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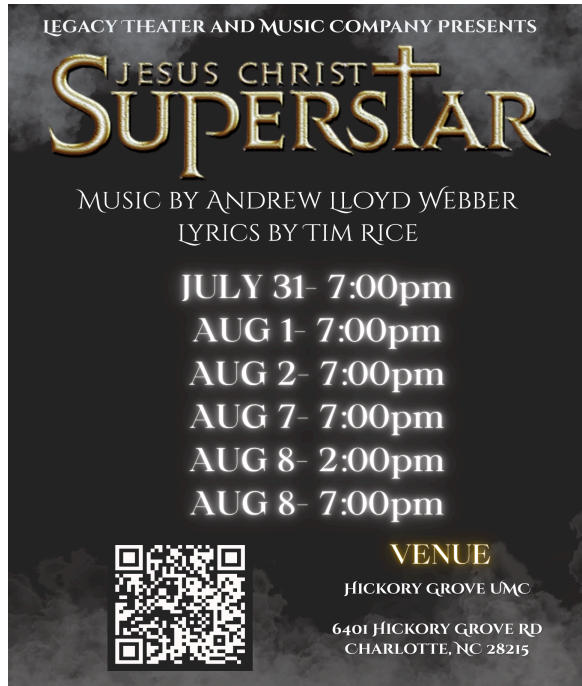
Prayer Requests

<u>Church Family</u>	<u>Family and Friends</u>
Hayne Baucom 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) 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)

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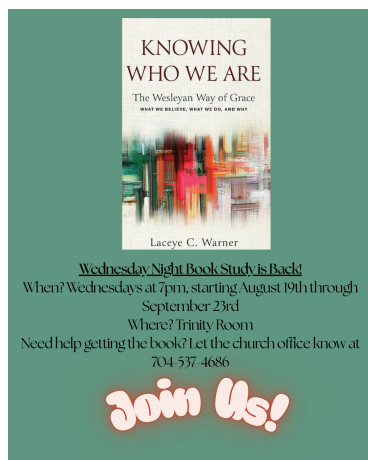
Jesus Christ Superstar Production

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!



Book Study: "Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace"

Join Pastor Caitlin and friends on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the Trinity room to study "Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace" by Lacey Warner from August 19-September 23 to gain a deeper understanding of Wesleyan Christianity. Participants may purchase the book on their own on Cokesbury or Amazon, and are expected to read the first chapter before our first session on August 19th. If you need assistance in purchasing the book, please contact the church office.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is THIS WEEK, August 3rd-5th from 5:30pm to 8:00pm! Sign up on the church website hickorygroveumc.com or register day of at the church! **Join us today after the 11am services to decorate the FWC.** 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 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. Please bring peanut butter, jelly, canned soup or canned pasta 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.

Sunday School for Children and Youth

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

Back To School Drive for HGES

The Back To School Drive is about to begin. We are in need of sneakers (small kid's sizes 11-13 & 1-3), uniforms (blue or khaki pants/white or blue short sleeve shirts (Sizes 4 - 10 most needed), Play-Doh, and belts (small sizes). Please put donations in the teal bins in the church office or FWC lobby.



Donations for Hickory Grove Elementary School

- Sneakers-small kid's sizes 11-13 & 1-3
- Uniforms-blue or khaki pants/white or blue short sleeve collared shirts (Sizes 4 - 10 most needed)
- Play-Doh
- Belts- small sizes

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.

S. T. Nagbe UMC Distant Members Gathering for 2026

The African Ministries warmly welcomes our sisters and brothers of the S. T. Nagbe Distant Members Fellowship in the Americas and Other Regions to HGUMC for their Fellowship Gathering, September 4-6, 2026. The weekend's activities will begin on Friday with assisting with the WeCare ministry from 9:00am to 10:30am. The day will

conclude with an evening of praise and worship in the FWC from 7:00–10:30 p.m. On Saturday, the Fellowship will hold its business session and election of officers, followed by an evening banquet. The celebration will come to a climax on Sunday with a divine worship service at 11:00 a.m.

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