

In John Wesley's, "A Collection of Forms of Prayer for Every Day in the Week," we are given an outline for daily prayer. The themes would be as follows:

Sunday- Resurrection and the Gospel

Monday- The New Creation in Christ

Tuesday- The Attributes of God

Wednesday - Sin and the Need for Repentance

Thursday- Personal and Social Holiness

Friday- The Crucifixion and the Death of Christ

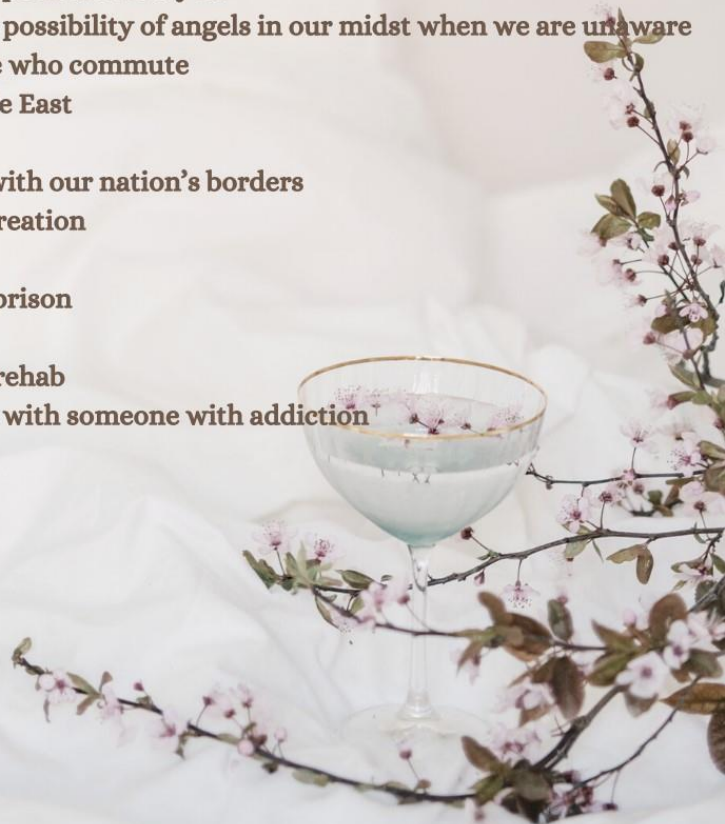
Saturday- Preparation for the Sabbath and Rest

These excellent themes would guide his daily prayer life. Our hope in creating a daily prayer guide for each month will be for us to deepen in our devotional lives and bring awareness. By offering prayers for areas in our lives that might touch our lives and/or be named needs in the world around us, we'll name the ways the Spirit has moved and will move by God's grace. 365 different topics might sound like a lot! If we think of the needs of our world and lives, we know this is barely touching the surface. Add this prayer list to your daily devotions. Share this prayer list with a friend or family member. Let's grow deeper together in our prayer life in 2024!

~Pastor Laura

January Prayers

- 1st Those preparing for new beginnings.
- 2nd Those who are expecting a baby in the new year.
- 3rd Teachers returning to school.
- 4th Students returning back to school
- 5th- Bus drivers that keep children safe to and from school.
- 6th- For God to be revealed in our lives as we celebrate the gift of Jesus as the magi did years ago.
- 7th- Coaches on sports team
- 8th- Life coaches and counselors
- 9th- New friendships to be formed
- 10th- To be supportive to friends and family
- 11th - Our church family
- 12th- Our shut-ins
- 13th -Those who are sick and facing surgery
- 14th- Those who are starting new jobs
- 15th- Those returning to college/higher education
- 16th- For all those dealing with Flu, COVID, or RSV
- 17th- For our homes to be places of peace
- 18th- For those who are experiencing homelessness
- 19th- For God to be our peace in the new year
- 20th- For God to guide us in hope in the new year
- 21st- For God to open us to the possibility of angels in our midst when we are unaware
- 22nd- For safe travels for those who commute
- 23rd- For stability in the Middle East
- 24th- For refugees
- 25th- For guidance in dealing with our nation's borders
- 26th- To be good stewards of creation
- 27th- For those in prison
- 28th- For those coming out of prison
- 29th- For those in rehab
- 30th- For those coming out of rehab
- 31st- For families that struggle with someone with addiction



NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fellowship Committee Meeting

The Fellowship Committee will meet on Sunday, January 7th in the fellowship hall immediately after the worship service.

Christmas Decorations

Please join us at 4:00pm on Sunday, January 7th to help take down the Christmas decorations.

Newly Forming Evangelism Team

Are you interested in evangelism? Want to reach out to others and visitors we have at church? Want to help with follow-up when we have guests and share ideas to help us to continue to grow? Please see Pastor Laura. We are hoping to form a team soon and would love for you to be a part of this new work!

2024 Nominations and Lay Leadership Report

See Attachment

Lay Leadership

If you are serving in a new capacity on a committee or as chair of committee, make every effort to join a session that best fits your commitment for 2024. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Laura. Workshops are provided by the NC Conference and will be on zoom on

January 7, 2024 @ 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Join us for one of six virtual workshops designed to equip you to serve in your local church. Whether you are starting a new leadership role, or have been serving in church leadership for years, we hope this model of leadership training will prepare you for your much-needed ministry. Laity and clergy in partnership with one another is the key to a church's success in making disciples. Check out the link to register:

<https://nccumc.org/leadership/event/leadership-training/>

Mary Martha Busy Ladies

Mary Martha Busy Ladies will not meet in January. We have a number of members dealing with sickness and have decided to have our first meeting of 2024 on February 14th. This will be a covered dish meeting. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. to set up for lunch, eat together and have a time of fellowship before a short planning meeting. We hope to see you there. Happy New Year!

Safe Sanctuaries Training

What is Safe Sanctuaries? Safe Sanctuaries is an overt expression in making congregations safe places where children, youth, and elders may experience the abiding love of God and fellowship within the community of faith.

Why do I need to come? - Even if you have been trained in the past, this time will be a refresher. If you haven't been, you'll want to come learn procedures and best practices we will have in place to keep our church family safe.

For Whom? If you volunteer in youth, chaperones, VBS, or plan to volunteer (this includes all activities), please make every effort to attend.

When? - Jan. 21st from 3-5 PM in the church fellowship

Our Duke pastoral intern, Lauren Birch, will be leading the session. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Calling All Committee Chairs in January

Please check out opportunities to learn and grow in January in your leadership roles! Make every effort to have a meeting with your committee in January and brainstorm priorities, ideas, and commitments for the year. Please set dates for committee meetings for the 2024 year at your January meetings. We will meet together as a church to put everything on the calendar on Jan. 28th at 3 PM, so please plan to attend this meeting along with our first covenant council meeting of the year on Monday, January 29th, at 7 PM.

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

- Family of Betty Roberts (Claiborne Roberts, the family of Debbie Gates, and the family of Lora Cunningham)
- Betty Sue Hyder (cancer treatments), Margaret Williams' sister and Sharyn Gates' aunt
- Pat Sykes
- Debbie Haywood (cancer treatments), friend of Ann and Bruce Richardson.
- Dana Kimrey. He is the brother of Lorraine Hines.

Send A Card

Claiborne Roberts (Sympathy), 7723 NC 157 W, Rougemont, NC 27572

Debbie and Andy Gates (Sympathy), 7809 Gates Road, Hurdle Mills, NC 27541

Lora Cunningham (Sympathy), 6318 Guess Rd, Rougemont, NC 27572

Upcoming Birthdays

Friday 1/5 – Linda Lovitte, Jacob Blankenship, Jessica Pope

Saturday 1/6 – Cari Humphrey, John Lee, Rodney Overcash

Sunday 1/7 – Max Kemnitz, Gracie Hall

Monday 1/8 – Timmy Parker

Tuesday 1/9 – Brenda Jones, Tom Rutledge, Sharon Dement

Wednesday 1/10 – Jason Berry, John Ducker

Friday 1/12 – Alysha Berezny

Saturday 1/13 – Keith Berry

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

January 7th

Acolytes: Corbin Smith/Gracie Hall

Greeters: Mary Emma Roberts/Laurie Rogers

Ushers: Mike Roberts/Faith Parker

Nursery: Dale Smithson/Sharyn Gates

Scripture: Lorraine Parker

Communion Servers: Cheryl L & Barry Parker

Trustee Open/Close: Gary Spake

January 14th

Acolytes: Anna Robinson/Wyatt James

Greeters: Stephanie & Tyler Smith

Ushers: Pat Beck/Jenny Blalock

Nursery: Mary Emma Roberts/Katie Whitaker

Scripture: Scott Humphrey

Trustee Open/Close: Patty Maseth

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, January 7	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service Fellowship Committee Meeting following the service 4:00pm take down decorations
Monday, January 8	7:00pm Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, January 10	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Fri-Mon, Jan. 12-15	Youth Winter Retreat
Sunday, January 14	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church
Wednesday, January 17	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Sunday, January 21	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 3:00pm – 5:00pm Safe Sanctuary Training – fellowship hall
Wednesday, January 24	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Friday-Sat., Jan. 26-27	Walnut Grove Crafters
Sunday, January 28	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church 3:00pm Calendaring session for committee chairs
Monday, January 29	7:00pm Covenant Council meeting
Wednesday, January 31	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir

See You Sunday!!