

*"Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might
and the wonders that he has done."
- Psalm 78:1-4*

Each time we gather together as a church, we remember. We do this in many ways.

We sing hymns that bring back childhood memories, mark special moments, and remind us of the hard times in life when God was present.

We sit in a building whose walls and windows tell stories of sacrifice, faithful service and loving craftsmanship.

We hear the Word, which has been read aloud in Christian communities all over the world for the last two thousand years.

Why do we do all this remembering? Because by telling what God has done, we will see more clearly what God is doing right now in our very presence today. Praise the Lord for his unchanging faithfulness in every generation. May we keep telling our stories of faith.

~Lauren W. Birch

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Mary Martha Busy Ladies

MMBL will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. After our meeting, we will travel to Jane Sparks' home for lunch - provided by Jane and Jean Mangum. We plan to leave church by 11:15 a.m. to travel to Jane's house. Jane's address is 236 Hawkins Road, Cedar Grove, NC 27231.

Harvest Festival

Hello Walnut Grove:

On Saturday, October 21, 2023 Walnut Grove will hold our annual Harvest Festival on the church grounds. Please consider this your cordial invitation to attend and participate in this well-loved community and church event. BBQ and Brunswick Stew will be prepared, cooked, served and sold for take-out. The auction sale will be held outdoors, weather permitting.

Harvest Festival doesn't just happen. It takes a lot of work and planning from a lot of folks to make it run smoothly and to make this event a success. Many hands make light work. There is a job for YOU! With that in mind, please take a look at the projected timeline of events that will take place all along and up to that weekend. Times are approximate and subject to change.

Please check the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for specific ways you can volunteer and specific donations you can make to support our efforts in the upcoming Harvest Festival. You can see how many people it takes to get these jobs done. Besides your presence, gifts and service, you can also support us with your prayers and witness.

As always, we would like to see lots of home-made crafts, jams and jellies, pickles, desserts and baked goods for our craft table/pre-priced items and for the auction. If you're dropping off a dessert, please put a note on it and indicate if you want it served at lunch, or auctioned off.

Ingredient donations should be at the church by 12:00 noon on Friday, October 20.

Auction items and items for the craft/pre-priced items can be dropped off as early as Thursday 10/19, but no later than Saturday morning. Auction items should be placed in the hallway between the fellowship hall and the sanctuary. Craft/Pre-Priced items should be placed on the table marked accordingly.

Flyers are available for you to share with your friends, co-workers and other places in the community.

With everyone working together, we will have an exciting and successful 2023 Harvest Festival. When it's over, with full tummies and tired feet, we will smile at the memories and count our blessings!

Cheryl S. Parker
HF Team 23

Music Ministry Update

Sunday, October 29 at 10:30am - 5th Sunday SONGFEST (requests are ongoing)

Christmas will be here before you know it! Here are some music programs to look forward to.

Sunday, December 17 at 10:30am - Worship Choir Christmas Program

Sunday, December 24 at 10:30am - Hallelujah Kids Christmas Program

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

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

Orange County Prison Ministry

ORDER FRESH PECANS & SUPPORT PRISON MINISTRY

Did you know that the chaplain at Orange Correctional Center is entirely community funded? Support our incarcerated neighbors by buying fresh NC pecans for your holiday gatherings! See attached flyer.

Prayer Partners

If you are longing for a prayer partner or have one and would like to grow in your prayer life, check out this new opportunity through United Methodist Discipleship focused on growing in prayer. To learn more check out the link: [Finding a Prayer Partner](#)

Sunday Night Activities

Come and join us for Sunday Night activities!

5:30 PM – Meal

6-7 PM - Kids Krew, UMYF, Adult Bible Study ("Fear of the Other," by Bishop Willimon).

Nursery will be provided during the 6-7 hour for preschoolers and infants.

We need your help with Kids Krew (a lesson will be provided) and meals. Meals could be provided by families, Sunday school classes, or leadership teams. Make sure to add Sunday Nights Together through November 26th to your calendar as we grow closer to God and grow together as a church family!

Sign up to be a Kids Krew Leader

[Sign up for Kids Krew](#)

Sign up for Sunday night meals

For questions about the meals, contact Lorraine Hines at 919-619-1090 or lkhines0130@gmail.com.

You can sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044FAFAD29AAFF2-sunday1>

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".

Budget News as of September 30, 2023

Year to Date Income - \$ 145,631.49

Year to Date Expenses - \$ 166,060.84

Difference - \$ 20,429.35

Harvest Festival Fund Balance: \$ 35,720.65

Matthew 25:35 Fund Balance: \$ 10,305.12

JOYS & CONCERNS

Prayer List

- Allen Tidwell, recovering from a car accident
- Lori Berry, health issues
- Paul Beck, recovering from a fall
- Cindy Sherron, recovering from a fall
- Billy Addison from Erwin, NC who has been diagnosed with mouth cancer. Cheryl Humphrey is asking for prayers for Billy.
- Peggy Bledsoe, health issues. She is Dan Bledsoe's mom.
- Pat Sykes

- Debbie Haywood (cancer treatments), friend of Ann and Bruce Richardson.
- Dana Kimrey. He is the brother of Lorraine Hines.

Send A Card

Allen and Carolyn Tidwell (Thinking of You), 2888 Rogers Road, Graham, NC 27253

Lori Berry (Thinking of You), 509 Orange High School Road, Hillsborough, NC 27278

Quilt

Edy Edwards from Graham, NC who broke her femur and now has casts on both of her legs. She is the daughter of Meredith and Ben Edwards and granddaughter of Lorraine and Tommy Tuck.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

Friday 10/6 – Audrey Whitaker

Saturday 10/7 – Judy Parker, Katy Dow Feifs, Daniel Bledsoe, Rob Smith

Sunday 10/8 – Faydean Cannada

Tuesday 10/10 – Tom Carr, Ken Cecil

Wednesday 10/11 – Lelia Compton, Jolinda Swiggett, Cheryl Humphrey, Linda Reynolds,
Eddie Rutledge

Friday 10/13 – Tabitha Long, Isabella Conway, Ava Lee

Saturday 10/14 – Pat Thacker, Levy Beneville, Christi Hawkins

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 8th

Acolytes: Magnus Kemnitz/Michael Roberts

Greeters: Tyler & Stephanie Smith

Ushers: Patty Maseth/Faith Parker

Nursery: Mary Emma Roberts/Cathy Boling

Scripture Reader: Cheryl Humphrey

Trustee Open/Close: Jimmy Berry

PM Nursery: Leigh McFalls/Cathy Boling

October 15th

Acolytes: Kennedy Dunlap/Isabella Conway
Greeters: Pat Beck/Shirley Clayton
Ushers: Barry and Cheryl L. Parker
Nursery: Ashley Parker/Mary Beth Elliott
Scripture: Scott Humphrey
Trustee Open/Close: Judy Parker
Communion Servers: Barry and Cheryl L. Parker
PM Nursery: Laurie Rogers/Cheryl L. Parker

Mowing Schedule

October 7 – Todd Harris
October 14 – Mike Parker
October 21 – Johnny & Shirley Clayton
October 28 – Scott Humphrey

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

Saturday, October 7 TarWheels BikeFest will be using the parking lot

Sunday, October 8 9:30am Sunday School
 10:30am Worship Service
 10:45am Children's Church
 5:30pm Dinner
 6:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study, Nursery

Wednesday, October 11 10:30am Mary Martha Busy Ladies
 7:00pm Worship Choir

Saturday, October 14 Harvest Festival Cook Day 2

Sunday, October 15 9:30am Sunday School
 10:30am Worship Service
 5:30pm Dinner
 6:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study, Nursery

Wednesday, October 18 6:30pm Worship Band
 7:00pm Worship Choir

Friday, October 20 Harvest Festival – Preparation and Peeling



Saturday, October 21

Sunday, October 22

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Worship Service

10:45am Children's Church

5:30pm Dinner

6:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study, Nursery

Wednesday, October 25

6:30pm Worship Band

7:00pm Worship Choir

Fri-Sat, October 27-28

Walnut Grove Crafters

Sunday, October 29

9:30am Sunday School Opening

Joint Sunday School (Adults)

10:30am SONGFEST Service

Trunk or Treat & Hot Dog Dinner

Monday, October 30

7:00pm Covenant Council Meeting

See You Sunday!!