

Daylight Saving Time Begins This Weekend

Don't forget to **SPRING FORWARD** your clocks 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

FORGIVENESS

Has someone ever treated you unkindly or in an unacceptable manner? It happens to all of us at one time or another in life. The way we respond to it affects our Christian walk. If we harbor a grudge and unforgiveness, it will hurt us more than the other person. Unforgiveness kills our spiritual life. We can't pray, we can't seek the Lord, and we can't have any peace without forgiveness. It takes the joy from us and causes us to grow bitter. If left alone, the bitterness grows stronger and it becomes harder for us to forgive. We are stalled in our walk of faith until we forgive. No one ever sinned against us the way we sinned against God. Yet He forgives us when we come to Him in repentance. Practice forgiveness because it is one of the most God-like acts that we can do.

A few quotes on forgiveness:

If I say, "Yes, I forgive, but I cannot forget," as though the God, who twice a day washes all the sands on all the shores of all the world, could not wash such memories from my mind, then I know nothing of Calvary love. – Amy Carmichael

If Jesus forgave those who nailed Him to the cross, and if God forgives you and me, how can you withhold your forgiveness from someone else? – Anne Graham Lotz

God's forgiveness extends to the worst offenders and to anyone who wishes to receive it – not because of who we are, but because of who He is. – Charles Swindoll

Serve the ones who hate you; forgive the ones who hurt you. Take the lowest place, not the highest; seek to serve, not to be served. – Max Lucado, Life to the Max

Forgiveness is one of the most beautiful words in the human vocabulary. How much pain and unhappy consequences could be avoided if we all learned the meaning of this word. -- Billy Graham

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. -- Martin Luther King, Jr.

More importantly, some Bible verses:

Mark 11:25 - 'Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.'

Colossians 3:13 - Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Matthew 18:21-22 - 21 Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' 22 Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

Ephesians 4:32 - and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

--- I particularly like this one; it brings back memories of when my kids were young and staying with my parents. When they were fighting, my parents would make them sit down and say this verse to each other until they decided to get along. 25 years later, they can still recite this verse word for word.

~ Shared by Kim Combs

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

UMCOR Sunday

This Sunday is UMCOR Sunday. Envelopes for special giving to this important work will be in the bulletins with more information about the work of UMCOR found at:

[**What is UMCOR Sunday?**](#)

Mary Martha Busy Ladies

Hello friends!

Just a reminder that our March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13th. We will meet at Prego's Trattoria, 422 Huffman Mill Rd Suite 122, Burlington, NC 27215 at 11:30 a.m. We will not meet at the church. Please make your own carpooling arrangements if you'd like to ride with other people. Please RSVP to Pat (984-358-1267 or 336-364-2187) or to Sue (919-819-0344) by Friday, March 8th. The restaurant manager needs a count..... We hope to see you there!

Music Ministry Update

Hallelujah Kids – Sundays during KidsKrew

This lively group is preparing some special music to share with us on Palm Sunday at the 10:30 worship service. Believe it or not, that is only a little over 2 weeks away on March 24th! You won't want to miss it!

Easter Music – Sundays at 4:30pm

Sunday afternoon practices have started at 4:30pm for our Easter cantata, "Is He Worthy". Rehearsals will also be on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Come and join us in celebrating the Risen Lord through worship and song.

Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt



Bring your friends and family and join us at 4:30 on March 24th for an Easter celebration and egg hunt! We will play games, hunt eggs and enjoy a movie. We will also have a hot dog supper after the hunt.

We will be collecting stuffed eggs (stuffed with candy, small toys or prizes) in the fellowship hall in marked tubs. There are also unfilled plastic eggs you may take to fill up. Please have them back at church by Sunday morning, March 24.

If you are interested in leading a game, helping serve dinner or in another way, please reach out to Ashley Parker 919.475.5211

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project

First of all, I thank you for contributing items for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project in 2023. With your help, Walnut Grove UMC filled 200 shoeboxes in 2023.

This year, we hope to collect items in various phases to be a bit more organized. In March and April, we are focusing on PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 10-14. I have attached a link to an Amazon Wish List for ideas and ease of shipping and delivery directly to me. As an alternative, this Wishlist can be used as a guide for suggested items. If you prefer not to shop, but would like to donate, funds can be given directly to me and I'll shop for you or you can make a check payable to Walnut Grove UMC with reference to be applied to OCC.

REMEMBER, NO toothpaste, liquids or glass items can go in the shoeboxes.

View list on Amazon at

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ETO503TP5MYH/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2

Thank you in advance for your participation and may God Bless you.

Jeanne Crabtree Walnut Grove UMC

(919) 302-6924 or Jeanne.crabtree630@gmail.com

Rise Against Hunger

We need at least 6 people able to lift 50 pound bags to help with set up from 1-2. If you can help with this, you can sign up for that on the link.



***Walnut Grove UMC
Sunday, April 21st
2 - 4 PM***

***Scan to
register
and
donate!***



***Help us package
10,000 meals
to fight global hunger!***

or go to:

events.riseagainsthunger.org/WalnutGrove24

Prayers

You are invited to join us on this journey of prayer in 2024 as we strengthen our prayer lives together each and every day. We know the power of prayer in our lives and in our world. God continues to heal, perform miracles, and offer grace and mercy in unexpected ways. We give thanks for the ways the Holy Spirit moves among us. We'll have a new list each month with prayer prompts for us each to grow in our intercessory prayers and broaden our circles to those we might not consider in our daily prayers. Use this list, pass it on, and let it guide you closer to others and to God in 2024!

March Prayers

March 1- Those working in nursing homes

March 2- Pilots & Flight Attendants

March 3- Nutritionists

March 4- Those struggling with health issues

March 5- World Leaders

March 6- Reduction in Arms Proliferation

March 7- Places with Political Unrest

March 8- Women Around the World (International Women's Day)

March 9- Pioneers in the Christian Faith

March 11 - Our Praise Team

March 13- That we live out our baptismal vows of - prayers, presence, prayers, gifts, service, and witness

March 14 - Those with vision problems

March 16- Missionaries

March 18- Those on the church bulletin prayer list

March 19- Lay Servants

March 20- Our Duke Intern, Lauren

March 21-- Those who are ordained as Deacon in the UMC

March 22- Our Farmers

March 23- Theologians and Seminary Professors

March 24- All who attend worship on Palm Sunday and the Easter egg hunt

March 25- Mark 11:12-19 - Holy Monday Prayerful Reading

March 26 - Mark 11:20-13:37 - Holy Tuesday Prayerful Reading

March 27- Mark 14:1-11 - Spy Wednesday Prayerful Reading

March 28- Mark: 14: 26-52- Maundy Thursday Prayerful Reading

March 29th -Mark 14:53-15:47 - Good Friday Prayerful Reading

March 30th- Holy Saturday Peace

March 31st-Easter Joy - Christ Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!



March 10- Choir

March 12- Finance Committee

March 15- Cashiers in local stores

March 17- Prayer of St. Patrick

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 February 29, 2024

Year to Date Income - \$ 33,640.27

Year to Date Expenses - \$ 38,232.27

Difference - \$ 4,592.00

Harvest Festival Fund Balance: \$ 63,402.66

Matthew 25:35 Fund Balance: \$ 7,966.96

JOYS & CONCERNS

Prayer List

- Bailey Thornton with serious health issues. He is a relative of Barbara Hawkins.
- Sandy Combs (health issues). She is Kim Combs' mother.
- Family of Bob Atz at his passing. Friend of Emma Beckham
- Betty Sue Hyder (health issues). Margaret Williams' sister and Sharyn Gates' aunt
- Wahome Mwangi - serious condition
- Debbie Smith who recently had back surgery. She is Tyler Smith's mom
- Herring Family (Linda and husband Dortch), Dortch has been in Duke Hospital for several weeks with dementia while they try to find him a permanent facility to go to. Dortch is Jane Sparks' brother-in-law.
- Pat Sykes
- Debbie Haywood (cancer treatments), friend of Ann and Bruce Richardson.
- Dana Kimrey. He is the brother of Lorraine Hines.

Send A Card

Donnie and Madora Davis (60th Wedding Anniversary), 8116 Wilkerson Road, Cedar Grove, NC 27231

Brenda Berry's Uncle Claude Walker will be turning 100 years old on March 20. His family would like for him to receive 100 Cards to help him celebrate his birthday. If any of Brenda's family and friends would like to send him a card. All will be greatly appreciated. His address is:

Claude Walker

A-11, Terra Bella

1911 Orange Grove Road

Hillsborough, NC 27278

Upcoming Birthdays

Saturday 3/9 – Mike Berezny, Jason Blalock, Amber Roemmich

Monday 3/11 – Claire Bordeaux, Edith Roberts

Tuesday 3/12 – Nico Markle

Thursday 3/14 – Laurie Rogers

Friday 3/15 – Owen Campbell, Sarah Beth Roberts

Saturday 3/16 – Dorothy Roberts, Sandra Ray

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](#)

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Serving in Worship

March 10th

Acolytes: Anna Robinson/Corbin Smith

Greeters: Cheryl L & Barry Parker

Ushers: Cheryl & Scott Humphrey

Nursery: Lorraine Hines/Cheryl S. Parker

Scripture: Brenda Berry

Trustee Open/Close: Patty Maseth

PM Nursery: Leigh McFalls/Cathy Boling

March 17th

Acolytes: Wyatt James/Kennedy Dunlap

Greeters: Cheryl & Clay Parker

Ushers: Krystal Robinson/Faith Parker

Nursery: Grace Dunlap/Pam Kimrey

Scripture: Ashley Parker

Trustee Open/Close: Gary Spake

PM Nursery: Cheryl L Parker/Lorraine Hines

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, March 10 **!! DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS (SPRING FORWARD)**
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service/UMCOR Sunday
10:45am Children's Church
4:30pm Worship Choir (Easter)
5:30pm Dinner
6:00-7:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study, Nursery
- Monday, March 11 7:00pm SPRC Meeting
- Wednesday, March 13 11:30am Mary Martha Busy Ladies – Prego's Trattoria in Burlington
7:00pm Worship Choir
7:30pm Worship Choir (Easter)
- Sunday, March 17 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
4:30pm Worship Choir (Easter)
5:30pm Dinner
6:00-7:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study, Nursery
- Wednesday, March 20 6:30pm Worship Band
7:00pm Worship Choir
7:30pm Worship Choir (Easter)
- Friday-Sat., March 22-23 Walnut Grove Crafters
- Sunday, March 24 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
10:45am Children's Church
4:00pm Worship Choir (Easter)
4:30pm Easter Egg Hunt w/hot dog supper to follow for everyone
- Wednesday, March 27 7:00pm Worship Choir (Easter)
- Thursday, March 28 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Meal & Service
- Saturday, March 30 9:30am Worship Choir final rehearsal

Sunday, March 31

7:00am Sunrise Service w/breakfast to follow for everyone

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Easter Worship Service

The Worship Choir presents the cantata, "Is He Worthy"

See You Sunday!!