

In a Nutshell

May 29, 2026

Let's welcome our new summer intern, Douglas Bunting. Please introduce yourself to him after worship and make him feel welcome here at Walnut Grove UMC.

Douglas is a first-year Master of Divinity student at Duke. He is fascinated by Scripture, both as a literary masterpiece and as God's word for his people. Accordingly, Douglas is an inquiring candidate in the Virginia Conference seeking ordination as an Elder.

Douglas loves long, deep conversations about anything, whether it be Scripture, music, or sharks. He loves walks, musicals, books, cooking, and above all, spending time with his wife. Originally from Williamsburg, Virginia, Douglas lives in Durham with his wife, Joanna, and their four cats: Sisko, Sulu, Soji, and Geordi.

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Looking Ahead to Sunday Worship

Scripture for Sunday: Genesis 1:1-2:4

Sermon Title: *In The Beginning*

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

Lori James Freeland Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to Tucker Brian Dillard on being selected as this year's recipient of the Lori James Freeland Memorial Scholarship. This achievement is a testament to his academic and sports dedication as well as his hard work. We are proud of his success and look forward to his future accomplishments. Please enjoy this well-deserved honor.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found box is located in the hallway between the Pastor's and secretary's offices. It is a green plastic basket on the bottom shelf of the table. If you are missing an item, please check it. If you find an item, please leave it there.

5th Sunday Fun

This Sunday, May 31 is our next 5th Sunday OCIM Challenge. Please help us to help this very worthy cause.

Join us at 9:00am for Doughnuts/Coffee provided by the Methodist Men and then at 9:30am in the fellowship hall for one combined Sunday School class for a fun time of learning together. At 10:30am we will have our 5th Sunday SongFest during Worship service.

Thank you for all you do for Walnut Grove UMC and OCIM.



Fifth Sunday OCIM challenge

dry beans, cans of fruit, mayonnaise, mustard, jelly, peanut butter, diced tomatoes, They are also in need of toothpaste, toothbrushes, and toilet paper.

Popsicles and Prayers – June 7th



Where? : Outside
At Church

popsicles and prayers

Sunday, June 7th,
July 5th, and
August 2nd from 4-
5:30 PM

Vacation Bible School – Calling All Cooks!!

We are excited for Vacation Bible School from June 14-17. We are looking for volunteers to help provide meals. If you would be willing to prepare or donate a meal, please sign up on the VBS bulletin board in the fellowship hall as soon as possible. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps make VBS a success for our children and volunteers. Thank you for supporting our church and our VBS ministry.

Summer Camp – OCP Week at Camp Chestnut Ridge



**ORANGE
COOPERATIVE
PARISH
WEEK**

@ CAMP CHESNUT RIDGE

JULY 19-24

FAMILIES CAN REGISTER AT THE
ONLINE PORTAL HERE:
[HTTPS://WWW.ULTRACAMP.CO
M/CLIENTLOGIN.ASPX?
IDCAMP=596&CAMPCODE=CRD](https://www.ultracamp.com/clientlogin.aspx?IDCAMP=596&CAMPCODE=CRD)
YOUR \$50 DISCOUNT CODE IS:
OCP. IT CAN BE APPLIED TO
ANY OF THE WEEK 6 CAMPS.

You can use this link to register:
[campchestnutridgeregistration](https://www.ultracamp.com/clientlogin.aspx?IDCAMP=596&CAMPCODE=CRD)

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 Wayne Berry who recently passed away.
- 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. Mike Sykes and Pat Sykes with health concerns
- Kathy Matthews recovering from a fall. She is a friend of Kim McColman.
- Gene Parker who has ongoing health concerns and was recently discharged from the hospital. His wife, Kay Parker, is a member of WGIMC.
- Family of Dorothy Young. She was Amy Holleman's mother.
- Jaxson Bates injured in a traffic accident. He is a friend of Mary Emma Roberts.
- Barb Atz from Hopwood, PA who recently had triple by-pass surgery. She is a friend of Emma Beckham.
- 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.
- Sam Woods, who is facing health issues.
- Wayne Dewberry, who is facing surgery after a recent fall.
- Scott Hackler with cancer diagnosis. He is a friend of Jolinda Swiggett.
- Angela Lloyd from Efland, NC who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Angela is the wife of Craig Lloyd and is the sister-in-law of Cheryl Humphrey.
- Herbert and JoAnn Cates, particularly JoAnn at this time, but both have health issues. They are members of our church family.

- Lynwood 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.
- Rick Johnson with health issues. He is friends with Judy Butler and many other church members.
- David Leonard having complications from surgery. He is the dad of a friend of Faith Parker.
- 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.
- 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 5/29 – Chance Murray

Saturday 5/30 – Susan Rimmer

Sunday 5/31 – Kim Horton

Tuesday 6/2 – Caitlin Parker

Wednesday 6/3 – Karen Preston

Thursday 6/4 – Chase Perkins, Charles Treis

Friday 6/5 – Bruce Ford, Betty Watkins

Saturday 6/6 – Bruce Richardson

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

May 31st

Acolytes: Callie Smith/Eleanor Whitaker

Greeters: Grace Dunlap/Kennedy Dunlap

Ushers: Isaac Conway/Grayson Nading

Scripture: Grace Dunlap

Nursery: Tina Walker/Debby Donnelly

Financial Rep: Judy Butler

Trustee Open/Close: Daniel Johnson

June 7th

Acolytes: Michael Roberts/Corbin Smith
Greeters: Courtney Humphrey/Patty Maseth
Ushers: Faith Parker/Aubrey Nading
Scripture: Kennedy Dunlap
Nursery: Pam Kimrey/Grace Dunlap
Financial Rep: Lou Rutledge
Trustee Open/Close: Cheryl Humphrey
Communion Servers: Kennedy Dunlap/Krystal Robinson

Mowing Schedule

May 30 - Mike Parker
June 06 - Clay Parker
June 13 - Barry Walker
June 20 - Phil Hines
June 27- Johnny & Shirley Clayton

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., May 29-30	Walnut Grove Crafters
Sunday, May 31	9:00am Doughnuts/Coffee for everyone!! (provided by Methodist Men) 9:30am Sunday School Opening - Joint Sunday School (Adults) 10:30am Worship Service
Monday, June 1	11am Membership Committee meeting
Wednesday, June 3	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Sunday, June 7	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 4:00-5:30pm Popsicles and Prayers
Tuesday, June 9	7:00pm Methodist Men
Wednesday, June 10	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Sunday, June 14	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church

Sun-Wed, June 14-17	5:15 - 6:00pm Dinner 6:00 – 7:30pm - Vacation Bible School
Wednesday, June 17	7:30pm Worship Band and Worship Choir
Sunday, June 21	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service
Sun-Fri, June 21-26	Children @ Lake Junaluska
Tues-Fri, June 23-26	Youth @ Breakaway
Tuesday, June 23	7:00pm Methodist Men
Fri-Sat., June 26-27	Walnut Grove Crafters
Sunday, June 28	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church
Monday, June 29	6:30pm Covenant Council meeting

See You Sunday!!