

In a Nutshell

October 3, 2025

1K for 1Kid Sunday

This Sunday, we come together to learn about and support the ministry of Methodist Home for Children. This vital ministry of our Methodist connection serves children, youth and families across North Carolina. To learn more about them, visit <https://www.mhfc.org/>

On Sunday, adults may gather at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall to learn about how MHFC works, hear stories about its ministry and ask any questions you have. During Worship, we will hear inspiring messages from representatives of MHFC and you may give a special offering to support them.

After Church we will gather near the flagpole, to walk or run 1 Kilometer around the property to complete our 1K for 1Kid day!

Wesley Tilley

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1K for 1KID Day This Sunday

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 5th** as we hold our annual 1K for 1Kid Day at Walnut Grove UMC. We hope to be joined that day by Donna Tate and former WGUMC intern Avery Edwards as we learn about, celebrate and support the ministries for the Methodist Home for Children. Sunday School and Worship will have opportunities to hear about this great ministry of our connectional Church. After Church, we will gather outside to walk or run 1 Kilometer around the Church property. As part of our offering and walk that day, we hope to gather at least 1K (\$1000) of financial support for the Methodist Home.

If you would like more information, or can assist in the setup of the walk that day, contact Wesley Tilley at 919-749-0173 or wesley.tilley@alumni.duke.edu

Photos for Website

If you have taken photos at any recent events, please send them to Alejandro Rivas Alva at alejandro.rivasalva@duke.edu. He is in the process of updating our website. Thank you for your help as we share God's love with our community.

Harvest Festival 2025 Update

Harvest Festival 2025 is right around the corner. We had a great meeting Tuesday night. A lot of good discussion and the sharing of ideas. Please remember the pork and beef cook day this **Saturday (10/4/2025)**. If you are interested in helping with the actual cooking of the meat, that group will start around 6 am. If you want to help with the shredding of the cooled cooked meat, please arrive in the Fellowship Hall around 7:30. We need help from 40 people. With 40 people working on this, the task is usually complete before noon. Harvest Festival is a Church wide event. Every job is important, no job is too small. We need people to stir the stew as it is cooking, help with cooling the stew and packing it in the containers. Can you carry stew and BBQ to someone's car that is not able? You might be interested in helping in the fellowship hall during lunch. This is just a sample of the ways you can help on October 18, 2025. If you have not found your area of interest, please see me. Everyone loves a good auction. So don't forget your auction item(s). There is also our "This and That Table". Smaller items are on this table and priced by the contributor. See Patty Maseth or Stacy Spake if you have questions. A monetary donation is also a good way to contribute. Please mark your donation Harvest Festival.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Pat Beck

919-812-8737

Mary Martha Busy Ladies

The Mary Martha Busy Ladies will meet at the church on **Wednesday, October 8 at 10:00am**. They will be leaving the church at 10:30 to go to The Verdict in Graham for lunch. If you are going, please RSVP by call or text to Debbie Wagoner at 919-971-5227 by Friday, October 3rd.

New Plants Coming Soon!

Walnut Grove UMC has been selected as a recipient for two grants: from Backyard Butterflies and from the 39th Annual Azalea Celebration. This means we will have lots of new flowering plants and azaleas around our campus in the upcoming weeks! Chuck Davis and his team will be working to excavate overgrown or unhealthy shrubbery to make space for these new plants. This work will not conflict with Harvest Festival. We're excited for some fresh blooms to bring color and beauty to our church grounds!

Be A Disciple

There are several UMC courses offered on BeADisciple.com. Share this opportunity with someone you know who might benefit from extra guidance during the upcoming holiday season. If you are a church member and need assistance (partial or full scholarship), please let Pastor Laura know. Don't let cost be a hindrance for this opportunity!

<https://beadisciple.com/online-christian-courses/grief/ifd374-bridge-to-surviving-grief-during-holidays/>

Sunday Night Meal RSVP:

If you want to enjoy a meal this fall at Sunday night Bible study, you need to sign up!

[RSVP HERE](#) for which meals you and your family plan to eat.

Young Adult Sunday School Class

A new Sunday School class for young adults has begun. We will be meeting in Lauren's office or in the modular depending on the a/c situation. We may be starting a little after 9:30am. Please feel free to join us.

~Daniel Johnson

Trunk or Treat, Oct. 26



Candy! Costumes! Competition! Join us for an afternoon of trunk-or-treating fun on October 26th! We encourage EVERYONE at church to join in for this event, by decorating a trunk and/or by bringing your family to participate in the activities. This year, we'll have a competition and prize for the best decorated trunk, so show up with your most creative ideas!

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox packing time is here!

Please note Tuesday, Oct 7th shoebox packing is **POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE**.

We will be packing shoeboxes in small groups this year. Since we will be packing in the modular, space is limited to 8 people at a time. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Jeanne Crabtree or Kimberly Gilbert.

If you are unable to participate in the shoebox packing and would like to contribute toward Operation Christmas Child, we are in need of shipping expenses in the amount of \$10.00 per shoebox. You may write a check to Samaritan's Purse and get it to Jeanne Crabtree or Kimberly Gilbert OR you can write a check to Walnut Grove UMC and mark it for "OCC" on the subject line.

Blessings to each of you!

Jeanne Crabtree (919) 302-6924 (call or text)

Kimberly Gilbert (919) 924-9294 (call or text)

Opportunities and Work Days with Disaster Ministry

Deployment dates for Corridor Early Response Team. To volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Jim Polhamus at jbuspolhamusii@gmail.com. Please prayerfully consider joining us and mark your calendars below:

Oct 9 - 11, LTRG10, Columbus Co, NC - (Leland Disaster Center, Zion UMC Parsonage, Leland, NC) - open to ERT and non ERT members

Harvest Festival Quilts

Our quilts are ready for the Auction.





Walnut Grove UMC HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday
October 18th

***This & That pre-priced table
open 10:30-1:30**

***Lunch & Take Out: 11:30**

***Live Auction: 1:30**

**BBQ: \$12.00 lb.
Stew: \$12.00 qt.**

**LUNCH PLATES INCLUDE:
BBQ, STEW, SLAW, HUSHPUPPIES,
DRINK AND A DESSERT**

**ADULT PLATE: \$15.00
CHILD'S PLATE: \$6.00
8YRS AND YOUNGER**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
7215 Walnut Grove Church Road

OCIM Update

They are in need of:

Food items: canned fruit, jelly, soups, beef stew, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese, cereal, rice (small bags).

Non-food items: toothpaste, laundry pods, toilet paper, diapers (size 4)

Thank you to all who have donated money as well as the actual cans of food and veggies, plus the above items. Thank you all so much for your participation.

The poster features a dark maroon background with a pattern of gold-colored leaf outlines. The text 'OCIM 2025 FALL FEST' is prominently displayed in large, bold, gold letters. A white triangular shape is cut out from the bottom right of the text area. Below the title, there is a horizontal gold line. The bottom half of the poster is white, containing event details in black and gold text. The date 'OCTOBER 18' and time '9 AM - 2 PM' are in white text on a dark maroon background at the bottom right.

OCIM 2025 FALL FEST

Join the **OCIM THRIFT SHOP** for our **FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATION!**

- BAKED GOODS
- ART WALK (NEW THIS YEAR)
- ANTIQUES - POTTERY - JEWELRY
- STORE COUPON BUNDLES ON SALE NOW - \$5
- SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MEALS ON WHEELS

For more information, contact Bernadette at 919-732-6194 ext. 21.

OCTOBER 18

9 AM – 2 PM

300 MILSTONE DRIVE

HILLSBOROUGH, NC 27278

Orange Cooperative Parish Fall Fun Happenings

- **All of October** at Camp Chestnut Ridge
Pumpkin Patch at the farm every Saturday in October –
<https://www.campchestnutridge.org/pumpkin-patch>
- **October 11th** Harvest Festival with lunch at noon (homemade egg rolls and other goodies)/country store/children's play area/dinner at 5/auction at 6:30. Chestnut Ridge UMC
- **October 11th** – Auction, BBQ Dinner, Live Music 5- 7PM, Live Auction Starts at 7. At Union Grove UMC. Tickets are \$15. Kids 12 and under eat for free! Purchase Tickets Online UNIONGROVE UMC
- **October 18th** – Harvest Festival includes Live Auction BBQ, Stew (\$12 each). Lunch plates \$15 – includes BBQ, Stew, Slaw, Hushpuppies, Drink, and Dessert – Adults \$15, Children (8 and younger), \$6 at Walnut Grove UMC
- **November 1** Starting at 2 PM. Stew for \$12 a quart. To preorder call (919)215-7308 Efland UMC
- **November 8th** – Cedar Grove UMC Harvest Festival – Homemade Turkey Dinner from 4:30 to 7:00 PM at Cedar Grove United Methodist Church + Online Auction
- **November 22nd** – Camp Chestnut Ridge Trail Run Fundraiser – <https://www.campchestnutridge.org/trail-run>

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*.

Budget News as of September 30, 2025

Year to Date Income: \$ 184,037.84

Year to Date Expenses: \$ 226,305.12

Difference: \$ (42,267.28)

Matthew 25:35 Fund Balance: \$ 3,085.76

Harvest Festival Fund Balance: \$ 22,043.57

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. You may also access the link on our website for convenient giving. Alternatively, cash or check contributions continue to be accepted through our tithes and offerings. Your generosity helps us continue serving Christ and reaching out to our community in mission and faithful witness.



JOYS & CONCERNS

Prayer List

- Helen Miller with serious health issues. She is the aunt of Pat Beck's brother-in-law.
- Mary Lou Smith-very dear friend of Carol Gerbracht
- Carol Gerbracht recovering from recent surgery
- Leo Brooks Populorum (7 Months old), from Pittsboro, has very serious health issues. Leo is the grandson of John and Judy Guibert who are friends of Beverly Huey.
- Katherine Huey, with health issues. She is Rick Huey's mom.
- Joan Bickel who lives in Dallas TX. She has been diagnosed with brain cancer. She is Erica Nading's aunt.
- Ben Lloyd, Cheryl Humphrey's father, with serious health issues
- Iris Tilley, recuperating from a recent fall
- Gilbert Lee in Prince George, VA, who recently had surgery for cancer. He is Richard Lee's father
- Maria Guerrero, mother in-law of Alejandro Rivas, Duke intern, as she deals with terminal illness.

- Herbert and JoAnn Cates, both with health issues. They are members of Walnut Grove UMC.
- Jerry Forrester, bilateral lung cancer
- Liz Matthews, friend of Katie Whitaker
- Debbie Langdale diagnosed with stage 5 kidney disease, waiting for transplant. Friend of John and Brooke Sherron
- Kelly Schoch, with brain cancer. She is co-worker of Erica Nading
- Kathy Kimrey with health concerns. She is the sister-in-law of Lorraine Hines and Pam Kimrey.

Send A Card

Carol Gerbracht (Thinking of You/Get Well), 7004 Pendleton Place, Hillsborough, NC 27278.

Birthdays

Friday 10/3 – John Randolph Oakley

Saturday 10/4 – Michael Burton, Jr., Cody Berezny, Logan Horton

Sunday 10/5 – Ashley Parker Conway

Monday 10/6 – Audrey Whitaker

Tuesday 10/7 – Daniel Bledsoe, Judy Parker, Katy Dow Feifs, Rob Smith

Wednesday 10/8 – Faydean Cannada

Thursday 10/9 – Erica Nading

Friday 10/10 – Ken Cecil

Saturday 10/11 – Leila Compton, Jolinda Swiggett, Cheryl Humphrey, Linda Reynolds,
Eddie Rutledge

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 5th

Acolytes: Isaac Conway/Kinsleigh Dillard

Greeters: Kennedy Dunlap/Courtney Humphrey

Ushers: Toni Shaw/Pat Beck

Scripture: Lorraine Parker

Nursery: Erica Smith/Cathy Boling

Trustee Open/Close: Jacob Blankenship

Communion Servers: Rick & Beverly Huey

Financial Rep: Judy Butler

PM Nursery: Cheryl L Parker/Leigh McFalls

October 12th

Acolytes: Isabella Conway/Gracie Hall

Greeters: Beverly Huey/Anita James

Ushers: Jimmy & Brenda Berry

Scripture: Cheryl L Parker

Nursery: Judy Butler/Debby Donnelly/Kennedy Dunlap

Trustee Open/Close: Mike Roberts

Financial Rep: Brenda Berry

PM Nursery: Mandy Kemnitz/Cathy Boling

Mowing Schedule

October 4- Phil Hines

October 11- Jimmy Berry

October 25- Todd Harris

October 18- Bruce Richardson

November 1- Mike Parker

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

Upcoming Happenings

Saturday, October 4 Cook Day for Harvest Festival (beef/pork)

Sunday, October 5 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
1K for 1Kid after church/Methodist Home for Children
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm - 7:00pm Kids Krew, Youth, Adult Bible Study, Nursery

Tuesday, October 7 7:00pm Men's Group

Wednesday, October 8 10:30am Mary Martha Busy Ladies (Lunch at The Verdict)
6:30pm Worship Band
7:00pm Worship Choir

Sunday, October 12 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
10:45am Children's Church
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm - 7:00pm Kids Krew, Youth, Adult Bible Study, Nursery

Wednesday, October 15 6:30pm Worship Band
7:00pm Worship Choir

Thursday, October 16 Set-up pots

Friday, October 17 8:00am Potatoes/onions prep and lunch

Saturday, October 18



Sunday, October 19 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service / Laity Sunday

Monday, October 20 6:30pm Covenant Council meeting

Tuesday, October 21 7:00pm Men's Group

Wednesday, October 22 7:00pm Worship Choir

Fri-Sat., October 24-25 Walnut Grove Crafters

Sunday, October 26 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
10:45am Children's Church
4:00-6:00pm Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 29 6:30pm Worship Band
7:00pm Worship Choir

See You Sunday!!