

In a Nutshell September 18, 2026

I recently read the story about the devil coming to that Martin Luther in a dream or vision. The devil appeared to Luther with a massive scroll of his sins. Luther told him that the list was too short and that he had many more sins than that. But then he told the devil to write across the bottom of the list from 1 John 1:7 "*the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin*". Defeated by the promise of grace, the devil had nothing left to say.

Lying, anger, unforgiveness, unkindness, gossip, jealousy, sins of co-mission and sins of o-mission, and the list goes on. This is a short list of my sins. It is definitely much longer. You have your own list which you can name in your own mind. And yet, these sins are not held against us. They have been washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ. God told the children of Israel, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." He has seen the blood of Jesus Christ applied to my heart and sin no longer has dominion over me and my life. Jesus took my sins and gave me His righteousness. I have been justified by the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Rejoice with me today if the blood has been applied to your heart also. If you are not under the blood, trust Jesus Christ and you can be free from your sins and sorrow.

Exodus 12:13 The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Hebrews 9:22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Ephesians 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace;

1 Peter 1:18-19 ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

~~Shared by Kim Combs

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Looking Ahead to Sunday Worship

Scripture for Sunday: Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

Sermon Title: *Covered In Mercy*

As we look ahead to Sunday, I encourage you to read the scripture ahead of time as part of your devotional time and preparation for Sunday. One passage of scripture can easily take us in many directions. Use the sermon title to help guide your reflections. Spend time in Lectio Divina with the scripture as part of your daily devotions. There are lots of videos on YouTube on how to participate in Lectio Divina. Here is a meditative video that is instructive to be a resource to you –

Meditative How To - Lectio Divina

Harvest Festival News

It's time for the beef and pork cook day which is scheduled for tomorrow, September 19th beginning at 8am. We need all the hands we can get to help.

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.

Pat Beck, 919-812-8737

Sunday Night Gatherings

Our Sunday Night Gatherings are starting back up on October 4th and we need your support! There are several opportunities left to serve our Walnut Grove families too! All proceeds from our Sunday night meals go into our Sunday night meal fund. Receipts for the Sunday night meal submitted to the church office using the reimbursable form will be reimbursed from the Sunday night fund. Sunday school classes, committees, and other groups are welcome to sign up. We need your help! Use the sign up genius link below to help us fill up the meal calendar.

[Sign Up to Cook Meals for our Fall Sunday Night Gatherings](#)

Chess Club

All are welcome to this once-a-month chess club. Bring a friend. Come if you are an expert chess player or don't know how to play at all. We'll gather once a month on the first Sunday of the month starting Oct. 4 at 4 PM in the church fellowship hall! We can't wait!

Save The Date – Charge Conference -- Sunday, October 11!

Charge Conference is Sunday, October 11th at 3:00pm. Walnut Grove UMC will be hosting this year. This is open to all members of the church! Please join us as we continue to grow together in Christ!

OCIM Update

Thank you for your generosity and support for the Food Pantry at OCIM (Orange Congregations in Missions). On August 31 and on September 8 our church donated 213 pounds and 111 pounds of food. Our total for the year is 2583 pounds of food since January.

There is still a need for canned fruits, apple sauce, pork & beans, canned potatoes, jars of spaghetti sauce, ketchup, mayonnaise, and personal items such as shampoo and dishwashing soap.

Once again thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry of Orange Congregations in Missions (OCIM).

~Brenda and Jimmy Berry



WALNUT GROVE
KIDS
(K-5TH GRADE)
NIGHT OUT!
BOWLING & PIZZA
AT **PALACE POINTE**

 **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**
5:30 – 7:00 PM 

 **PLEASE MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 5:15**
to leave shortly after.

 We will leave Palace Pointe by 7:00 and will be in
contact regarding arrival time back to Walnut Grove.

 Parents are welcome to attend,
but not required.



 Let Stephanie know if your
child(ren) will be attending!
919-812-8901

We do ask for a
\$10.00
donation to
help cover cost.

Legacy Building Sunday

Spread the word! Sunday, September 27, we will celebrate Legacy Building Sunday with Rev. Lynn Benson, Director of Legacy Giving at the NC United Methodist Foundation preaching in Sunday worship and offering a free estate/wills workshop following church. Free lunch and childcare will be provided.

The Estate/Wills Workshop will be held right after church on Sunday, September 27th. As the brochure indicates, a lawyer and CPA will be available to answer questions. For those of us reaching (or well embedded in) our golden years, a fresh will and estate plan insight can be very helpful at avoiding costly pitfalls.

Please reach out to Kim in the church office by Sept 22nd at noon to register and ensure that we have adequate food and childcare for the event.

Contact info for Kim:

Phone: 919-732-5722

Text: 919-614-8251

Email:

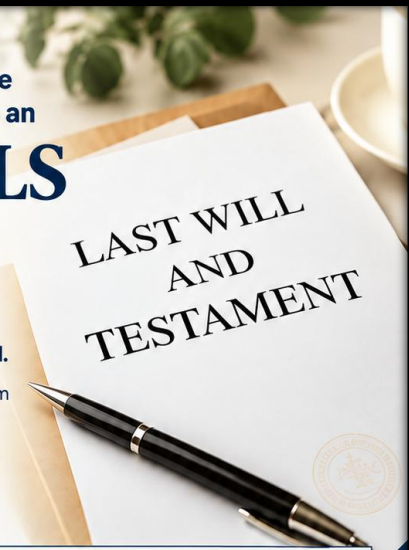
office@walnutgroveumc.org

To learn more valuable reasons to have a will, please join us as the United Methodist Foundation leads an

ESTATE/WILLS Workshop

While knowing your state's laws is key, you don't have to be an expert to write your will.

Rev. Lynn B. Benson, Director of Legacy Giving from your United Methodist Foundation, will lead this workshop as you begin to craft your wishes into a legal document. A local estate planning attorney and CPA will be included in the Q&A panel discussion during the workshop.



**WHEN:**
Sunday, September 27
11:45–1:10 PM

**WHERE:**
Walnut Grove UMC
7215 Walnut Grove Church Rd
Hurdle Mills, NC 27541

**COST:**
FREE

**WHAT:**
A light meal and beverages will be offered

REGISTRATION:
Please register by contacting the church office by **Tuesday, September 22, at 12 PM.**

 Email the church office at
office@walnutgroveumc.org

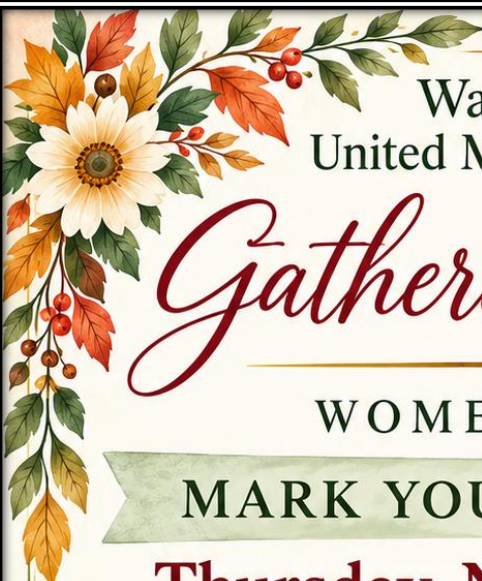
 Sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall

 Call the church office at
(919) 732-5722



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FOUNDATION
OF NORTH CAROLINA

For more information, please contact
office@walnutgroveumc.org.



Walnut Grove
United Methodist Church

FAITH
FRIENDSHIP
FELLOWSHIP
SERVICE

Gathered in Grace

WOMEN'S GROUP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Thursday, November 5, 2026

Two Gatherings – Choose the Time That Works for You

10:00 a.m.

or

7:00 p.m.

A Gathering of Gratitude

Our November gathering will focus on
GRATITUDE — taking time to recognize
God's blessings, encourage one another,
and give thanks together.

More information to come!



RSVP by 10/31 to Sue Powell

at suepowell0504@gmail.com
text or call 919-819-0344

*"Give thanks
to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love endures
forever."*

PSALM 107:1



ALL ARE WELCOME!

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. Your generosity helps us continue serving Christ and reaching out to our community in mission and faithful witness.



JOYS & CONCERNS

Prayer List

- Timmy Parker with health issues. He is Barry Parker's brother.
- Tom Rutledge, in rehab with serious health issues. He is a member of our church family.
- Jean Mangum, recovering from a fall. She is a member of our church family.
- Rodney Overcash who is having health issues. He is Jolinda Overcash Swiggett's brother.
- Herbert Cates, recovering from car accident and other health concerns. He is a member of our church family.
- JoAnn Cates with health issues. She is a member of our church family.
- Rev. Meg Hoffman, battling cancer. She's the director of Seeds of Faith at Camp Chestnut Ridge.
- John Hougom from Hurdle Mills, who is being treated for lung cancer. John is the brother of Sonja Tilley and brother-in-law of Wesley Tilley.
- Rev. Pat Sykes and Rev. Mike Sykes with health concerns
- Gene Parker who has ongoing health concerns and was recently discharged from the hospital. His wife, Kay Parker, is a member of WGIMC.
- Jaxson Bates injured in a traffic accident. He is a friend of Mary Emma Roberts.
- Scott Moore, diagnosed with leukemia. He is the brother-in-law of Emma Beckham.
- Merrill Messick, who is Beverly Huey's father and Mary Dietz, her aunt.
- Scott Hackler with cancer diagnosis. He is a friend of Jolinda Swiggett.
- Linwood Lovitte, who is a member of our church family.
- 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.
- Leo Brooks Populorum 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
- Liz Matthews, friend of Katie Whitaker
- 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.

Send A Card

Henry Ashley (Thinking of You), 2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway, A132, Durham, NC 27705

Prayer Quilt

Katie Ashley from Burlington, NC who is having health issues. Katie is the granddaughter of Henry and Iris Ashley. Quilt requested by Iris Ashley.

Military Square

PFC Oliver Peyton who is an Army Combat Medic stationed at Fort Polk in Leesville, LA. He is a friend of Kara Roberts.

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

From The Mailbox

Thank you to all that took the time to sign my Birthday Card. The card said 95 but technically I will be 15 with 80 years of experience. I hope everyone is having a blessed day

Love To All

Claiborne Roberts (DOCB)

To my friends at Walnut Grove,

I received the prayer quilt, and I must say, it was moving. We have tied knots in prayer quilts through the years, and it felt strange that this one was for me. It's been more than twenty years since we attended Walnut Grove. The love I received in my youth and into early adulthood is still felt. It is comforting that the place where my faith has its roots has not forgotten me either. This quilt proves that! Such kindness, still, a comfort sent from God. I am cherishing this thoughtful witness of your prayers toward God for me, and we have tied a few knots to mingle our prayers with yours.

When the pain is set in during recovery, I wrapped myself in that quilt, felt the love, and asked God to remember you too.

What a great ministry! Thank you again! God Bless you and Walnut Grove. I will never forget you either.

Love in Christ,

Rodney and Claire Overcash

Birthdays

Saturday 9/19 – Lynne Cecil, Matthew Dean, Tiffany Riley, Avery Robinson

Sunday 9/20 – Tony Clayton

Tuesday 9/22 – Erin Dillard, Nancy Huskins, Teresa Long

Wednesday 9/3 – Nita Trembley, Michael Powell, Melissa Powell Machtolff, Audrey Lee

Thursday 9/24 – Aaron Swiggett, Leah Gates

Friday 9/25 – Anita James, Emily Privette

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

[WG YouTube](#)

[WG Facebook](#)

[Website](#)

Serving in Worship

September 20th

Acolytes: Isaac Conway/Callie Smith

Greeters: Scott & Cheryl Humphrey

Ushers: Mary Emma Roberts/Stacey Spake

Scripture: Toni Shaw

Nursery: Lorraine Hines/Courtney Humphrey

Trustee Open/Close: Daniel Johnson

Financial Rep: Ashley James

September 27th

Acolytes: Isabella Conway/Samantha Johnson

Greeters: Phil & Lorraine Hines

Ushers: Scott & Cheryl Humphrey

Scripture: N/A

Nursery: Pam Kimrey/Ashley Parker/Grayson Nading

Trustee Open/Close: Dan Bledsoe

Financial Rep: Brenda Berry

Mowing Schedule

September 19 - Scott Humphrey

September 26 - Jimmy Berry

October 10 - Todd Harris

October 24 - Clay Parker

October 3 - Bruce Richardson

October 17 - Mike Parker

October 31 - Barry Walker

NOTE: If you're unable to serve in your role listed above, please find someone to serve in your place and notify Kim of the change. This will allow us to have an updated listing to publish each week.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 19 8:00am-noon Harvest Festival beef/pork cook day

Sunday, September 20 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
1:30pm SPRC meeting
3:00pm Finance Committee meeting
5:15pm Kids Night Out (leave church at 5:30pm)
5:30pm Youth gathering

Monday, September 21 7:00pm Covenant Council meeting

Tuesday, September 22 6:30pm Harvest Festival meeting

Wed, September 23 6:30pm Worship Band
7:00pm Worship Choir

Fri-Sat., September 25-26 Walnut Grove Crafters

Sunday, September 27 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
10:45am Children's Church
Legacy Building Sunday following church service
United Methodist Foundation (Lunch & presentation)

Wed, September 30 6:30pm Worship Band
7:00pm Worship Choir

See You Sunday!!