

There are seasons in life when everything feels urgent and unsteady. Expectations pull at you from every direction, and it can be hard to find a moment to breathe—let alone rest.

I recently read Psalm 62:5–8, and it's been a grounding reminder for my own heart.

5 For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

7 On God rests my deliverance and my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

David doesn't rush past the pressure. He speaks directly to his soul and tells it to wait. Not strive. Not fix everything. Just wait on God.

This passage reminds us that our hope doesn't come from our plans, our preparation, or our performance. It comes from the Lord alone. He is our rock. Our salvation. Our fortress. The One who keeps us from being shaken when everything else feels uncertain.

And then there's that invitation at the end—to pour out our hearts before Him. Not polish them. Not filter them. Just bring them honestly to God, trusting that He is a refuge for us.

If your life burdens feel heavy right now, just remember you're not meant to carry them alone.

~~Shared by Kim Combs

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Looking Ahead to Sunday Worship

Scripture for Sunday: John 9:1-41

Title- When Suffering Doesn't Make Sense

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

Youth Visit to Judea Reform Congregation, March 13th

Youth and their families, join us Friday March 13th at 6pm for the 6pm Shabbat service at Judea Reform Congregation in Durham. This is a unique opportunity to experience fellowship with our Jewish brothers and sisters in faith. Please let Lauren know if you are planning to attend or have any questions at laurenwelch880@gmail.com

Sunday Night Meal RSVP

Please sign up if you plan to attend and eat a meal during our Sunday night fellowship! This helps our cooks prepare the right amount of food. [SundayNightMeals.RSVP](#)

Sunday Night Adults (Back to Basics - Christianity 101)

Back to Basics
CHRISTIANITY 101

No matter how long you've been in church, there's always more to learn! Join us Sunday nights as we discuss some core questions of the Christian faith together. Invite your friends!

Holy Bible

SUNDAYS, 6-7 PM Walnut Grove UMC **STARTING FEB. 15**

Music Ministry Update

Hallelujah Kids

The children will be singing on Palm Sunday, March 29th at the 10:30am worship service. In preparation, we will meet for the next 2 Sunday afternoons at 5:00pm to learn a couple of songs. Youth are also invited to participate to provide some instrumental back-up.

Worship Choir

The adults and youth will be presenting the mini-musical, "Easter...Marvelous Love" on Easter Sunday, April 5th at the 10:30am worship service. This is a short program of musical reflections on the Resurrection. In addition to the Wednesday night practice time of 7:30pm, we will also meet for the next 3 Sunday afternoons at 6:00pm. For more information, contact Leigh McFalls at 919-818-3317 or leighmcfalls@gmail.com

Women's Gathering, March 23rd

A FOLLOW-UP FROM PERMISSION TO PAUSE

WALNUT GROVE WOMEN'S GATHERING

Monday, March 23rd

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Dinner provided. RSVP to church office.

ALL women encouraged to attend!

SEE YOU THERE!



OCIM Update

Jimmy and Brenda Berry dropped off 100 pounds of food this week.

Current needs are pinto beans, pork-n-beans, green peas and corn

Upcoming Easter Events

Palm Sunday - March 29th

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 Egg Hunt

Bring your friends and family and join us at 11:45am, on March 29th following our worship service for an Easter celebration and egg 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 29.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please reach out to Ashley Parker 919.475.5211

Good Friday Service

On Good Friday (April 3rd) we will share at Mediterranean potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15pm. We will worship together at 7:00pm.

Easter Sunday

Sunday morning (April 5th) at 6:45am, we will worship outside with our sunrise service followed by our Easter breakfast together. There will be no Sunday School classes. At 10:30am we will be blessed by the joy of Easter Hallelujahs with our wonderful Easter Cantata led by our gifted director, Leigh McFalls, and our choir.

Easter Monday

The Monday after Easter (April 6th), the church office will be closed.

Walnut Grove Church Family

Below is a sample of how your apportionment dollars are hard at work around the world. Thank you for giving generously to support disciple making in our community, nationally, and around the world.



Tell Me The Story of Jesus Ministries

Rev. Yuko Miller



Rev. Laura Dunlap
& Walnut Grove UMC
7215 Walnut Grove Church Rd
Hurdle Mills NC 27541-8851

February 23, 2026

Dear Pastor Laura and Walnut Grove Church family,

I hope this message finds Walnut Grove UMC family are doing well as starting 2026. Please accept my belated thank you message from behalf of SACSAL (Save a Child Save a Life) Kids Home Ministries formerly, "Jesus' Angeles Orphanage" in Mindanao Philippines. Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$50 that you made last year around the Christmas time went to this ministry directly.

It is truly making a difference in the lives of prisoners children orphanage located Mindanao Philippines. Your generosity, 100% of the donation always goes to SACSAL Kid's Home ministry as I've been doing last 7 years since I affiliated with them in 2019.

Thanks to God that there are 9 children now since 3 children went to home with the father of the family who completed his sentence in 2024. Each year I've been sending \$100.00 to each child as a birthday gift. Director Mrs. Fay Escoton takes them to buy whatever they wish to have for their birthday, usually toys books and clothes and an other \$50.00 goes to their savings account. Please see the Photos of the children who turned 10 and 11 years old in January 2024.

Every year I have been sending few 100 pound boxes by ship full of donated items collected from all over the NCCUMC. A Philippines shipping company charges us \$100 for unlimited weight which I usually pack 75-100 pounds in weight. Compare to USPS International shipping mail \$400-600, yes, we can save lots of money in shipping cost but takes 3, 4 months, some time 6 months to get to Philippines because of so much delay by storms especially by typhoons. Today I trust enough to send the money to Director of the Orphanage to buy for the children what they need for their education, personal hygiene, toys and clothes, food and birthday gifts.

These photos are blessings from all over the NCCUMC to SACSAL Kid's Home recent years. With people like you, children at SACSAL made possible to celebrate Christmas and Easter every year. Thank you again for your faithful and generous donation to them every year.



Happy Birthday gifts

有難うございます!
(Japanese)



Christmas 2021

Thank you so much !





Easter 2024
There were 12 children till 2024



Maraming Salamat ! (Tagalog)



Christmas 2024



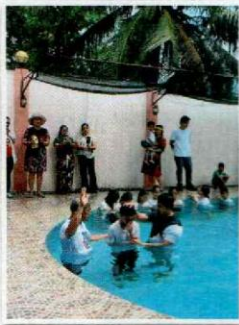
Children goes to public school



Every day children starts with prayers and devotion



Thank you So much Walnuts Grove UMC



Baptism service at Christmas 2025



Without people like you, would not be able to support these children who are in the Orphanage, whose parents are in prison and left behind from the most basic and humankind of Love of God through their own family and friends and relatives. Through your acts of kindness you became their mom and dad, brother and sister, grand-mother and grand-father, uncle and aunt whom they wish to have and dream about. You are an answer from God and a Gift to them and to me also.

May God continue to bless you and "Walnut Grove UMC family" with full of His Peace and Hope while your generosity and kindness reaching out to the least people of the world 8,800 miles away.

Much Appreciation, Much Hope and Faith

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Prayer 祈り

Peace 平安

Healing 癒し

感謝 Thank you

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'

(Matthew 25:40)

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. You may also access the link on our website for convenient giving. Alternatively, cash or check contributions continue to be accepted through our tithes and offerings. Your generosity helps us continue serving Christ and reaching out to our community in mission and faithful witness.



JOYS & CONCERNS

Prayer List

- Jean Mangum who is in the hospital. She is a member of our church family.
- Jeanne Crabtree health issues resulting from a fall. She is a member of our church family.
- Katherine (Kitty) Robinson Hawkins from Hurdle Mills who is having health issues and in the hospital at UNC. She is the wife of Lathan Hawkins and friend of Judy Parker.
- Family of Johnny Purcell from Durham who recently passed away. Johnny is the husband of Karen Hawkins Purcell and cousin of Barry Parker.
- 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.
- Carolyn White to whom we gave a prayer quilt who is in need of prayer because of complications due to extended chemotherapy treatments.
- John Facklam from Charlotte, who is in hospice. Prayers for Tish Nowack, her mother, and sister as they await Mr. Facklam's transition. He is the father of Tish Nowack, one of our Walnut Grove Crafters
- Rick Johnson with health issues. He is friends with Judy Butler and many other church members.
- Locklynn Gribble, preemie in NICU. Locklynn's grandmother is a friend of Judy Butler.
- Paul Beck, with health issues. He is a member of Walnut Grove UMC.
- Rev. Meg Hoffman, battling cancer. She's the director of Seeds of Faith at Camp Chestnut Ridge.
- David Leonard having complications from surgery. He is the dad of a friend of Faith Parker.
- Timmy Parker with serious health issues. He is Barry Parker's brother
- Worth Miller with serious health issues. He is a friend and neighbor of Jimmy and Brenda Berry.
- Neil Donnelly with health issues.

- Helen Miller with serious health issues. She is the aunt of Pat Beck's brother-in-law.
- 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
- Herbert and JoAnn Cates, both with health issues. They are members of Walnut Grove UMC.
- Jerry Forrester, bilateral lung cancer
- Liz Matthews, friend of Katie Whitaker
- Debbie Langdale diagnosed with stage 5 kidney disease, waiting for transplant. Friend of John and Brooke Sherron
- Kelly Schoch, with brain cancer. She is co-worker of Erica Nading
- 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.

Quilts

Abby Peel Fox from Graham who is having health issues. Abby is the daughter of Sherry and Taylor Peel and a cousin of Brenda Berry.

Kitty Robinson Hawkins from Hurdle Mills who is having health issues and in the hospital at UNC. She is the wife of Lathan Hawkins and friend of Judy Parker.

(The prayer quilts 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

Saturday 3/14 – Laurie Rogers

Sunday 3/15 – Owen Campbell

Monday 3/16 – Dorothy Roberts, Sandra Ray

Tuesday 3/17 – Leigh McFalls

Thursday 3/19 – Kristy Robinson, Jami Vuolo

Friday 3/20 – Kenny Ray, Susan Wagoner

Saturday 3/21 – Carley Swiggett

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.

Sunday, March 22 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
10:45am Children's Church
5:00pm Hallelujah Kids
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm - 7:00pm Kids Krew, Youth, Worship Choir (Easter)
Adults (Back to Basics - Christianity 101)

Monday, March 23 6:30-8:00pm Women's Gathering
7:00pm Building Committee meeting

Wed., March 25 6:30pm Worship Band
7:00pm Worship Choir

Fri-Sat., March 27-28 Walnut Grove Crafters

Sunday, March 29 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Palm Sunday Service
11:45am Easter Egg Hunt
6:00pm - 7:00pm Worship Choir (Easter)

Tuesday, March 31 7:00pm Men's Group

See You Sunday!!