayServantTraining717171>



Join United Methodists around East Charlotte for *Midday Mercies*, a traveling 20-30 minute worship service that will meet at different churches in our area each Wednesday throughout Lent. The service will begin at 12pm with a light lunch to follow.

Palm Sunday Cantata & Potluck

Come together as one church for a combined worship service at 11am on March 29th in the sanctuary as our choirs present a cantata for Palm/Passion Sunday! A potluck will follow in the Family Life Center. Bring a friend and a dish to share!

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

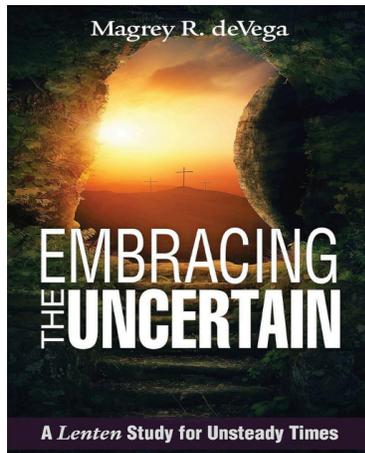
You are invited to our Tenebrae service starting at 7pm on Friday April 3, when we will reflect upon Jesus' death on the cross and conclude in silence and darkness.

Easter Sunday

Celebrate Christ's resurrection at 7am with a sunrise service in the HGUMC courtyard or our combined service with Holy Communion at 11am in the Sanctuary!

Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times (Feb 25-Apr 1)

Join Pastor Caitlin in the Trinity Room on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the Trinity Room. We'll be using Magrey DeVega's book "Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times" as our guide. You are invited to purchase the book in advance via amazon, or contact the church office if you need assistance. Participants are expected to read the first chapter before our first session on February 25th.



Lenten Study

Join us in the Family
Worship Center
Trinity Room

Feb. 25, Mar. 4, Mar.11,
Mar. 18, Mar. 25, Apr. 1
at 7:00PM

SNACK Pack

Please consider making a financial donation to the SNACK pack program to help 48 Hickory Grove Elementary School students. We are also in need of regular sized plastic bags/grocery bags. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Stribling at 704-617-2520.

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.

2026 Leadership Gathering of the Council of Bishops

The UMC will host *three churchwide webinars* in order to help us discern our Wesleyan identity and new vision: January 24, 2026, 10am-11:30am eastern: Wesleyan Theology, "Love Boldly;" February 21, 2026, 10am-11:30am eastern: Wesleyan Mission, "Serve Joyfully;" and March 21, 2026, 10am-11:30am eastern: Wesleyan Leadership, "Lead Courageously." You may access the webinars at this [link](#).