

Blessed Holy Week, Church!

This weekend we observe the passion and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I hope you will plan to attend our joint Tenebrae service with East Charlotte UMCs this Good Friday at 7pm at Cokesbury UMC.

Then, on Holy Saturday, we wait.

On Sunday we celebrate the joy of Easter: the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Bring your flowers to decorate the cross in the courtyard. There will be a 7am sunrise service in the Church Courtyard (rain location: Sanctuary) with a light breakfast to follow in the Trinity Room. We'll gather as a whole church for a Combined Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary at 11am.

I hope you see you there!

Gratefully,

Pastor Caitlin

Prayer Requests

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

*Bold lettering: Prayer Request added/updated this week.	
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WEEKLY E-NEWS

Easter Flowers

Please bring flowers to put on the Easter Cross this coming Sunday!

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

You are invited to a collaborative Good Friday service of Tenebrae at Cokesbury UMC at 7pm on Friday April 3. If anyone would like to be part of the joint choir, rehearsals are on Mondays at 7pm and Thursday at 2pm at Cokesbury UMC, as well as Tuesdays at 2pm at Hickory Grove UMC. All are welcome!

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!

Easter Sunrise Breakfast

Please join us after the Easter sunrise service for a breakfast with the church family. There will be breakfast casseroles, fruit, juice and coffee.

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 or 843-862-3603.

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.brapp.com/WNCCUMCYoungAdultRetreat>



UWF Prayer Breakfast

April 25 at Central United Methodist Church in Concord Hands. \$10.50 a person. Registrations should be postmarked by April 11, 2026. Please send one check per unit/church.

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://dahliagrove.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 for more information

Dahlia Grove
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 and complete the online giving form. All transactions are secure.