

Good Afternoon,

Please see below for the Weekly E-News.

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)

WEEKLY E-NEWS

Request from Finance Chair, Randy Bunnell

Hello friends,

Once again, we have had unexpected expenses arise. We have an older facility and as all homeowners know, the components do not last a lifetime. We now have had to replace the AC units in the Epworth Building and the Multi Purpose Room in the Gym. In addition, one of our commercial ice makers has had to be replaced. The total cost of these three items total approximately \$27,000.

We are asking you, our faithful congregation, to do what you can to assist in the payment of these unanticipated expenses. Anything you can provide 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 AC units and Ice maker.

God bless you and thank you again for all you do for Hickory Grove United Methodist Church.

Sunday School for Children and Youth

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

UWF Annual Celebration

Saturday, September 12 - WNCC UWFaith Annual Celebration at St. Luke's UMC, Hickory, NC. Online registration is now open.

<https://wnccumw.org/annual-celebration-2026/>



Western North Carolina Conference

United Women in Faith

53rd Annual Celebration

Celebrating 157 Years in Mission

Saturday, September 12, 2026

St. Luke's UMC, Hickory, NC

52 16th Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28601

Check-in 9:00-9:45 a.m.; Gathering Music 9:45-10:00 a.m.

Program Sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. & end at 4:30-ish p.m.



GUEST SPEAKER

Emily Jones

National UWFaith
Executive for Racial Justice

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- Worship and praise God through beautiful music led by Hunter Jamison and Makayla Aсталos.
- Engage in inspiring Social Action Workshops.
- Celebrate our Districts' 2025 Accomplishments.
- Elect our 2027 Officers.
- Honor the recipient of our 2026 Program Book—announced at the event.
- Enjoy rich fellowship with your UWFaith Sisters—reconnect with long-lasting friends and meet new ones.

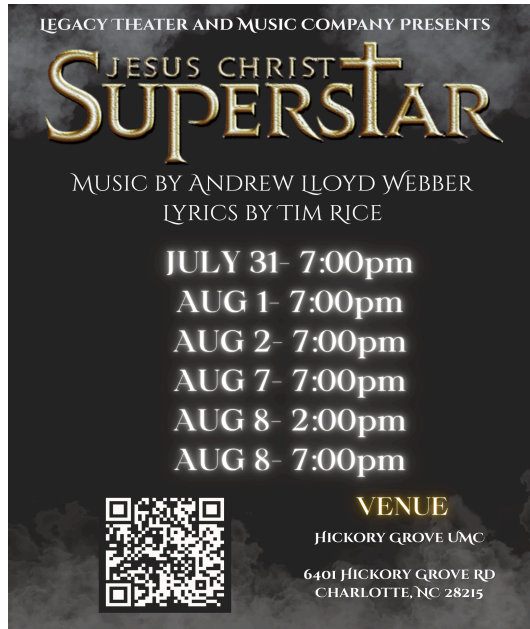
Hands-on Missions for this event: MENSTRUAL HYGIENE KITS for UMCOR
See List of Items for Kits at Link Below and don't forget to include \$2 per kit for shipping!
<https://umcmmission.org/resources/umcor-menstrual-hygiene-kit-instructions>

Register on-line at <https://wnccumw.org>

Cost is \$25 including a sandwich lunch; \$15 if you prefer to bring your own lunch.
Registration is open through August 28.

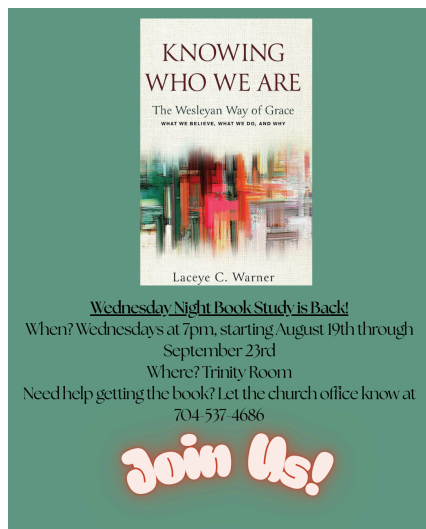
Jesus Christ Superstar Production

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 Laceye 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.



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.