

Harvest Festival News

It's the countdown to Harvest Festival. We have prayed for it, discussed it, made plans, advertised it, purchased ingredients and paper goods. We are ready and looking forward to a great day filled with fun, food and fellowship. There is one more food prep day for the onions and potatoes Friday at 8 am. Please bring your cutting board and favorite knife. We need about 40 people to help us cut up the potatoes. To show our appreciation lunch will be provided. Please come join us.

I want to remind you to move with the stew from stirring to cooling to packing. This method worked well last year. Please take your time packing the stew. Don't get over anxious and try to pack stew that is too hot. We will have plenty of packed stew to start selling at 11:30.

Please keep the traffic under the shelter, where the stew is cooking, to a minimum. It is a small space and the bubbling stew is hotter than hot.

You can bring your auction items in starting Friday morning. Everyone enjoys seeing the different items that will be auctioned off. We will have labels this year for food items designated for the auction. This and That table items that do not sell will remain in the Church til the next Sunday for purchase.

The T shirts are in Fellowship Hall they have been sorted and are ready for pick up. We have extras if you did not get one ordered. These monies go to help our youth group with activity expenses. Thank you for supporting them.

Stephanie, Cheryl, Brenda and I want to thank everyone for helping to support Harvest Festival. Thank you for your monetary donations, for showing up to cook days and meetings. Thank you for spreading the word to your family, friends and neighbors. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday when once again we can all enjoy that warm, aromatic, mixture of meats, veggies, and spices that we proudly call the Best Stew Ever.

Pat Beck and Stephanie Smih
919-812-8737

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Looking Ahead to Sunday Worship

Scripture for Sunday: Luke 17:11-19 - Sermon Title: *Make Me Aware*

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



Walnut Grove UMC HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday
October 17th

***This & That pre-priced table**

10:30-1:30

***Lunch & Take Out: 11:30**

***Live Auction: 1:30**

**BBQ: \$12.00 lb.
Stew: \$12.00 qt.**

LUNCH PLATES INCLUDE:

**BBQ, STEW, SLAW, HUSHPUPPIES,
DRINK AND A DESSERT**

ADULT PLATE: \$15.00

CHILD'S PLATE: \$6.00

8YRS AND YOUNGER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

7215 Walnut Grove Church Road

Schedule of events for Harvest Festival 2026

Friday, October 16, 2026

7:15 am...Men start potato peeling

8:00 am ...Potato prep

Lunch provided... need drinks/tea

Move meat/broth and other ingredients from freezer

3:30ish go to Bill Coles to help get meat on grill

Set up Fellowship Hall

- dessert area

-set up tables

Saturday October 17, 2026

5-5:30 am group to go to Bill Coles to help with meat

5:30 am meat and broth cooking begins

7 am stew stirrers arrive

8:30 am set up tents/tables/chairs outside as needed

9 am stew cool down and packers arrive

10 am start hushpuppy oil

11:30 start sale

Miscellaneous things to be done

Cut desserts and package (Lorraine H)

Tape floor in fellowship hall for traffic flow

put up Directional signs

put out parking lot cones

move boxes from Barn/modular to take-out tent

Fill up BBQ sauce bottles to sell

Thank You for your continued support of our Church,

Pat Beck and Stephanie Smith

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Here is a sneak peek at our quilts that will be available in the auction. Thank you to our quilters who work hard each year to have these ready to sell.



Sunday Night Gatherings

Sunday Night Fellowship

October 4, 11, 18 & November 1, 8 & 15

Dinner 5:15-6:00pm

Nursery/KidsKrew/Youth/Bible Study

6:00-7:00pm

*No dinner October 25



Walnut Grove UMC
7215 Walnut Grove Church Road
Hurdle Mills, NC 27541

Our Sunday Night Gatherings have started back up and we need your support! There are several opportunities left to serve our Walnut Grove families too! All proceeds from our Sunday night meals go into our Sunday night meal fund.

There will no Adult Bible Study this Sunday (10/18). The Adult Bible Study will resume on November 1st. We still have books available if you would like to join us. The book has sections or you to write in, so it will be yours to keep. Each book costs \$10. If the cost is a hindrance, please let Pastor Laura know, and we'll make it available for free.

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31ST

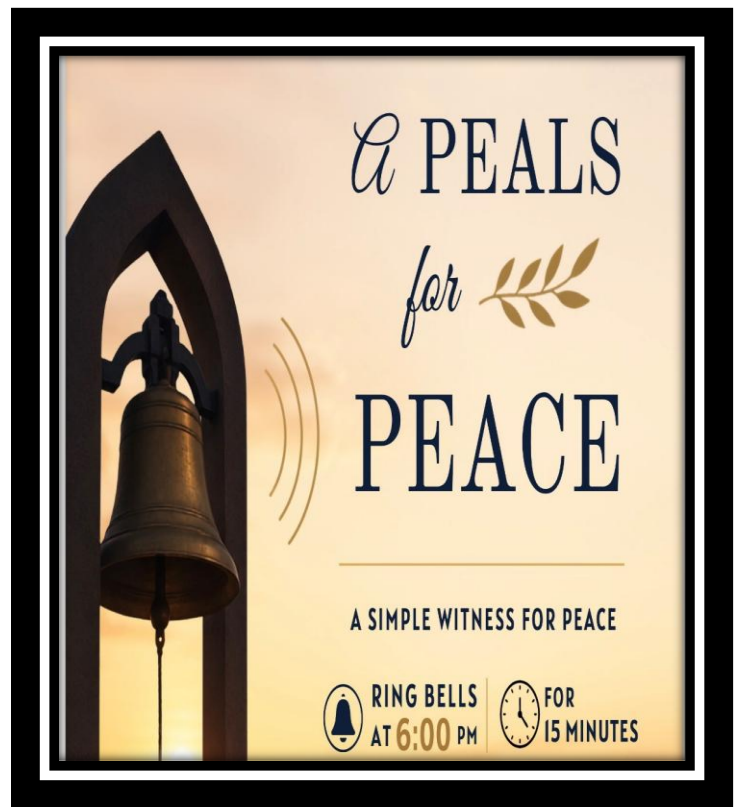
3-5 PM

GAMES, CANDY, POPCORN, AND MORE!

WALNUT GROVE UMC
7215 WALNUT GROVE CHURCH RD, HURDLE MILLS, NC 27541

A Peals for Peace

Monday evenings at 6:00pm through November 2nd churches around the country will continue to ring bells for 15 minutes. Our church bells will also ring for 15 minutes in solidarity with other places of faith throughout the country with a movement in solidarity with the NC Council of Churches to share a message of peace for our world. This message of peace speaks to the need for peace in our world, in our community and state, in our homes, and in our lives. This is to be a time to pause, listen, and pray. In a world often scarred by violence, division, and suffering, God calls us to be quick to listen and slow to speak (James 1:19). May God bring healing through this A Peals for Peace.



Please Help Us to Help Others

On Sept.27, 2024 Hurricane Helene devastated Western NC.

Two of the hardest hit and least funded areas were Mitchell and Yancey Counties. There are 585 families still needing assistance as they struggle to rebuild their homes and their lives.

Please join us Sat., Oct. 24, from 4-7pm for "Breakfast for Supper". In lieu of Little River Church's annual BBQ, plates will be filled with sausage, country ham, scrambled eggs, hash brown casserole, apples, buttery biscuit & preserves with coffee, tea, or milk.

Adults-\$12.00 Children 6 and under-\$6.00

All proceeds will go to support the "**Rebuilding Hollars Foundation**" working to rebuild homes and businesses in Mitchell and Yancey Counties.

There will also be two beautiful patch work quilts for auction.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Little River Presbyterian Church Congregation



Walnut Grove
United Methodist Church



Gathered in Grace



WOMEN'S GROUP

Thursday, November 5, 2026

Two Gatherings — Choose the Time That Works for You

10:00 a.m.

or

7:00 p.m.



A Gathering of Gratitude



Our November gathering will focus on
GRATITUDE — taking time to recognize
God's blessings, encourage one another,
and give thanks together.



**Please bring two or more
canned goods for OCIM**

*(you can get credit for your
Sunday School class).*



Light snacks will be provided.

RSVP by 10/31 to Sue Powell

at suepowell0504@gmail.com
text or call 919-819-0344



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

- Matthew Evans and family in the passing of his mother.
- Family of Laura Tilley Page who passed away. She was the sister of Linda Lovitte & aunt of Cathy Boling.
- 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, recovering from a fall. 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

Matthew Evans (Sympathy), 4615 Eno Cemetery Road, Cedar Grove, NC 27231

Linda and Linwood Lovitte (Sympathy in the passing of Linda's sister), 7715 Tilley Road, Hurdle Mills, NC 27541

Cathy Boling (Sympathy in the passing of her aunt), 7721 Tilley Road, Hurdle Mills, NC 27541

Faith Parker (Congratulations on graduation), 2122 Crossing Way, High Point, NC 27262

Erica and Sam Smith (Congratulations for the birth of Tatum Ann Smith), 3100 Edonia Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918

From The Mailbox

To our family at Walnut Grove,

We thank you so much for the beautiful signed card. It meant so much. Henry is doing much better. We are looking forward to coming to the Harvest Festival. We miss everyone,
Love, Henry and Iris Ashley

Birthdays

Friday 10/16 – Dave Gibbs

Saturday 10/17 – James Parker, William Berry, Jr., Kaitlin Burton

Sunday 10/18 – Ellen Johnson, Sarah Parker, Chris Adkins, Denise Ford

Monday 10/19 – Marian Houck, Cole Campbell

Tuesday 10/20 – Jane Sparks, Richard Lee

Wednesday 10/21 – Aaron Carter, C.J. Triplett

Thursday 10/22 – Isaac Conway, Laura Slater

Friday 10/23 – Debbie Albert, Sandra Albert, Adam Bordeaux, Josh Hines

Saturday 10/24 – Faith Parker, Walter Schrift

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

October 18th

Acolytes: Magnus Kemnitz/Samantha Johnson

Greeters: Ashley Parker/Patty Maseth

Ushers: Jimmy & Brenda Berry

Scripture: Judy Butler

Nursery: Cathy Boling/Stephanie Smith/Kennedy Dunlap

Trustee Open/Close: Johnny Clayton

Financial Rep: Judy Butler

October 25th

Acolytes: Wyatt James/Isabella Conway

Greeters: Stacey Spake/Mary Emma Roberts

Ushers: Chris & Cathy Boling

Scripture: Margaret Anne Dow

Nursery: Debby Donnelly/Grace Dunlap

Financial Rep: Rick Huey

Trustee Open/Close: Gary Spake

Mowing Schedule

October 17 - Mike Parker

October 24 - Clay Parker

October 31- Barry Walker

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

Friday, October 16

8:00am Harvest Festival potato & onion prep

Saturday, October 17



Sunday, October 18

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Worship Service

5:15pm Dinner

6:00pm KidsKrew/Youth (No Adult Bible Study)

Wed, October 21	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Fri-Sat., October 23-24	Walnut Grove Crafters
Sunday, October 25	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church 3:00pm SPRC Meeting No Sunday Night Fellowship activities
Wed, October 28	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Saturday, October 31	3:00-5:00pm Trunk or Treat



See You Sunday!!