In a Nutshell November 6, 2026

The Children

Mark 10:13-16

> *People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.*

I'd like to take a moment with this scene and see something new – Jesus was a man the children were happy to be with.

Has anyone else here had or known a child who would not go to anyone, ever, without a complete meltdown that left all parties sweating and regretting?? For sure some of us have, myself included.

The parents in this story wanted to bring their babies to be touched by Jesus. He wanted them to come to him. He gathered them up, hugged them, laughed with them, laid his warm hand on their sweet heads and spoke blessings over them.

It speaks to what it felt like to be around Jesus, that little ones were happy to be in his lap and look up into his face, and parents carried children who-knows-how-far to make this happen.

Thanks be to God for this gift of Jesus. We are so grateful.

Oh what a savior!
Isn't he wonderful?!
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen!

~ O Come to the Altar

~ Lindy Thompson

Pray

God, we are humbled and thankful for the beautiful gift of Jesus. May we never stop seeking and encountering. Amen.

~Shared by Leigh McFalls

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Looking Ahead to Sunday Worship

Scripture for Sunday: Mark 9:30-37

Sermon Title**:** *How To Become Great*

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

November Special Services

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

This Sunday, 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.

Methodist Home for Children

Love and hope.

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Methodist Home for Children, we believe these are the two most powerful forces in the world. Invested in a child, these forces can change the course of a life – even generations that follow.

Your gifts make this happen. Sometimes siblings need new parents. Sometimes teens need new hope and new behaviors. Sometimes adults need to coping and parenting techniques. Sometimes preschoolers need extra care.

We work so that all in our care – children and families – are equipped for a healthy, self-sufficient, and productive life. Learn more at 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.

On November 29th, we will celebrate our Hanging of the Greens Service. Please join us at 10:30am as we officially usher in the season of Advent with our annual Hanging of the Greens service! This celebration is a beloved tradition where we prepare our sanctuary and our hearts for the coming of Christ. Together, we will sing carols, listen to scripture, and learn about the deep Christian symbols behind our seasonal decorations—from the everlasting life of the pine garlands to the hope lit within the Advent wreath.

For more information or to get involved in this very special service, contact Stephanie Smith at 919-812-8901 or sharris1220@gmail.com

Harvest Festival News

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.

Pat and Stephanie
919-812-8737

Did You Know That…

…we have a collection of jigsaw puzzles at the church? Everyone is welcome to borrow a puzzle to take home and enjoy. They are located on one of the benches in the fellowship hall. If you have completed puzzles at home that you no longer need/want, please consider donating them to the church's collection so others can enjoy them, too. Now you know!

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. We'd love for you to be part of this. Your submissions are welcome and encouraged! You might just learn something new.

Blood Drive

Little River Presbyterian Church will be hosting a blood drive on Friday, November 13th from 12:00-5:00pm at 4211 Little River Church Road, Hurdle Mills, NC 27541.

Music Ministry Update

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.

Sunday Night Gatherings – Only 2 left



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

- Family of John James who passed away earlier this week. He is the husband of Anita James and father of Michael James.
- Edith Roberts with a fractured pelvis. She is the 98 years young aunt of Pam Kimrey.
- Mark Lynch with major health issues. He is Jane Sparks' brother.
- Brenda Moser of Timberlake, has been battling cancer (Tina Brook's aunt)
- 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.

Send A Card

Anita James (Sympathy), 4904 Green Riley Road, Rougemont, NC 27572

Edith Roberts (Thinking of You), c/o Sherry Wall, 1217 Olin Road, Cedar Grove, NC 27231

Quilts

Brenda Moser from Timberlake who is battling cancer. Tina Brooks is her niece.

Edith Roberts from Cedar Grove has a broken pelvis received from a fall. She is at Peak Resources - Brookshire in Hillsborough. Mrs. Robert is the aunt of Pam Kimrey and the mother of Dickie, Kenneth, and Sherry.

Walter Long from Roxboro who is having heart surgery soon. He is a friend of Sue and Ed Powell and Kara and Mike Roberts.

(The prayer quilts will be at the front of the sanctuary on Sunday. You're invited to tie a knot and say a prayer before or after the service.)

Birthdays

Sunday 11/8 – Randy Elliott, Bailey Rath, Holt Comer, Meg Merritt
Monday 11/9 – Jane Clapp
Tuesday 11/10 – Austin Glenn, Cameron Pope, Matt Baker
Thursday 11/12 – Ashley James
Friday 11/13 – Carter Holleman, Rick Lockamy, Gail Smith
Saturday 11/14 – Beverly Huey, Linda Sheppard

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

November 8th

Acolytes: Corbin Smith/Isaac Conway
Greeters: Clay & Cheryl S Parker
Ushers: Brenda Berry/Tina Brooks
Scripture: Tina Brooks
Nursery: Lorraine Hines/Courtney Humphrey/Aubrey Nading
Trustee Open/Close: Patty Maseth
Financial Rep: Brenda Berry
PM Nursery: Ashley Parker/Cheryl L Parker

November 15th

Acolytes: Isabella Conway/Wyatt James
Greeters: Tyler & Stephanie Smith
Ushers: Jenny Blalock/Margaret Anne Dow
Scripture: Rick Huey
Nursery: Pam Kimrey/Ashley Parker
PM Nursery: Cathy Boling/Lorraine Hines
Trustee Open/Close: Daniel Johnson
Financial Rep: Emma Beckham

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

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) 4:30pm 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!!