

Good Afternoon,
Please see below for the Weekly E-News.

Prayer Requests

<u>Church Family</u>	<u>Family and Friends</u>
Desmond Turner Jennifer Scoggins Brenda and Ray Cathey Sandy and Ronnie Oaten Kathleen Robinson Chap 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 *Bold lettering: Prayer Request added/updated this week.	Donna and Bill Benson (Aunt and Uncle of Jennifer Stribling, Great Aunt and Uncle of Elizabeth and Jocelyn Stribling) The Family of Frances Eudy (Jatana Royster's Sister) 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)

WEEKLY E-NEWS

Next Combined Worship Service

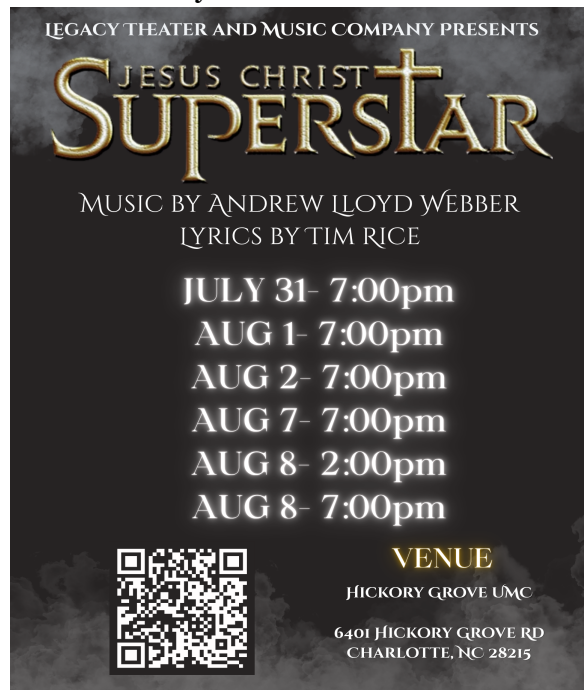
The next combined worship service will be July 26th at 11am in the Sanctuary. Join us!

Safe Sanctuary Training

Planning on volunteering for VBS? Join us for Safe Sanctuary Training on Sunday July 26th at 10am during the Sunday School hour and after the 11am service in the Trinity Room.

Jesus Christ Superstar Production

Legacy Theater and Music Company will be using the Family Worship Center to put on a production of Jesus Christ Superstar. This iconic rock opera features an incredibly talented cast including HGUMC member Jocelyn Stribling. Get your tickets at the QR code on the flyer down below!



Message from Financial Chair, Randy Bunnell

I wanted to provide an update to the status of our recent financial need. As you know we had unexpected expenses arise to replace an AC unit and the windows at the parsonage. The total cost was approximately \$50,000. Your generosity was overwhelming! We received approximately \$45,000 from the congregation and have paid both invoices in full. Thank you all so much for your dedication to HGUMC - your kindness is astounding! God bless each of you for what you have done and what you continue to do for our church!

Decorate for VBS

Join us next Sunday, August 2nd after the Contemporary and African services at 11am to decorate the FWC!

Sunday School for Children and Youth

Sunday School for Children and youth will resume Sunday August 9th at 10am.

Snack Pack

It may be summer, but your monetary donations are welcome year-round for our Snack pack program. We always like to be ready right after Labor Day to send over our first set of bags. Thanks to all who help keep this ministry going.

This year at VBS we will be doing a mission project called Kid to Kid. We are asking VBS attendees to bring either a kid friendly soup or canned pasta (like Chef Boyardee). I

would like to challenge church members to bring an item and put in our red bins in the FLC or outside the church office starting July 26 through August 9.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer next school year with Snack pack please reach out to Jennifer Stribling at 704-617-2520 or giraffe@carolina.rr.com.

VBS Pre-Registration Open

Vacation Bible School is coming up! Sign up on the church website:

<https://www.hickorygroveumc.com/vbs-registration-1> or fill out a form in the Sanctuary Narthex. We are in need of pop up tents and camping tents for VBS. Reach out to Jennifer Stribling (704-617-2520) if you can help with this need.

VBS Volunteer Sign-Up

Want to devote your time helping with Vacation Bible School? Sign up now on the church website:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090948AAAE2FA7FC1-64646791-vbsvolunteer#/> or on the clipboards in the Sanctuary Narthex and the lobby of the FWC.

VBS Kid to Kid Mission Project

We will have a Kid-to-Kid Mission Project at Vacation Bible School, which takes place August 3rd through August 5th. This project is serving neighbors and kids in the community. We will be supporting two projects supported at Hickory Grove UMC:

- WeCare Food and Clothing Pantry - a ministry that helps families in need that live in the Hickory Grove community
- Please bring peanut butter or jelly to support this mission project.
- SNACK Pack - a ministry that supports the highest at need students at Hickory Grove Elementary.
- Please bring canned soup or canned pasta (like Chef Boyardee) to support this mission project.

We will serve dinner each day of camp starting at 5:30pm – 6:00pm. We invite the family to join us.

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 beans, corn, jelly, carrots, pork n beans, all types of other beans, and cake mix. Anything you can give is appreciated!

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.

New Giving Options

Text to Give - text HGUMCGIVE to 73256 or use the Online giving from HGUMC website. Go to [hickorygroveumc.com/give](https://www.hickorygroveumc.com/give) and complete the online giving form. All transactions are secure.