

I am thankful for Christian brothers and sisters in Christ. If we walked this road alone, it would be very lonely. We all have needs and burdens that we cannot carry alone. It is such a blessing when someone says, "I am praying for you." The other blessing is when you get the privilege to pray for others in need. We who are believers have a common bond in Jesus Christ. He is the One who holds us together and gives us love for one another. The ground is level at the cross and when we come to Jesus, we are all on equal footing.

When we pray one for another, we are giving one of the best gifts that can be given. As our love for Jesus Christ grows, so will our love for one another grow.

I want to thank all of you for your kind support and encouraging words. Your prayers mean more than words can say. May God bless all of you and keep you in His loving care.

Numbers 6:24-26

24 The Lord bless you and keep you;

25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Proverbs 17:17

A friend loves at all times, and kinsfolk are born to share adversity.

~Shared by Kim Combs

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Harvest Festival 2023

We're planning a follow up meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and record specifics, talk about what areas we could improve upon and what worked well, plus make some notes while it's mostly fresh on our minds.

I want to thank you all for everything you did to make this years' Harvest Festival the success that it was. I appreciate all of you.

If you can't make the meeting but have something to offer, feel free to submit it to someone who's coming, or me!

Everyone is invited!

Cheryl S. Parker

HF Team 23

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Music Ministry Update

This Sunday, October 29th, we will have our quarterly SONGFEST during the 10:30 service. We will be singing lots of songs, all of which you have requested. If we don't sing your request, stay tuned for the next 5th Sunday SONGFEST on December 31st (and the Sundays in-between). If you would like to request a song, add it to the Song Request sheet on the music stand outside the door to the choir room in the Fellowship Hall. We'll see (and hear) you on Sunday!

Adult Christmas Program Rehearsals

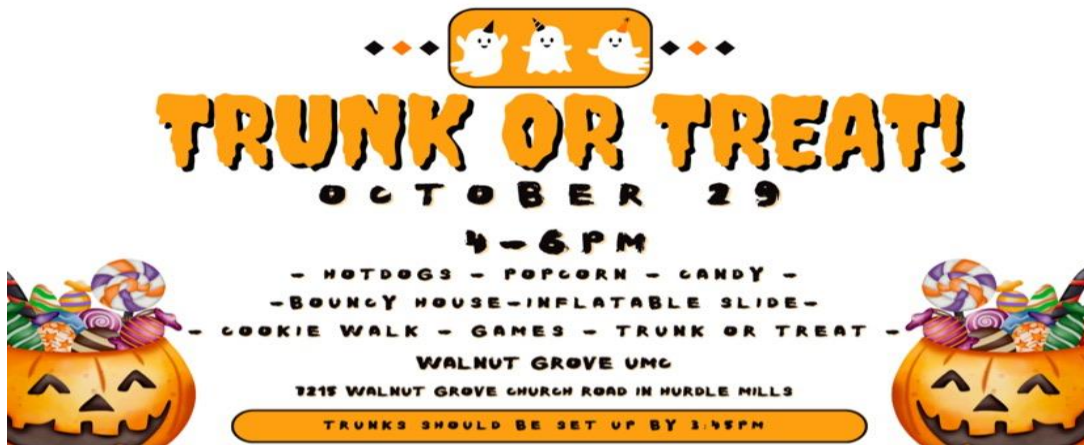
We will begin practice on Sunday, Nov. 5th at 4:30pm. Rehearsals will continue on Sunday afternoons thru early December. We will also practice on Wednesday nights around 7:30pm (after finishing our weekly Sunday music). The program will be on Sunday, Dec. 17th during the 10:30am service.

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsals

We will begin practice on Sunday, Nov. 5th at 6:00pm. Rehearsals will continue on Sunday afternoons thru early December. The program will be on Sunday, Dec. 24th during the 10:30am service.

For more information, contact Leigh McFalls at 919-818-3317 or leighmcfalls@gmail.com.

Trunk or Treat and Hot Dog Supper



Join us for one of our fall favorites on Sunday October 29th from 4pm-6pm

We will have decorated trunks, hot dog supper, popcorn, candy, cookie walk, games and a bouncy house.

If you want to decorate your trunks, please let Stephanie Smith know and have them ready by 3:45pm that day.

We are in need of donated items for dinner and candy. We will have a sign up in the fellowship hall, please see Ashley Parker for questions about food.

Local School Needs at Pathways Elementary

Winter Clothing (all sizes)

Smaller boys' /girls' shoes

Water Bottles

Individually Wrapped Snacks

Individually Wrapped Candy

Thank you for helping those in need in our community. You can drop these items off at church and we will get them to the school!

Mary Martha Busy Ladies November Meeting

We will gather at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8th, to prepare meals for delivery to our senior partners. Desserts are needed.

Lunch With Lauren

Consider taking our intern this year out to lunch after church. Lauren can learn more about the ministries and life of Walnut Grove through your sharing stories and food together. You can sign up on one of the available Sundays by clicking the link below. Thank you for supporting all that she is doing for the church and her call to ministry.

[Meal Time with Lauren](#)

Operation Christmas Child

To my Walnut Grove UMC Family, I am so blessed to be allowed to serve as WGUMC Project Leader for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project. I am excited to advise that with the funds previously donated, the items purchased and the time given by so many people, that we have already packed 150 shoeboxes. That is a YEA GOD!!!!!!

We still have items that can be packed this year and have ordered an additional 50 shoeboxes. If those boxes are not filled for 2023, we will use them next year.

Now, I am seeking donations to cover the shipping and related costs for the shoeboxes we have filled and now have ready to go to the Packing Centers in Boone and Charlotte.

The \$10 per shoebox cost, not only covers the cost of shipping, but helps train and equip local churches to use our Ministry Partner Guide. This resource shows churches how to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ in a child-friendly way.

Your \$10 donation also provides The Greatest Gift Gospel Booklets, which are written in the children's language and distributed along with shoebox gifts.

If you are led to help with the shipping costs, you may write a check to Samaritan's Purse Operation Children Child and give it to me OR you can make your donation to Walnut Grove UMC and note that it is to be designated for the OCC Project. These donations are needed prior to November 1, 2023.

In addition, several of our crafting ladies are planning to travel to the Packing Center in Boone in late November or early December to pack shoeboxes. If you are interested, please contact me immediately via phone or text at (919) 302-6924 for more details. There are limited spaces available!

Jeanne Crabtree, Project Leader

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

- Family of Allen Tidwell who passed away
- Beth Roberts, who was recently in a bad car accident. She is the daughter of Billie Roberts
- Families of Jenny Fritz. Friend of Heidi Gerbracht
- Billy Addison from Erwin, NC who has been diagnosed with mouth cancer. Cheryl Humphrey is asking for prayers for Billy.
- Pat Sykes
- Debbie Haywood (cancer treatments), friend of Ann and Bruce Richardson.
- Dana Kimrey. He is the brother of Lorraine Hines.

Quilts

1. Stevie James from the Caldwell Community who has been diagnosed with cancer. He is the father of Brandon James and a friend to many in our church community.
2. Louis June from Pilot Mountain, NC who has health issues due to cancer surgery. He is a friend of Billie Mayhew who is one of our Walnut Grove Crafters.
3. William M. Knight (Trey) from Rocky Mount, NC who is serving the Air Force will be receiving a military square. Trey is a nephew of Lori and Jay Berry.

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

From The Mailbox

Walnut Grove Prayers & Squares Ministry

I just wanted to thank you for Rocky's quilt. He put in on his recliner where everyone would see it. He thought his quilt was awesome. He used it daily and it meant so much to him. We continued to pray and tie knots. It is now placed on his pillow. Rocky felt that the purpose of his quilt showed how thoughtful you were. Rocky and I really appreciated it. But mostly we loved all the prayers that came with it. Please continue to pray for me and our family. He is missed more than you could imagine. Hopefully, with God's guidance we will eventually somewhat move forward.

God has wonderful ways of letting us know He's up to something good in our lives. And so often He does it through wonderful people like you.

Love & Prayers, Cathy Wilkerson, Brock, Wendy, Brittany, Marc, Allie, Ava & Wade

With Thanks,

The family of Jane Sparks wishes to thank the members of Walnut Grove who helped with the birthday party for Jane. The food you provided and assistance with set-up and clean-up helped to make the event enjoyable and memorable for all. Again thank you!

Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Julie Sparks and the family of Jane Sparks

Upcoming Birthdays

Friday 10/27 – Angela Wimberly, Jennifer Davis

Saturday 10/28 – Karen McCulloch, Morgan Walker, Tanner Wagoner

Sunday 10/29 – Jenny Blalock, Benny Bradsher, Amy Phelps

Monday 10/30 – Tanner Morgan

Friday 11/3 – Tommy Clayton, Richard McColman, Mike Parker, Debbie Wagoner

Saturday 11/4 – John Sherron

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

October 29th

Acolytes: Wyatt James/Anna Robinson

Greeters: Dan & LuAnne Bledsoe

Ushers: Dan & LuAnne Bledsoe

Nursery: Pam Kimrey/Ava Lee

Scripture: Kara Roberts

Trustee Open/Close: Joshua Rogers

November 5th

Acolytes: Isaac Conway/Corbin Smith

Greeters: Chris & Cathy Boling

Ushers: Pat Beck/Margaret Anne Dow

Nursery: Lorraine Hines/Mary Emma Roberts

Scripture Reader: Lorraine Parker

Communion Servers: Mike & Kara Roberts

Trustee Open/Close: Sharyn Gates

PM Nursery: Lorraine Hines/Cathy 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.

Mowing Schedule

October 28 – Scott Humphrey

We would like to thank all of the volunteers that kept the grounds around the church looking so nice this mowing season. Your service to Walnut Grove is sincerely appreciated.

Upcoming Happenings

Fri-Sat, October 27-28 Walnut Grove Crafters

Sunday, October 29 9:30am Sunday School Opening
 Joint Sunday School (Adults)
 10:30am SONGFEST Service
 4:00 – 6:00pm Trunk or Treat & Hot Dog Dinner

Monday, October 30 7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 1 6:30pm Worship Band
 7:00pm Worship Choir

Sunday, November 5 9:30am Sunday School
 10:30am Worship Service
 4:30pm Christmas Worship Choir
 5:30pm Dinner
 6:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study, Nursery

Monday, November 6 7:00pm SPRC Meeting

Tuesday, November 7 7:00pm Covenant Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 8 10:00am Mary Martha Busy Ladies
 6:30pm Worship Band
 7:00pm Worship Choir

Friday-Sunday, Nov 10-12 Pilgrimage

Sunday, November 12 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
10:45am Children's Church
4:30pm Christmas Worship Choir
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm KidsKrew, Bible Study, Nursery – (No Youth)

Monday, November 13 7:00pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, November 14 7:00pm Harvest Festival Meeting

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

Sunday, November 19 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
4:30pm Christmas Worship Choir
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study, Nursery



Thursday, November 23

Sunday, November 26 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
10:45am Children's Church
4:30pm Christmas Worship Choir
5:30pm Hallelujah Kids Play Practice

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

See You Sunday!!