

Good Afternoon,

Please see below for the Weekly E-News.

Prayer Requests

<u>Church Family</u>	<u>Family and Friends</u>
Jennifer Scoggins The Family of Travis Bunn Brenda and Ray Cathey Sandy and Ronnie Oaten Kathleen Robinson Chap and Nokie Tuttle 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	The Family of Harold Overcash (Father of Sharon Freeze) Ed Beaver (Rick Beaver's brother) 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.	

WEEKLY E-NEWS

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday May 24th marks Pentecost, when we recall the birth of the church in Acts. You are invited to wear red, which symbolizes the tongues of fire that descended upon the Apostles.

Memorial Day Closure

The church office will be closed Monday May 25th in observation of the Memorial Day holiday.

Financial Need: Note from Finance Chair, Randy Bunnell

Hi Friends, Unfortunately, we have had a couple of unexpected expenses arise. We had to replace the windows in the Parsonage. I know it seems like the house was built just a few years ago, but it was 1991. It was time to replace and not continue to repair. The cost to replace, it is \$29,985. In addition, we had to replace an AC unit in the preschool

building. Again, time to replace and not repair. The cost is \$20,900. So now we could use some additional financial assistance. These were not anticipated expenses and they were not in our budget. If you can give a little extra to help, it would be greatly appreciated. Please note these donations to the "Building Repair and Maintenance" fund. If you desire, you can also note the donation is for the Parsonage Windows or AC Unit. **As of May 17th, we are \$6,000 dollars from our goal! God bless you and thank you for all you do for HGUMC.**

Monthly Fasting & Prayer Gathering

We warmly invite everyone to join us for this special time of seeking God together, beginning at midnight on 12:00 AM May 29, 2026 to 7PM. The fast will conclude with a powerful time of prayer and thanksgiving at 7:00 PM in the Epworth Building.

Renewal Leave

Reminder: Pastor Caitlin will begin her renewal leave on Wednesday May 27th and return on July 20th. Rev. De Hillyer will be joining us at our Traditional and Contemporary services starting on June 14th. Please see the FAQs in the latest Grove echoes newsletter or Mary English-Tri if you have any questions.

UWF Sunday

Join us as the United Women in Faith lead worship on May 31st at 11am in the Sanctuary!

Call to Prayer Luncheon for Women

Join the United Women in Faith after the UWF combined service on May 31st for a call to prayer luncheon. All women are invited to bring a cover dish and a friend!

Graduation and Confirmation Sunday

Please join us for a combined worship at 11am in the Sanctuary, celebrating our HGUMC confirmands and high school/college graduates.

VBS Planning Meeting

The next VBS meeting will be Sunday June 28 during the SS hour at 10am in the Trinity room. Vacation Bible School dates are Monday August 3 - Wednesday August 5 .Please join us if you are interested in volunteering!

Craft Closet Cleanout

There will be a clean out of the craft closet in the basement of the sanctuary right after service, on June 28th and lunch will be provided for anyone who would like to help us. Please contact Jennifer Stribling, Lori Kodikara, or the church office if you have 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.

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>

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. **Please make sure your donations are non-perishable.** They are in need of green peas, cereal, and oatmeal . Anything you can give is appreciated!

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