

Harvest Festival News

Rain or shine we still make the "Best Stew Ever". We want to thank everyone that came out to help Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The men are the backbone of this event and once again were there to lift, move and clean all sorts of items. We also had family and friends that came to help us as well. Kim, our Church secretary extraordinaire, got us a usable QR code up and running and helped Cheryl Parker to count money. Thank you to the kitchen ladies for serving lunch. As always, we have delicious desserts. Thank you ladies for cutting and packaging them so beautifully.

The rain changed things a bit. The arrangement under the shelter had to change to keep ingredients dry and still have room for pots and stirrers. We had to find a dry place to pack BBQ. So glad we still have that modular building! The hushpuppies are now being cooked on the patio near the kitchen. Tents were put up to keep people, fryer and mix dry. The auction had to be moved inside. Thanks to Cheryl and Clay for changing the Fellowship Hall over from lunch to an auction space in record time.

The auction was a great success! Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased items. Our This and That Table sold many things again this year. Thanks to all for your beautiful crafts. We will leave these things out this week. If you have items you want to take back home or purchase you will have until this coming Sunday night to do that. All items remaining will be donated to OCIM to be sold.

Several dishes were left also behind. If you left any dishes, please plan to pick them up within the next two weeks. Any dishes remaining after that time will be donated to OCIM.

We should have a total to share in the next couple of weeks.

We still have BBQ (\$12) and stew (\$12) to sell. Please spread the word. I can meet you at the Church if you want to pick some up.

We will schedule a meeting soon to go over the day. To discuss what worked, what didn't work and to thinking about 2027 Harvest Festival as it will be the 75th.

Thank you again for all you do in support of our Church.

Pat and Stephanie
919-812-8737

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Looking Ahead to Sunday Worship

Scripture for Sunday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Sermon Title: *Face to Face*

As we look ahead to Sunday, I encourage you to read the scripture ahead of time as part of your devotional time and preparation for Sunday. One passage of scripture can easily take us in many directions. Use the sermon title to help guide your reflections. Spend time in Lectio Divina with the scripture as part of your daily devotions. There are lots of videos on YouTube on how to participate in Lectio Divina. Here is a meditative video that is instructive to be a resource to you –

Meditative How To - Lectio Divina



Please Help Us to Help Others

On Sept.27, 2024 Hurricane Helene devastated Western NC.

Two of the hardest hit and least funded areas were Mitchell and Yancey Counties. There are 585 families still needing assistance as they struggle to rebuild their homes and their lives.

Please join us Sat., Oct. 24, from 4-7pm for "Breakfast for Supper". In lieu of Little River Church's annual BBQ, plates will be filled with sausage, country ham, scrambled eggs, hash brown casserole, apples, buttery biscuit & preserves with coffee, tea, or milk.
Adults-\$12.00 Children 6 and under-\$6.00

All proceeds will go to support the "**Rebuilding Hollars Foundation**" working to rebuild homes and businesses in Mitchell and Yancey Counties.

There will also be two beautiful patch work quilts for auction.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Little River Presbyterian Church Congregation

New to the Nutshell

Did you know that...Walnut Grove UMC has an online calendar link on our church website? Here's how you access it.

Click on "Calendar"

Scroll down past "Events" to "Walnut Grove UMC Calendar" and click on it.

You can also get a shared copy for your phone, tablet, or computer. (It's a Google calendar.)

Now you know!

Did You Know That...

As you can see above, we've added a new section to the Nutshell to share interesting facts, helpful information, and little tidbits you may not know! We'd love for you to be part of it. If you have an interesting fact, a helpful tip, or something you think others would enjoy learning, please send it in for a future *Did You Know That...* feature. Your submissions are welcome and encouraged! You might just learn something new.

Music Ministry Update

October is here, and that means it's time to start learning some Christmas music!

The Worship Choir has recently started learning this year's cantata, "Glorious Night". We will present this on Sunday, December 13th, during the 10:30am worship service. If you are interested in participating with us (singing or speaking), join us on Wednesdays at 7:30pm (starts Oct. 28th) and/or Sundays at 6:00pm (starts Nov. 1). Youth and non-choir members are welcome to participate too!

The Hallelujah Kids also have some new Christmas music waiting for them to learn. We will start practice on Sunday, November 1st at 5:00pm. The title of this year's program is "The Twelve Days of Christmas". We will present this on Sunday, December 20th during the 10:30am worship service. (Audience participation is encouraged on this one!) Children K through 5th grade are invited to participate in the singing and acting parts. Join us on Sundays at 5:00pm!

For more information, contact Leigh McFalls at 919-818-3317 or leighmcfalls@gmail.com.

November Special Services

In November, Walnut Grove will have two special Sundays to celebrate and highlight the ministries of our Church.

On November 8th, we will once again celebrate our 1K for 1Kid Day. Donna Tate and Rev. Ben Williams from the Methodist Home for Children will join us to educate and share about the ministry of the Methodist Home and how it has changed over the course of time. We will hold our 1K Walk after Church. 1K for 1Kid is our way of supporting the vital ministry of the Methodist Home for Children. We will travel 1 kilometer (1K) around our church along with financially supporting this connectional ministry with at least \$1000 to support at least one child for a year in their care.

To learn more about Methodist Home for Children, visit www.mhfc.org

On November 22nd, we will celebrate Laity Sunday. Laity Sunday is our once-a-year service that is led entirely by the laity of the Church. This year it falls on Christ the King Sunday. This is the day to thank God for the gifts and ministries of the Laity here at Walnut Grove and beyond. Open to all ages (so long as you're not ordained!), you are invited to participate in leading a portion of our service on this day.

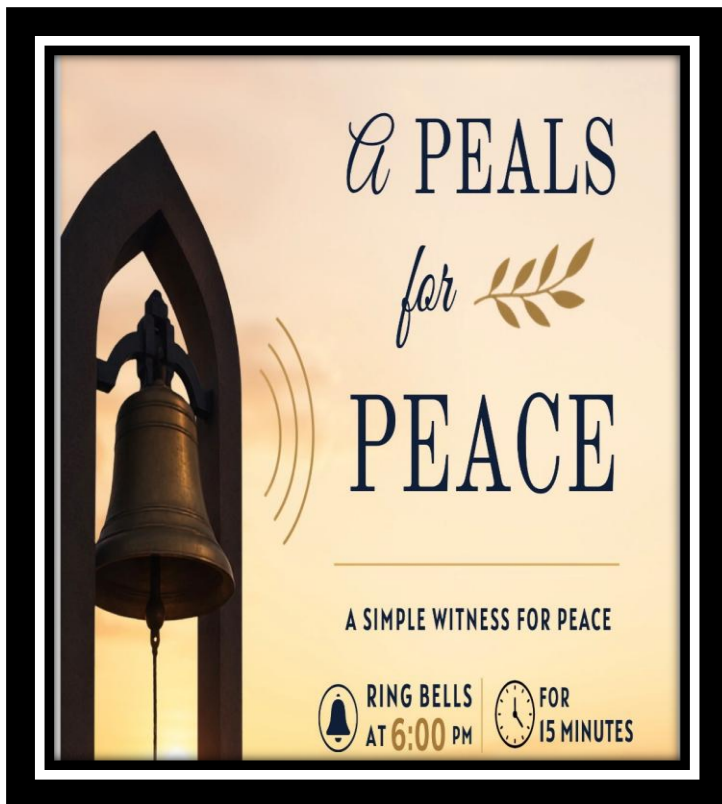
For more information or to get involved in 1K or Laity Sunday, contact Wesley Tilley at 919-749-0173 or westilley1964@gmail.com.

Sunday Night Gatherings

There will no Sunday Night activities this Sunday (10/25). We still have books available for the Adult Bible Study if you would like to join us. The book has sections or you to write in, so it will be yours to keep. Each book costs \$10. If the cost is a hindrance, please let Pastor Laura know, and we'll make it available for free.



A Peals for Peace



Monday evenings at 6:00pm through November 2nd churches around the country will continue to ring bells for 15 minutes. Our church bells will also ring for 15 minutes in solidarity with other places of faith throughout the country with a movement in solidarity with the NC Council of Churches to share a message of peace for our world. This message of peace speaks to the need for peace in our world, in our community and state, in our homes, and in our lives. This is to be a time to pause, listen, and pray. In a world often scarred by violence, division, and suffering, God calls us to be quick to listen and slow to speak (James 1:19). May God bring healing through this A Peals for Peace.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Three orange jack-o'-lanterns with carved faces are stacked vertically in the center of the poster. The top pumpkin has a simple face with triangular eyes and a small mouth. The middle pumpkin has a more complex face with triangular eyes and a wide, jagged mouth. The bottom pumpkin has a face with triangular eyes and a wide, jagged mouth. The background is a dark, textured orange and black.

OCTOBER 31ST

3-5 PM

GAMES, CANDY, POPCORN, AND MORE!

WALNUT GROVE UMC
7215 WALNUT GROVE CHURCH RD, HURDLE MILLS, NC 27541



Walnut Grove
United Methodist Church



Gathered in Grace



WOMEN'S GROUP

Thursday, November 5, 2026

Two Gatherings — Choose the Time That Works for You

10:00 a.m.

or

7:00 p.m.



A Gathering of Gratitude



Our November gathering will focus on
GRATITUDE — taking time to recognize
God's blessings, encourage one another,
and give thanks together.



**Please bring two or more
canned goods for OCIM**

*(you can get credit for your
Sunday School class).*



Light snacks will be provided.

RSVP by 10/31 to Sue Powell
at suepowell0504@gmail.com
text or call 919-819-0344



Tithes and Offerings

We now have five ways to give to our ministries. If you would like your offering to be allocated towards a specific ministry, please indicate it in the memo of your check or you will be prompted on the website.

1. Give during our weekly Worship Services.
2. Mail in a check to 7215 Walnut Grove Church Road, Hurdle Mills, NC 27541.
3. Use our church [website](#). Click **GIVE** in the upper right corner.
4. Use our "My Church" mobile app. Click GIVE in the lower right corner.
5. Use our Vanco QR Code, which you can find on the back of the Sunday bulletins or right here in the weekly *In A Nutshell*.

Vanco QR Code

As we continually adapt to the gift of technology, Walnut Grove now has a Vanco QR code provided on the back of the bulletin and in the Nutshell for online giving. Simply hold your phone or tablet's camera over the code for the link to Vanco. Your generosity helps us continue serving Christ and reaching out to our community in mission and faithful witness.



JOYS & CONCERNS

Prayer List

- Brenda Moser of Timberlake, has been battling cancer (Tina Brook's aunt)
- Matthew Evans and family in the passing of his mother.
- Family of Laura Tilley Page who passed away. She was the sister of Linda Lovitte & aunt of Cathy Boling.
- Carlton Parker recovering from hip surgery.
- Betsy Feifs with pancreatic cancer and is in critical condition. She is Margaret Anne Dow's daughter, Katy's mother-in-law.
- Tommy Dunlow, who was involved in an LP tank explosion. He is in UNC Burn unit. He is a friend of John Sherron.
- Frances Walters with health issues
- Sebastian Anderson with health issues
- Timmy Parker with health issues. He is Barry Parker's brother.
- Tom Rutledge, in rehab with health issues. He is a member of our church family.
- Jean Mangum, with health issues. She is a member of our church family.
- Rodney Overcash who is having health issues. He is Jolinda Overcash Swiggett's brother.
- Herbert Cates, health concerns. He is a member of our church family.
- JoAnn Cates with health issues. She is a member of our church family.
- Rev. Meg Hoffman, battling cancer. She's the director of Seeds of Faith at Camp Chestnut Ridge.
- John Hougom from Hurdle Mills, who is being treated for lung cancer. John is the brother of Sonja Tilley and brother-in-law of Wesley Tilley.
- Rev. Pat Sykes and Rev. Mike Sykes with health concerns
- Gene Parker who has ongoing health concerns and was recently discharged from the hospital. His wife, Kay Parker, is a member of WGIMC.

- Jaxson Bates injured in a traffic accident. He is a friend of Mary Emma Roberts.
- Scott Moore, diagnosed with leukemia. He is the brother-in-law of Emma Beckham.
- Merrill Messick, who is Beverly Huey's father and Mary Dietz, her aunt.
- Scott Hackler with cancer diagnosis. He is a friend of Jolinda Swiggett.
- Linwood Lovitte, who is a member of our church family.
- Jessy Privette from Wendell has been diagnosed with cancer. Jesse is the girlfriend of Jeffrey James, who is the son of Anita James and brother of Michael James.
- Leo Brooks Populorum from Pittsboro, has very serious health issues. Leo is the grandson of John and Judy Guibert who are friends of Beverly Huey.
- Ben Lloyd, Cheryl Humphrey's father, with serious health issues.
- Gilbert Lee in Prince George, VA, who recently had surgery for cancer. He is Richard Lee's father
- Liz Matthews, friend of Katie Whitaker
- Kathy Kimrey with health concerns. She is the sister-in-law of Lorraine Hines and Pam Kimrey.

Prayer is powerful and we love praying for one another! If you have a request on the prayer list, we would be grateful for any updates needed. This helps us know how to continue praying and when requests may be removed or celebrated. Please let us know how we can best pray for you and your loved ones.

Birthdays

Friday 10/23 – Debbie Albert, Sandra Albert, Adam Bordeaux, Josh Hines

Saturday 10/24 – Faith Parker, Walter Schrift

Sunday 10/25 – Layney Harris

Monday 10/26 – Anna Robinson, K.T. Metcalf III, Barney Lee Hall

Tuesday 10/27 – Angela Wimberly, Jennifer Davis

Wednesday 10/28 – Morgan Walker, Karen McCulloch, Tanner Wagoner

Thursday 10/29 – Jenny Blalock

Friday 10/30 – Tanner Morgan

If your birthday is incorrect or missing, please contact Kim at the church office at 919-732-5722 or by email at office@walnutgroveumc.org so we can update our records.

STAYING CONNECTED

[WG YouTube](#)

[WG Facebook](#)

[Website](#)

Serving in Worship

October 25th

Acolytes: Wyatt James/Isabella Conway

Greeters: Stacey Spake/Mary Emma Roberts

Ushers: Chris & Cathy Boling

Scripture: Margaret Anne Dow

Nursery: Debby Donnelly/Grace Dunlap

Financial Rep: Rick Huey

Trustee Open/Close: Gary Spake

November 1st

Acolytes: Samantha Johnson/Callie Smith
Greeters: Barry & Cheryl L Parker
Ushers: Pat Beck/Grace Dunlap
Scripture: Kennedy Dunlap
Nursery: Stephanie Smith/Mary Emma Roberts
PM Nursery: Leigh McFalls/Lorraine Hines
Communion Servers: Courtney Humphrey/Stacey Spake
Trustee Open/Close: Michael James
Financial Rep: Brenda Berry

Mowing Schedule

October 24 - Clay Parker
October 31- Barry Walker

NOTE: If you're unable to serve in your role listed above, please find someone to serve in your place and notify Kim of the change. This will allow us to have an updated listing to publish each week.

Upcoming Events

Fri-Sat., October 23-24	Walnut Grove Crafters
Sunday, October 25	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church 3:00pm SPRC Meeting No Sunday Night Fellowship activities
Wed, October 28	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Saturday, October 31	3:00-5:00pm Trunk or Treat



Sunday, November 1	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (CLOCKS FALL BACK AN HOUR) 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service/Communion/All Saints Sunday 4:00pm Chess Club 5:00pm Hallelujah Kids (Christmas) 5:15pm Dinner 6:00pm KidsKrew/Youth/Bible Study 6:00pm Christmas Choir
Wednesday, November 4	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir 7:30pm Christmas Choir
Thursday, November 5	10:00am-12:00pm Women's Gathering 7:00-8:00pm Women's Gathering
Sunday, November 8	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church 1K/1Kid – Methodist Home for Children 5:00pm Hallelujah Kids (Christmas) 5:15pm Dinner 6:00pm KidsKrew/Youth/Bible Study 6:00pm Christmas Choir
Wed, November 11	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir 7:30pm Christmas Choir
Fri-Sun, Nov 13-15	Youth Pilgrimage
Sunday, November 15	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 5:00pm Hallelujah Kids (Christmas) 5:15pm Dinner 6:00pm KidsKrew/Bible Study (no youth) 6:00pm Christmas Choir
Wed, November 18	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir 7:30pm Christmas Choir
Fri-Sat., November 20-21	Walnut Grove Crafters

Sunday, November 22 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service/Laity Sunday
10:45am Children's Church
4:00pm Decorate Church for Advent
5:00pm Hallelujah Kids (Christmas)
5:15pm Youth Friendsgiving
6:00pm Christmas Choir

Thursday, November 26 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

Sunday, November 29 9:15am 5th Sunday Potluck Breakfast/Sunday School Opening
10:30am Worship/Hanging of the Greens
5:00pm Hallelujah Kids (Christmas)
6:00pm Christmas Choir

See You Sunday!!