

A couple of weeks ago, I was asked to write a little reflection to go out as an encouragement to pastors in the conference. If you don't mind, I thought I could share that same piece in the Nutshell this week. My first thought for that encouragement's piece was to bring in a lesson from my Duke Divinity summer class on death, dying, and bereavement. That's encouraging, right?

My professor started out the class by asking us to re-think what it means to journey through grief. Rather than trying to see grief as a straightforward process plainly mapped out from point A to point B, she encouraged us to envision grief through the lens of wayfinding. Wayfinding is an orienteering and navigation practice that involves using the sun and stars, knowledge of the natural world, and generational wisdom to go out from a familiar place into a yet unknown world. If you've seen Moana half as many times as I have, you'll know what I'm talking about. While maps kind of assume that the mapmaker really understands the terrain they've put on paper, wayfinding requires having the humility to recognize that the world is too complex, too unknowable, to represent on a piece of paper. I'm sure you can imagine how helpful it is to apply this approach in thinking about grief. Wayfinding is something we often find ourselves doing in many other contexts, as well.

Some of the most captivating stories in Scripture are those of people navigating uncertain times. Think of Hagar, who went out into the wilderness twice with no plan other than to get away from where she'd been (Gen. 16:6-14; 21:14-19). Think of Naomi and Ruth, returning to Bethlehem with no concrete plans for the rest of their lives (Ruth 1:19-22). They may not have known exactly how to move forward into an unknown world, but they had a few certainties at hand: a present and provident God, a tradition of community generosity, assurance of God's plans for them and those who would follow them. These made it possible to move forward, one step at a time.

I am sure that many of us are finding our way through various kinds of uncertainty right now. I encourage you to ask yourself, Who is supporting your journey? What can you learn from the wisdom of those who have come before? What landmarks do you see that point in the direction you're aiming to go? Better yet, how can you serve others in their own wayfinding process? As you go forward into the unknown, make note of what helps you along your way and the wisdom that you can share with others whose journeys may align with yours. Wayfinding may be unique to each person, but the journey is easier if we do it together.

~Abby Muehlstein

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Mary Martha Busy Ladies

TIME CORRECTION FOR MMBL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 14, 2023

The MMBL meeting on June 14th will be a covered dish meeting. We will gather at 11:00 a.m., plan to eat at 11:30 a.m. and meet following our luncheon.

Harvest Festival Meeting

Everyone is invited to come and present your ideas on our Harvest Festival Tradition at Walnut Grove or consider other options on **June 29th at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to participate in this meeting.

Music Ministry Update

On June 18th, a group of children and youth will be traveling to Lake Junaluska Music and Worship Arts Week near Waynesville, NC. They will be participating in worship services, choir, drama, liturgical dance, along with lots of fun activities like swimming, etc. The time will be here before you know it!

Volunteer(s) Needed

We are looking for a teacher for our K-2 Sunday school class here at Walnut Grove! This active ministry involves sharing the love of Jesus Christ and building a foundation in our children's lives that will last for a lifetime. Much of our love of learning foundational Bible stories comes from our days in Sunday school. I bet we all remember with fondness teachers we had growing up who shared just how much Jesus loves us. With our growing number of children at church, we will soon have more children moving up from the nursery to children's Sunday school soon. This presents a good challenge! We will need to split the class and make both classes age appropriate so they can learn at their own level and pace. There is a big difference between a kindergartner and a fifth grader as we know. We need your help! If you are interested in helping either on a rotation (once or twice a month for example) or becoming the stationary teacher who shares in this important work of faith formation, reach out to Phil Hines, our Sunday school superintendent. Also, if you know someone who would be great to serve in this way, encourage them to talk to Phil as we grow together in Christ!

Haw River UMC Summer Camp

June 26-July 1

If any kids ages 8-16 are looking for a fun sleep-away camp experience, join us for this memorable, spirit-filled experience. For more information visit: <https://hawriverumc.org/church-camp/>

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Rev. Laure Kalau

Pastor, Haw River UMC

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

- Peggy Bledsoe, health issues. She is Dan Bledsoe's mom.
- Sandy Combs, health issues. She is the mother of Kim Combs.
- Ava Griffin, in NICU with lung and feeding issues. She is the granddaughter of Kim Combs.
- Linda Sheppard
- Jennifer Brewer, sarcoma, Emma Beckham's niece
- Pat Sykes
- Frances Walters
- Debbie Haywood (cancer treatments), friend of Ann and Bruce Richardson.
- Dana Kimrey. He is the brother of Lorraine Hines.

Quilts

Jo Ann Scott from Durham for prayers for peace, solace, and respite. Jo Ann is a friend of Jeanne Crabtree.

Rocky Wilkerson from Hurdle Mills who has cancer and is in the hospital. He is Charles Tilley's nephew and Wesley Tilley's cousin.

The quilts will be in the Fellowship Hall. You're invited to tie a knot and say a prayer over them.

Send A Card

Tom and Lou Rutledge (50th Anniversary), 3723 Acorn Drive, Hillsborough, NC 27278

Upcoming Birthdays

Friday 6/9 – Bob Reeves, Beth Casteel, Brooke Sherron

Saturday 6/10 – Iris Tilley

Sunday 6/11 – Henry Ashley

Tuesday 6/13 – Kinsleigh Dillard, Michelle Latta

Thursday 6/15 – Louise Shulack

Friday 6/16 – Aaron Gross, Adam Huskins, James Sparks, Ashley Reynolds

Saturday 6/17 – Lula Daniel, Austin Elliott, Lisa Pope, Courtney Humphrey

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.

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Serving in Worship

June 11th

Acolytes: Magnus Kemnitz/Anna Robinson
Greeters: Scott & Cheryl Humphrey
Ushers: Mike Roberts/Pat Beck
Nursery: Mary Emma Roberts/Lorraine Hines
Scripture Reader: Scott Humphrey
Trustee Open/Close: Joshua Rogers

June 18th

Acolytes: Gracie Hall/Eleanor Whitaker
Greeters: Patty Maseth/Laurie Rogers
Ushers: Cheryl & Scott Humphrey
Nursery: Faith Parker/Pam Kimrey
Scripture Reader: Cheryl L. Parker
Trustee Open/Close: Sharyn Gates

Mowing Schedule

June 10 – Scott Humphrey
June 17 – Barry Walker
June 24 – Johnny & Shirley Clayton

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

Sunday, June 11	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service
Tuesday, June 13	11:00am Workout Class in pool at Linda's house
Wednesday, June 14	11:00 Mary Martha Busy Ladies, eat at 11:30 a.m. and meet following luncheon. 6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Wed-Sat, June 14-17	Annual Conference
Thursday, June 15	11:00am Workout Class in pool at Linda's house

Sunday, June 18	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service – Father’s Day
Sun – Fri, June 18-23	Lake Junaluska Music Week
Tuesday, June 20	11:00am Workout Class in pool at Linda’s house
Thursday, June 22	11:00am Workout Class in pool at Linda’s house
Fri-Sat, June 23-24	Walnut Grove Crafters
Sunday, June 25	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service
Monday, June 26	7:00pm Covenant Council
Tuesday, June 27	11:00am Workout Class in pool at Linda’s house
Wednesday, June 28	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Thursday, June 29	9:30am Workout Class in pool at Linda’s house 7:00pm Harvest Festival Meeting
See You Sunday!!	