

Good Afternoon,

Please see below for the Weekly E-News.

### **Prayer Requests**

<b><u>Church Family</u></b>	<b><u>Family and Friends</u></b>
Brenda and Ray Cathey	Ryan Edwards
Sandy and Ronnie Oaten	(Son of Jennifer Stribling's friend, Elizabeth Edwards)
Kathleen Robinson	Rick Frye
Family of Floyd Sistrunk	(Brother of Sandy Oaten)
Chap and Nokie Tuttle	Carol Garrett
Gary Little	(Rev. Elinor Heerman's Sister)
Mary Martin	Lila Dye,
Don and Linda Wigley	(Dianne Horton's mother)
Sam and Rita Leggett	
Claudia Waddell	
Pete and Nancy Scercy	
Shem Logan	
Margaret Norwood	
Ron, Sr. and Ron, Jr. Spivey	
*Bold lettering: Prayer Request added/updated this week.	

### **WEEKLY E-NEWS**

#### **Metro District Prayer Breakfast**

Ladies! Join together with other Methodist women to worship and pray. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and breakfast at 8:45 AM. The worship service begins at 10. Sandy Hieronymus, will be the speaker. The breakfast is \$10.50 but you can attend the worship service for \$5. Let Susan Fox know by Sunday April 12th.

#### **Bookdrive for Liberia and WeCare**

Yei Wuor, auntie/mother of our Rev. Morris, has reached out to HGUMC to collect books for a school that she built many years ago in Liberia. The school needs books for ages 5 to 15. WeCare is also in need of middle school and high school level books. Please look on your shelves at home and ask your friends and neighbors. Any type of book for these age groups will be appreciated.

## Financial Secretary Opening

HGUMC is looking for a part-time Financial Secretary as Patrice moves on to pursue her accounting career. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Mary English-Tri at [maryalison.english@gmail.com](mailto:maryalison.english@gmail.com) or 843-862-3603.

## Group Lydia Meeting

Group Lydia (Our United Women in Faith group) will meet this Monday, April 13 at 2pm.

## ESL Classes Openings!



**CLASES DE INGLÉS**

**EXAMEN DE NIVELACION**

Esta es tu oportunidad para venir y aprender inglés. Primero debes tomar un examen para saber tu nivel, y después estarás listo para las clases.

**FECHAS**

- ✓ Mayo 4 6pm-8:30pm
- ✓ Mayo 12 6pm-8:30pm

Comunicate con Gaby, sólo por WhatsApp  **704-713-5234**

## Next Children & Youth Lunch

Mark your calendars for lunch with special guest Liz Holloway on Sunday May 3 in the Parlors! Reach out to the church office or Lori Kodikara with any questions.

## Paypal Giving

As of March 9th, we will no longer be using Paypal as a giving service. Please switch your giving over to Realm or visit the church website to give online.

## WNCC Young Adult Retreat

United Methodist Young Adults Ages 18-25 are invited to retreat together May 29-30th in Huntersville, NC! Lodging and meals are included for just a \$25 registration fee.

Come for a time of connection, reflection, and imagination:

<https://wnc-reg.brtaapp.com/WNCCUMCYoungAdultRetreat>



### **Bishop Carter announces new Metro DS**

Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. has announced a leadership transition within the Appointive Cabinet. Beginning July 1, 2026, Rev. David Hockett will be appointed as the Metro District Superintendent. Rev. Dr. Dan Pezet, who has served as Metro District Superintendent since 2021, will return to local church ministry. See the full announcement at this link:

<https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/bishop-carter-announces-upcoming-cabinet-changes-19647635>

### **Climate Summit: “For Such a Time as This”**

Bishop Carter invites all clergy and laity for the Bishop’s Climate Summit on Saturday April 18 from 9am-4pm at Maple Springs UMC in Winston Salem. This summit will explore how the Church can respond faithfully to the challenges of climate change through scripture, theology, and practical action in our local churches and communities. You may register at this link:

<https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/youre-invited-to-the-bishops-climate-summit-april-18-19652443>

### **Dahlia Grove Golf Tournament**

Monday April 27th at Olde Sycamore Golf Club. The tournament has sponsorship opportunities. Get your friends together, play some golf, and support a good cause. Can’t play golf? Donate! Love is the most powerful force for change in the world. When you give, you are part of that love in action—walking alongside a woman coming off the street, celebrating with her as she moves into her first apartment, standing with her as she works to reunite with her children, and reminding her that her story is not over.

Donation link: <https://dahliagroove.kindful.com/>

**Dahlia Grove Golf Tournament**  
 Monday, April 27, 2026  
 Olde Sycamore Golf Club

**STEP UP. TEE OFF. CHANGE LIVES.**

Leadership isn't just shown on the course.  
 It's shown in the causes we support.  
 This is more than a round of golf.  
 It's an opportunity to stand on the right side of dignity,  
 safety, and hope for women survivors in Charlotte.

**TOURNAMENT INCLUDES:**  
 Breakfast + lunch  
 Awards Ceremony  
 Contests, prizes, & raffles



**READY TO STEP UP?**  
 Form a foursome  
 Raise \$2,500+ per team  
 Show up ready to compete and give back

Scan code to register  
 Contact [carrie@dahliagrove.org](mailto:carrie@dahliagrove.org) for more information



Dahlia Grove provides two years of housing, healing, and hope for  
 women survivors of trafficking, addiction, and exploitation.

## Serve at WeCare

Grow in the spiritual discipline of service by volunteering at our WeCare Food Pantry & Clothing closet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 10am-12pm. They are in need of boxes of teabags, coffee, and cake mix. Anything you can give is appreciated!

## 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](http://hickorygroveumc.com/give) and complete the online giving form. All transactions are secure.