

This coming week, the Southern Baptist Convention will meet in Orlando. There is a blue billboard put out by Baptist Women in Ministry in Orlando that has been making a splash on Facebook that shares "God calls women to pastor, preach, and minister." It quotes Matthew 28:8 and Acts 2:17-18.

Not all Baptist churches are Southern Baptist and some churches that don't have Southern Baptist in their title are Southern Baptist. Oddly enough, the church that helped start the Southern Baptist Convention, First Baptist of Augusta, GA is no longer Southern Baptist.

The church I was part of until I was eight was Southern Baptist and is now Cooperative Baptist. However, I don't remember a day when women were not serving as ushers, deacons, missionaries, and pastors. I'm grateful for wonderful clergywomen and clergymen who lead and encourage.

I wonder sometimes how my life would be different if the role of clergy for women had not been normalized for me. I saw women regularly leading in the church. Our baptismal vows remind us of our call to guide and support each other as we are formed in Christian faith.

Fast forward decades later, I remember doing a funeral years ago (not in Orange County). Someone typed up "clergyman" with my name beside it. Not so fast! Theology matters. I give thanks for a church that values speaking into the fullness of God's love and calling for all people.

Perhaps that is one reason this year feels especially meaningful. This year in the United Methodist Church, we celebrate seventy years of ordaining women. From a recent news article in United Methodist News, the decision was informed by "a theological claim that Methodists acknowledged: The Spirit's gifts are not gendered, and the call of God does not become real only when men certify it." Scripture supports women in ministry, and local churches support clergywomen and their families. Our current bishop, assistant to the bishop, and district superintendent are all female, a first for me in ministry.

As we celebrate seventy years of clergywomen in the United Methodist Church, may we give thanks for those who have answered God's call despite barriers. May we continue working toward a church where every person can faithfully respond to God's call to pastor, preach, and minister. I invite you to think of ways you might celebrate clergywomen this year as we give thanks for the seventieth anniversary of ordaining women in the United Methodist Church. Give thanks in prayer for a clergy sister who has touched your life. Learn more about clergywomen and the history that has both empowered and hindered progress. Let us consider ways to live into this call for justice where there is still much good to be done. God calls us forward to support each other in our calls to ministry. May we continue to lift up the gifts God has given and strengthen one another in Christ.

Resources:

United Methodist Commission on the Status and Role of Women

~Pastor Laura

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Looking Ahead to Sunday Worship

Scripture for Sunday: Matthew 9:9-13; 18-26

Sermon Title: *Stepping Forward*

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

Popsicles and Prayers – June 7th

Join us for a fun-filled time of fellowship! Come enjoy a sweet treat, spend time with friends, and grow together in faith. We'll have popsicles, crafts, games, and activities. Everyone is invited for an evening of fun, laughter, and encouragement as we gather in prayer and community. We hope to see you there!



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 the meal on Wednesday night (June 17). All other days are covered. If you would be willing to prepare or donate the meal on Wednesday, 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.

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.

OCIM Update

OCIM's current needs are:

saltine crackers, mayonnaise, cans of chicken noodle soup, mixed vegetables, green peas, and pork-n-beans, jars of pasta sauce (any variety), and apple sauce.

Walnut Grove has donated 916 pounds of food to OCIM since January. Thank you so much for your support of OCIM and our community.

Water Aerobic/Exercise

If you're interested in exercising and like the water, come join our aerobic/exercise class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 beginning this month of June. The class is at my home on Wilkerson Road, a few miles from the church. I offer the class for free. So, if you want to have a fun time and benefit from water movement, give me a call at 919-619-2294.

Linda Reynolds

Summer Camp – OCP Week at Camp Chestnut Ridge

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



**ORANGE
COOPERATIVE
PARISH
WEEK**

@ CAMP CHESNUT RIDGE

JULY 19-24

FAMILIES CAN REGISTER AT THE
ONLINE PORTAL HERE:
[HTTPS://WWW.ULTRACAMP.COM/CLIENTLOGIN.ASPX?
IDCAMP=596&CAMP CODE=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.

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

- Herbert Cates, recovering from car accident and other health concerns. He is a member of our church family.
- JoAnn Cates with health issues. She is a member of our church family.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.

Quilt

Kimmie Willet Miller from Hurdle Mills. She is recovering from health issues. Kimmie is the wife of Worth Miller.

(The prayer quilt 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

Friday 6/5 – Bruce Ford, Betty Watkins

Saturday 6/6 – Bruce Richardson

Sunday 6/7 – Krystal Robinson, Ashley Morgan, Kyndel Kimrey McKinney

Monday 6/8 – Shirley Clayton, Brian Cates

Tuesday 6/9 – Brooke Sherron

Wednesday 6/10 – Iris Tilley

Thursday 6/11 – Henry Ashley

Saturday 6/13 – Kinsleigh Dillard, Michelle Latta

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](#)

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[Website](#)

Serving in Worship

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: Mike Roberts
Communion Servers: Kennedy Dunlap/Krystal Robinson

June 14th

Acolytes: Anna Robinson/Magnus Kemnitz
Greeters: Ashley Parker/Mary Emma Roberts
Ushers: Barry & Cheryl L Parker
Scripture: Grace Dunlap
Nursery: Margaret Williams/Lorraine Hines/Kennedy Dunlap
Financial Rep: Emma Beckham
Trustee Open/Close: Cheryl Humphrey

Mowing Schedule

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

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!!