

## *Known*

[Psalm 139: 1-6,13-18](#)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
    you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down  
    and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
    O Lord, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
    and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
    it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
    you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
    Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.  
    My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
    intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
    all the days that were formed for me,  
    when none of them as yet existed.  
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
    How vast is the sum of them!  
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
    I come to the end—I am still with you.

O the blessing of being known by God! Really known!! The good, the bad, the truth, the stuff we avoid or bury – God knows it all. All of it.

And God is unphased by us. Un-shocked. Unappalled. Just patient, compassionate, forgiving, and ready to guide us to higher ground.

O the blessing of being known by God, and being loved more than words can begin to express!!

Thanks be to God!

~ Lindy Thompson

## **Pray**

God, we give you praise and gratitude! Thank you for loving us so well. Teach us to love each other like that. Amen.

~Shared by Leigh McFalls

## **NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Harvest Festival 2025 Update**

We are only a few weeks away from Harvest Festival 2025. The team has been busy making plans. A lot of items have been ordered including but not limited to meat, veggies, spices, paper products, etc. Our quilts are now ready for the Auction. We will be using some different ways to advertise this year. One of our best advertisements is you. Invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. It takes a lot of hands and voices to make our Harvest festival successful. Our first cook day(chicken) was last Saturday. It was a success! If you were unable to attend, please mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** for our second cook day (beef and pork). If you are interested in helping with the actual cooking of the meat, that group will start around 6 am. If you want to help with the shredding of the cooled cooked meat, please arrive in the fellowship hall around 7:30. We need about 40 people to help. As in the past, bring your knife, cutting board, stories and smiles. Those that have attended in the past can tell you a good time was had by all. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Pat Beck  
919-812-8737

### **1K for 1KID Day**

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 5th** as we hold our annual 1K for 1Kid Day at Walnut Grove UMC. We hope to be joined that day by Donna Tate and former WGUMC intern Avery Edwards as we learn about, celebrate and support the ministries for the Methodist Home for Children. Sunday School and Worship will have opportunities to hear about this great ministry of our connectional Church. After Church, we will gather outside to walk or run 1 Kilometer around the Church property. As part of our offering and walk that day, we hope to gather at least 1K (\$1000) of financial support for the Methodist Home.

If you would like more information, or can assist in the setup of the walk that day, contact Wesley Tilley at 919-749-0173 or [wesley.tilley@alumni.duke.edu](mailto:wesley.tilley@alumni.duke.edu)

### **Photos for Website**

If you have taken photos at any recent events, please send them to Alejandro Rivas Alva at [alejandro.rivasalva@duke.edu](mailto:alejandro.rivasalva@duke.edu). He is in the process of updating our website. Thank you for your help as we share God's love with our community.

### **Mary Martha Busy Ladies**

The Mary Martha Busy Ladies will meet at the church on **Wednesday, October 11 at 10:00am**. They will be leaving the church at 10:30 to go to The Verdict in Graham for lunch. If you are going, please RSVP by call or text to Debbie Wagoner at 919-971-5227 by Friday, October 3rd.

### **Sunday Night Meal Sign-up and RSVP:**

If you want to cook AND/OR eat a meal this fall at Sunday night Bible study, you need to sign up!

Sign up [HERE](#) to cook a meal (just 3 slots remain)

[RSVP HERE](#) for which meals you and your family plan to eat.

### **Young Adult Sunday School Class**

A new Sunday School class for young adults has begun. We will be meeting in Lauren's office or in the modular depending on the a/c situation. We may be starting a little after 9:30am. Please feel free to join us.

~Daniel Johnson

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Hello Walnut Grove Family,

Shoebox packing time is here!

We will be packing shoeboxes in small groups this year. Since we will be packing in the modular, space is limited to 8 people at a time.

If you would like to volunteer for one of the dates and times listed below, please contact Jeanne Crabtree or Kimberly Gilbert.

**Tuesday, September 30th – 7 PM**

**Tuesday, October 7th – 7 PM**

If you are unable to participate in the shoebox packing and would like to contribute toward Operation Christmas Child, we are in need of shipping expenses in the amount of \$10.00 per shoebox. You may write a check to Samaritan's Purse and get it to Jeanne Crabtree or Kimberly Gilbert OR you can write a check to Walnut Grove UMC and mark it for "OCC" on the subject line.

Blessings to each of you!

Jeanne Crabtree (919) 302-6924 (call or text)

Kimberly Gilbert (919) 924-9294 (call or text)

## **Little River Presbyterian Church “BBQ Pork Supper” -- Tomorrow**

Little River Presbyterian Church is delighted to return to its eat-in or take out “BBQ Pork Supper” Saturday, Sept. 27, 4-7:00 pm @ Schley Grange Hall. Dinner includes BBQ Pork, hushpuppies, slaw, potatoes, homemade desserts & beverages.

Sandwiches will be available for lunch 11am-4pm, behind the Grange near the ball field.

Eat-in or take-out

Lunch: BBQ sandwich-\$7.00

Dinner: Adult plates- \$15.00

Children’s plates (6 and under) \$5.00 (eat-in only)

BBQ by the container- \$12.00

Pre-orders are encouraged by Sept 21. ([919-732-6523/lrpcusa@gmail.com](mailto:919-732-6523/lrpcusa@gmail.com))

Preorder pick up at Schley Grange, 4-7pm, Sept 27

All proceeds will go to support Western North Carolina Disaster Recovery Efforts.

## **Opportunities and Work Days with Disaster Ministry**

Deployment dates for Corridor Early Response Team. To volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Jim Polhamus at [jbuspolhamusii@gmail.com](mailto:jbuspolhamusii@gmail.com). Please prayerfully consider joining us and mark your calendars below:

**Oct 9 - 11**, LTRG10, Columbus Co, NC - (Leland Disaster Center, Zion UMC Parsonage, Leland, NC) - open to ERT and non ERT members

## **Harvest Festival Quilts**







# Walnut Grove UMC HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday  
October 18th

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

## OCIM Update

They are in need of:

Food items: canned fruit, jelly, soups, beef stew, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese, cereal, rice (small bags).

Non-food items: toothpaste, laundry pods, toilet paper, diapers (size 4)

Thank you to all who have donated money as well as the actual cans of food and veggies, plus the above items. Thank you all so much for your participation.

The poster features a dark maroon background with a pattern of gold-outlined leaves. The title 'OCIM 2025 FALL FEST' is prominently displayed in large, bold, orange and yellow letters. Below the title, a white diagonal shape separates the event details from the date and time. The event details include a list of activities and a note about the proceeds. The date and time are listed in white text on the right side.

# OCIM 2025 FALL FEST

Join the **OCIM THRIFT SHOP** for our **FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATION!**

- BAKED GOODS
- ART WALK (NEW THIS YEAR)
- ANTIQUES - POTTERY - JEWELRY
- STORE COUPON BUNDLES ON SALE NOW - \$5
- SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MEALS ON WHEELS**

For more information, contact Bernadette at 919-732-6194 ext. 21.

OCTOBER 18

**9 AM – 2 PM**

300 MILSTONE DRIVE

HILLSBOROUGH, NC 27278



## Orange Cooperative Parish Fall Fun Happenings

- **All of October** at Camp Chestnut Ridge  
Pumpkin Patch at the farm every Saturday in October –  
<https://www.campchestnutridge.org/pumpkin-patch>
- **October 11<sup>th</sup>** Harvest Festival with lunch at noon (homemade egg rolls and other goodies)/country store/children's play area/dinner at 5/auction at 6:30. Chestnut Ridge UMC
- **October 11<sup>th</sup>** – Auction, BBQ Dinner, Live Music 5- 7PM, Live Auction Starts at 7. At Union Grove UMC. Tickets are \$15. Kids 12 and under eat for free! Purchase Tickets Online UNIONGROVE UMC
- **October 18<sup>th</sup>** – Harvest Festival includes Live Auction BBQ, Stew (\$12 each). Lunch plates \$15 – includes BBQ, Stew, Slaw, Hushpuppies, Drink, and Dessert – Adults \$15, Children (8 and younger), \$6 at Walnut Grove UMC
- **November 1** Starting at 2 PM. Stew for \$12 a quart. To preorder call (919)215-7308 Efland UMC
- **November 8<sup>th</sup>** – Cedar Grove UMC Harvest Festival – Homemade Turkey Dinner from 4:30 to 7:00 PM at Cedar Grove United Methodist Church + Online Auction
- **November 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Camp Chestnut Ridge Trail Run Fundraiser – <https://www.campchestnutridge.org/trail-run>

## **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**

- Mary Lou Smith-very dear friend of Carol Gerbracht
- Prayers for Carol Gerbracht-surgery
- 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.
- Katherine Huey, with health issues. She is Rick Huey's mom.
- Family of Justin and Casey McBroom, relatives of Cheryl L. Parker. Please keep their young children, Anderson, Jaxon, and Kason, in prayer in the passing of their parents.
- Joan Bickel who lives in Dallas TX. She has been diagnosed with brain cancer. She is Erica Nading's aunt.
- Shannon Brown, friend of Kristin Rigsbee
- Ben Lloyd, Cheryl Humphrey's father, with serious health issues
- Iris Tilley, recuperating from a recent fall
- Gilbert Lee in Prince George, VA, who recently had surgery for cancer. He is Richard Lee's father
- Gene Parker, brother of Dorothy Roberts, uncle of Mike Roberts, and family of Debbie Oakley and Sue Powell
- Craig Powell, brother of Ed Powell, with health problems
- Maria Guerrero, mother in-law of Alejandro Rivas, Duke intern, as she deals with terminal illness.
- 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
- Will Hall, of Cedar Grove, NC with serious health issues- son of Billy Hall and Lynn Clark, nephew of Tommy Hall and Lorraine Parker, cousin of James Parker.
- Kathy Kimrey with health concerns. She is the sister-in-law of Lorraine Hines and Pam Kimrey.

### **From The Mailbox**

Dear Ladies of the Prayers & Squares Ministry and Brenda Berry,  
Receiving this quilt meant so much to me as I navigate thru, in the grand scheme of things not so bad, some decisions. The quilt was absolutely beautiful. Thank you so much for taking time out to think of me. The prayers always help!

Love,  
~Laura (Crouch)

To the people of Walnut Grove, thank you for your prayers thru my surgery and recovery. The quilt was beautiful and my thanks to the ladies for their time and for every stitch they placed.

May God Bless,  
~Brenda Sykes

Dear Mary Martha Busy Ladies,

Just want to say...thanks a bunch for all you do! Thank you so much for the delicious food that you sent to us! It is appreciated so much by each one of us.

~The Roberts Family

### **Birthdays**

Saturday 9/27 – Cathy Boling, Claiborne Roberts, Jackson Rodgers

Monday 9/29 – Marcia Compton, Sara Beth Campbell

Tuesday 9/30 – Amy Holleman, Amy Parker, Greg Wright

Wednesday 10/1 – Ann Creech, Mandy Kemnitz, Duane Tilley

Thursday 10/2 – Tommy Clalock, Patricia Johnson

Friday 10/3 – John Randolph Oakley

Saturday 10/4 – Michael Burton, Jr., Cody Berezny, Logan Horton

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](mailto:office@walnutgroveumc.org) so we can update our records.

### **STAYING CONNECTED**

[WG YouTube](#)

[WG Facebook](#)

[Website](#)

## **Serving in Worship**

### **September 28th**

Acolytes: Eleanor Whitaker/Russell Whitaker

Greeters: Chris & Cathy Boling

Ushers: Tyler & Stephanie Smith

Scripture: Ashley Parker

Nursery: Mary Emma Roberts/Katie Whitaker

Trustee Open/Close: Sharyn Gates

Financial Rep: Emma Beckham

PM Nursery: Ashley Parker/Cathy Boling

### **October 5th**

Acolytes: Isaac Conway/Kinsleigh Dillard

Greeters: Kennedy Dunlap/Courtney Humphrey

Ushers: Toni Shaw/Pat Beck

Scripture: Lorraine Parker

Nursery: Erica Smith/Cathy Boling

Trustee Open/Close: Jacob Blankenship

Communion Servers: Rick & Beverly Huey

Financial Rep: Judy Butler

PM Nursery: Cheryl L Parker/Leigh McFalls

### **Mowing Schedule**

September 27- Chris Boling

October 11- Jimmy Berry

October 25- Todd Harris

October 4- Phil Hines

October 18- Bruce Richardson

November 1- Mike Parker

**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**

Fri-Sat., September 26-27 Walnut Grove Crafters

Saturday, September 27 TarWheels will be using the parking lot

Sunday, September 28  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service  
10:45am Children's Church  
5:30pm Dinner  
6:00pm - 7:00pm Kids Krew, Youth, Adult Bible Study, Nursery

Monday, September 29 6:30pm Covenant Council meeting

Tuesday, September 30	6:30pm Harvest Festival meeting 7:00pm Men's Group 7:00 pm Shoebox packing
Wednesday, October 1	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Saturday, October 4	Cook Day for Harvest Festival (beef/pork)
Sunday, October 5	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 1K for 1Kid after church/Methodist Home for Children 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm - 7:00pm Kids Krew, Youth, Adult Bible Study, Nursery
Tuesday, October 7	7:00pm Men's Group 7:00pm Shoebox packing
Wednesday, October 8	11:00am Mary Martha Busy Ladies 6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Sunday, October 12	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm - 7:00pm Kids Krew, Youth, Adult Bible Study, Nursery
Wednesday, October 15	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Thursday, October 16	Set-up pots
Friday, October 17	Potatoes/onions prep
Saturday, October 18	
Sunday, October 19	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service / Laity Sunday
Tuesday, October 21	7:00pm Men's Group
Wednesday, October 22	7:00pm Worship Choir



Fri-Sat., October 24-25	Walnut Grove Crafters
Sunday, October 26	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church 4:00-6:00pm Trunk or Treat
Wednesday, October 29	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir

See You Sunday!!