

In a Nutshell

April 3, 2026

This Sunday, we will come together as a congregation to celebrate the resurrection. We will celebrate Holy Communion, Flower the Cross, and sing songs of praise to the risen Christ. In addition, the Worship Choir will present "*Easter...Marvelous Love!*", a collection of songs of reflection for Easter worship. Each song and reading highlights the immeasurable love God has for us.

As we prepare ourselves for Sunday morning, the depth, breadth, and scope of God's love for us are perhaps more apparent than on any other day in the Christian calendar. That God would sacrifice His Son to atone for the sins of the world is hard to comprehend. When His Son willingly gave Himself up to the cross, dying in our place, it was the ultimate act of self-sacrifice, the act of a pure, magnificent, marvelous, matchless, and holy love. A love that begs the question, "*How deep the Father's Love for us; how vast beyond all measure?*"

Some task. Yes, our Savior's love is marvelous and magnificent, and so much more... simply put, His love is matchless and indescribable.

"*EASTER... Marvelous Love!*" gives renewed voice to the refrain, "How marvelous, how wonderful, and my song shall ever be!" The Music Ministry prays that this be true for you personally as well as a part of our community of faith as you rejoice in knowing your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Let us celebrate the risen Savior this Easter!

See you on Sunday.

~Leigh McFalls

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Music Ministry Update

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.

Upcoming Easter Events

Good Friday Service

This evening we will share at Mediterranean potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15pm. We will worship together for our Good Friday Service 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.

Methodist Women's Update

It's been a joy and blessing to share together in our recent women's Permission to Pause Retreat and last Monday for our women's follow up gathering. Thank you for sharing your thoughts, ideas, and dreams for the future. We are in the works of planning new things. Details will be coming soon! Stay tuned - Pastor Laura

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

- Family of Tish Nowack in the passing of her father, John Facklam. Tish is one of our Walnut Grove Crafters
- Family of Neil Donnelly in the passing of his son Greg Donnelly.
- Herbert and JoAnn Cates, particularly JoAnn at this time, but both have health issues. They are members of our church family.
- Lynwood Lovitte, who is a member of our church family.
- Jean Mangum with health issues. She is a member of our church family.
- Jay Mangum with serious health issues. He is Jean Mangum's son.
- 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, she has been released from the hospital. She is the wife of Lathan Hawkins and friend of Judy 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 is in need of prayer because of complications due to extended chemotherapy treatments.
- 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
- 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.

Sunday, April 5	6:45am Sunrise Service Fellowship Breakfast to follow No Sunday School 10:30am Easter Service
Monday, April 6	Easter Monday – Church office will be closed
Sunday, April 12	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children’s Church 3:00pm SPRC meeting
Monday, April 13	6:30pm Covenant Council meeting
Tuesday, April 14	7:00pm Methodist Men
Wednesday, April 15	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Sunday, April 19	8:30am Potluck Breakfast for interns’ last day 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 4:00pm Blessing of the Animals 5:00pm Hallelujah Kids
Wed., April 22	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Fri-Sat., April 24-25	Walnut Grove Crafters
Sunday, April 26	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children’s Church 3:00pm SPRC meeting 5:00pm Hallelujah Kids
Tuesday, April 28	7:00pm Methodist Men
Wed., April 29	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir

See You Sunday!!