

Good afternoon, church,

We have the blessed opportunity to partner with Habitat for Humanity and will be hosting a group of students from Boston College throughout this next week. They will be staying in the Family Life Center until Friday. Pray for their safe travels, and for their work here in Charlotte. If you see them on campus, be sure to say hello!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Caitlin

WEEKLY E-NEWS

Special Announcement

Seventy years ago on February 25, 1956, Pete and Nancy Scercy were married at Hickory Grove United Methodist Church and this year they celebrated their 70th anniversary! There will not be a formal celebration but a phone call or a card would be much appreciated.

Address: 5101 Robinwood Dr. Charlotte, NC 28215.

Phone: 980-495-6331.

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!

Contemporary Service Task Force & Worship Leadership Workshop

Stay after the contemporary service TODAY as we continue to dream and discern what future contemporary worship at HGUMC could look like! We will reflect on homework from session 1 and spend time exploring leadership in worship. Lunch (sandwiches) will be provided!

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**:

Serve at WeCare

Grow in the spiritual discipline of service by volunteering at our WeCare Food Pantry & Clothing closet throughout Lent on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 10am-12pm. During Lent, those next dates are March 14, and March 28. They are in need of boxes of teabags, coffee, and cake mix. 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.brtapp.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! All are invited to join the choir for this special presentation. Choir practice is on Tuesdays at 2pm in the choir room. Talk to Hassan for details! A potluck will follow in the Family Life Center. Bring a friend and a dish to share!



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

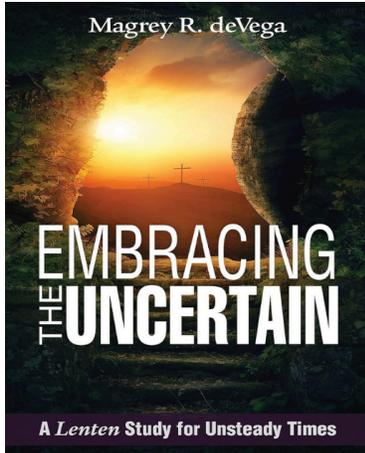
You are invited to our Tenebrae service starting at 7pm on Friday April 3, when we will reflect upon Jesus' death on the cross and conclude in silence and darkness.

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 second chapter before our next session on March 4th.



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](#).