

"Jesus is the Christ present as the Crucified and as the risen one," wrote Bonhoeffer in *Christ The Center*. This is the time we see this play out during Holy Week. We begin with Palm/Passion Sunday this coming Sunday. We'll have an Easter Egg Hunt at 4:30 PM with a hotdog supper and movie. On Maundy Thursday, we will eat again, celebrating with a potluck Mediterranean meal followed by a worship service at 7:15 with Rev. Judson Dunlap presiding.

Easter morning, we'll celebrate the risen savior at our sunrise service at 7 AM out by the three crosses outdoors with our newest staff member, Lauren Birch, presiding. We'll continue the celebration with breakfast following the sunrise service and an Easter Cantata at 10:30 AM to worship and sing Alleluias to our risen king. During Holy Week, I invite you to continue in the monthly schedule of prayers for the people and situations in our world with holy readings. Join in reading:

Monday- Mark 11:12-19

Tuesday - Mark 11:20- 13:37

Wednesday - Mark 14:1-11

Thursday- Mark 14:25-52

Friday - Mark 14:53- 15:47

Holy Saturday- prayers for peace

May the Holy Spirit guide you to experience the presence of God both as the crucified and risen one this coming week. Blessings, beloved! – Pastor Laura

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Music Ministry Update

Palm Sunday - March 24th

During the 10:30am worship service, we will celebrate Palm Sunday while we sing and wave our palm leaves. The Hallelujah Kids will add to the morning excitement as they process into the sanctuary waving palms and offer a special song. Come, receive your blessing and be a part of the throng!

Easter Sunday - March 31st

On this Sunday, during the 10:30am worship service, the Worship Choir will present the Easter cantata, "Is He Worthy?".

Remaining rehearsals are as follows:

Wednesday 3/20 at 7:30pm.

Sunday 3/24 at 4:00pm

(Weekly practices are still at 7:00pm.)

Wednesday 3/27 at 7:00pm

Saturday 3/30 at 9:30am

Come and celebrate the Risen Lord!

Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt



Bring your friends and family and join us at 4:30 on March 24th for an Easter celebration and egg hunt! We will play games, hunt eggs and enjoy a movie. We will also have a hot dog supper after the hunt.

We will be collecting stuffed eggs (stuffed with candy, small toys or prizes) in the fellowship hall in marked tubs. There are also unfilled plastic eggs you may take to fill up. Please have them back at church by Sunday morning, March 24.


If you are interested in leading a game, helping serve dinner or in another way, please reach out to Ashley Parker 919.475.5211

Maundy Thursday

Join us Thursday 3/28 as we gather for a meal and service for Maundy Thursday. Please bring Mediterranean items to share for the meal.

“Do this in remembrance of me”

Maundy Thursday



March 28, 2024

6:30pm
Mediterranean meal in fellowship hall,
please bring something to share

7:15pm
Service in the sanctuary

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Prayers

You are invited to join us on this journey of prayer in 2024 as we strengthen our prayer lives together each and every day. We know the power of prayer in our lives and in our world. God continues to heal, perform miracles, and offer grace and mercy in unexpected ways. We give thanks for the ways the Holy Spirit moves among us. We'll have a new list each month with prayer prompts for us each to grow in our intercessory prayers and broaden our circles to those we might not consider in our daily prayers. Use this list, pass it on, and let it guide you closer to others and to God in 2024!

March Prayers

March 1- Those working in nursing homes

March 2- Pilots & Flight Attendants

March 3- Nutritionists

March 4- Those struggling with health issues

March 5- World Leaders

March 6- Reduction in Arms Proliferation

March 7- Places with Political Unrest

March 8- Women Around the World (International Women's Day)

March 9- Pioneers in the Christian Faith

March 11 - Our Praise Team

March 13- That we live out our baptismal vows of - prayers, presence, prayers, gifts, service, and witness

March 14 - Those with vision problems

March 16- Missionaries

March 18- Those on the church bulletin prayer list

March 19- Lay Servants

March 20- Our Duke Intern, Lauren

March 21-- Those who are ordained as Deacon in the UMC

March 22- Our Farmers

March 23- Theologians and Seminary Professors

March 24- All who attend worship on Palm Sunday and the Easter egg hunt

March 25- Mark 11:12-19 - Holy Monday Prayerful Reading

March 26 - Mark 11:20-13:37 - Holy Tuesday Prayerful Reading

March 27- Mark 14:1-11 - Spy Wednesday Prayerful Reading

March 28- Mark: 14: 26-52- Maundy Thursday Prayerful Reading

March 29th -Mark 14:53-15:47 - Good Friday Prayerful Reading

March 30th- Holy Saturday Peace

March 31st-Easter Joy - Christ Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!



March 10- Choir

March 12- Finance Committee

March 15- Cashiers in local stores

March 17- Prayer of St. Patrick

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project

First of all, I thank you for contributing items for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project in 2023. With your help, Walnut Grove UMC filled 200 shoeboxes in 2023.

This year, we hope to collect items in various phases to be a bit more organized. In March and April, we are focusing on PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 10-14. I have attached a link to an Amazon Wish List for ideas and ease of shipping and delivery directly to me. As an alternative, this Wishlist can be used as a guide for suggested items. If you prefer not to shop, but would like to donate, funds can be given directly to me and I'll shop for you or you can make a check payable to Walnut Grove UMC with reference to be applied to OCC.

REMEMBER, NO toothpaste, liquids or glass items can go in the shoeboxes.

View list on Amazon at

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ETO503TP5MYH/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2

Thank you in advance for your participation and may God Bless you.

Jeanne Crabtree Walnut Grove UMC

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Tithes and Offerings

We have four 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 online giving app "Vanco Mobile".

JOYS & CONCERNS

Prayer List

- Jerry Smith with serious health issues.
- Family of Carlye Carr who passed away on March 8th
- Bailey Thornton with serious health issues. He is a relative of Barbara Hawkins.
- Sandy Combs (health issues). She is Kim Combs' mother.
- Betty Sue Hyder (health issues). Margaret Williams' sister and Sharyn Gates' aunt
- Wahome Mwangi - serious condition
- Debbie Smith who recently had back surgery. She is Tyler Smith's mom
- Herring Family (Linda and husband Dortch), Dortch has been in Duke Hospital for several weeks with dementia while they try to find him a permanent facility to go to. Dortch is Jane Sparks' brother-in-law.
- Pat Sykes
- Debbie Haywood (cancer treatments), friend of Ann and Bruce Richardson.
- Dana Kimrey. He is the brother of Lorraine Hines.

From The Mailbox



Thank you to our friends and church family who sent birthday cards and wishes to our Uncle Claude for his 100th birthday.

~Brenda and Jimmy Berry

Upcoming Birthdays

Friday 3/22 – Kathie Brown, James Clayton, Marjorie Spruill

Saturday 3/23 – Melinda Marlette, Charles Treis

Monday 3/25 – Jimmy Berry

Wednesday 3/27 – Jack Holleman, Candace Young, Jacob Machtolff

Friday 3/29 – Abbie Rath, Kaylee Markle, Gabriel Parker

Saturday 3/30 – Sharyn Gates

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

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Serving in Worship

March 24th

Acolytes: Isabella Conway/Gracie Hall

Greeters: Brenda & Jimmy Berry

Ushers: Cheryl L & Barry Parker

Nursery: Katie Whitaker/Courtney Humphrey

Scripture: Grace Dunlap

Trustee Open/Close: Patty Maseth

March 31st

Acolytes: Isaac Conway/Kennedy Dunlap

Greeters: Patty Maseth/Debby Donnelly

Ushers: Mike Roberts/Pat Beck

Nursery: Faith Parker/Margaret Williams

Trustee Open/Close: Sharyn Gates

Mowing Schedule

March 30 – Chuck Davis

April 6 – Scott Humphrey

April 13 – Barry Walker

April 20 – Johnny & Shirley Clayton

April 27 - Chris Boling

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

Friday-Sat., March 22-23 Walnut Grove Crafters

Sunday, March 24

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Worship Service

10:45am Children's Church

4:00pm Worship Choir (Easter)

4:30pm Easter Egg Hunt w/hot dog supper to follow for everyone

Wednesday, March 27

7:00pm Worship Choir (Easter)

Thursday, March 28

6:30pm Maundy Thursday Meal

7:15pm Maundy Thursday Service

Saturday, March 30

9:30am Worship Choir final rehearsal

Sunday, March 31

7:00am Sunrise Service w/breakfast to follow for everyone

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Easter Worship Service

The Worship Choir presents the cantata, "Is He Worthy?"

Wednesday, April 3

7:00pm Worship Choir

Sunday, April 7

9:30am Sunday School Opening

10:30am Worship Service

Monday, April 8	6:30pm Covenant Council meeting
Wednesday, April 10	11:30am Mary Martha Busy Ladies – Bennett Pointe Grill 6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Fri-Sat, April 12-13	WG Game Night and Youth Lock-in
Sunday, April 14	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children’s Church
Wednesday, April 17	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Sunday, April 21	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service After Church Lauren – Lunch Around The World and 2:00 – 4:00pm Rise Against Hunger
Wednesday, April 24 20	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Friday-Sat., April 26-27	Walnut Grove Crafters
Sunday, April 28	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children’s Church
See You Sunday!!	