

SURRENDER

... and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

~ Matthew 10: 38-39

These concepts are big ones. Huge. Centuries of wise individuals have spent their lives wrestling with the words of Jesus. Now it's our turn.

I recently wrote a piece that I think resonates with the above verse. See if this is helpful to you.

There Is a Surrender

There is a surrender awaiting me
a path of descent
that grows quieter and quieter
the farther I go,

like a trail through a cliff
that comes out in a beautiful cave
only visible at low tide.

So much trusting has to take place,
which requires so much of me,
and also requires me to be willing
to do nothing at all
when it is not my work to do.

It feels almost impossible,
and there is no map,

but my soul knows the spaciousness of the cavern,
the sunlight bouncing off the tranquil water,
making bright patterns over the rough stone walls
reflecting from crystals in the rock,
dancing with light and with life.

Trust the path,
trust the descent,
trust the tide,
(a frightening prospect)
to not overwhelm me,

trust the destination,
unseen by my eyes
but glimpsed by my heart
as I stand in the wind,
listening.

~ Lindy Thompson

PRAY

O God, we are standing in the wind, listening. Call us. Call us so loudly it is unmistakable and lead us on the path you want us to travel. Amen.

~~Shared by Leigh McFalls

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Looking Ahead to Sunday Worship

Scripture for Sunday: Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon Title: *A Worthy Love*

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

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found box is located in the hallway between the Pastor's and secretary's offices. It is a green plastic basket on the bottom shelf of the table. If you are missing an item, please check it. If you find an item, please leave it there.

Water Aerobic/Exercise

If you're interested in exercising and like the water, come join our aerobic/exercise class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 beginning this month of June. The class is at my home on Wilkerson Road, a few miles from the church. I offer the class for free. So, if you want to have a fun time and benefit from water movement, give me a call at 919-619-2294.

Linda Reynolds

Summer Arts Camp For Kids

Walnut Grove UMC
July 27-30th
9am - 12pm



Scan to register or email office@walnutgroveumc.org

OCIM Update

OCIM's current needs:

saltine crackers, mayonnaise, cans of chicken noodle soup, mixed vegetables, green peas, and pork-n-beans, jars of pasta sauce (any variety), and apple sauce.

As you can see from the pictures, the shelves are very low. On Monday (June 15th), Jimmy and Brenda purchased 181 lbs. of food using OCIM donated money. Thank you so much for your support of OCIM and our community.



A Peals For Peace

Starting Monday, July 6, at 6PM, our church bells will ring for 15 minutes in solidarity with other places of faith throughout the country with a movement in solidarity with the NC Council of Churches to share a message of peace for our world. This message of peace speaks to the need for peace in our world, in our community and state, in our homes, and in our lives. Each first Monday of the month at 6 PM until September will be a

time to pause, listen, and pray. Then starting Monday, September 7, bells will ring weekly on Monday evenings until November 2nd. In a world often scarred by violence, division, and suffering, God calls us to be quick to listen and slow to speak (James 1:19). May God bring healing through this A Peals for Peace.



Summer Camp – OCP Week at Camp Chestnut Ridge



You can use this link to register:
[campchestnutridgeregistration](https://www.ultracamp.com/clientlogin.aspx?idcamp=596&campcode=crd)



Summer READING



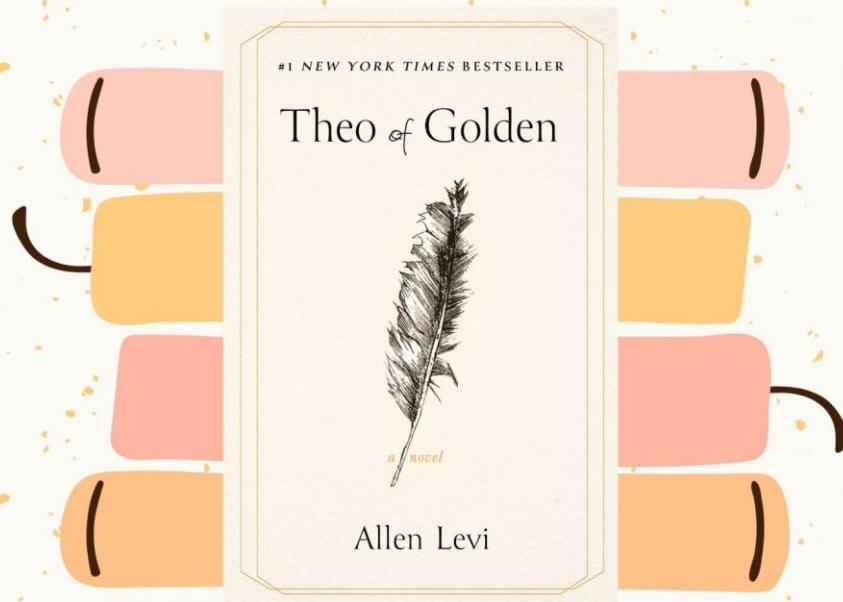
Theo of Golden by by Allen Levi

Meets Sun. Aug. 16 at 4pm

at Eno House -

903 Eno St. Hillsborough

Grab a copy of the book read along and join us for a book discussion in August.



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

- 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. Mike Sykes and Pat Sykes with health concerns
- Kathy Matthews, recovering from a fall. She is a friend of Kim McColman.
- 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.
- Barb Atz from Hopwood, PA, who recently had triple bypass surgery. She is a friend of Emma Beckham.
- 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.
- Sam Woods, who is facing health issues.
- Wayne Dewberry, who is facing surgery after a recent fall.
- Scott Hackler with cancer diagnosis. He is a friend of Jolinda Swiggett.
- Lynwood 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.
- Rick Johnson with health issues. He is friends with Judy Butler and many other church members.
- David Leonard having complications from surgery. He is the dad of a friend of Faith Parker.
- 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.
- 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.

Birthdays

Saturday 6/20 – Phillips B. Sparks

Sunday 6/21 – Johnny Clayton, Emily McCulloch, Michelle Perkins

Monday 6/22 – Lou Rutledge, Wyatt Wagoner

Tuesday 6/23 – Pat Beck

Thursday 6/25 – Stacey Spake, Charleston Ruth Davis, Jacob Wimberly

Saturday 6/27 – Jennifer Griffin Davis

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

June 21st

Acolytes: Russell Whitaker/Isaac Conway

Greeters: Krystal Robinson/Beverly Huey

Ushers: Mike Roberts/Mary Emma Roberts

Scripture: Rick Huey

Nursery: Ashley Parker/Cheryl L Parker

Financial Rep: Ashley James

Trustee Open/Close: Dan Bledsoe

June 28th

Acolytes: Isabella Conway/Gracie Hall

Greeters: Scott and Cheryl Humphrey

Ushers: Courtney Humphrey/Toni Shaw

Scripture: Courtney Humphrey

Nursery: Sharyn Gates/Krystal Robinson/Aubrey Nading

Trustee Open/Close: Johnny Clayton

Financial Rep: Ashley James

Mowing Schedule

June 20 - Phil Hines

June 27- Johnny & Shirley Clayton

July 4- Chris Boling

July 11- Scott Humphrey

July 18 - Jimmy Berry

July 25 - Bruce Richardson

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

Sunday, June 21	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service
Sun-Fri, June 21-26	Children @ Lake Junaluska
Tues-Fri, June 23-26	Youth @ Breakaway
Tuesday, June 23	7:00pm Methodist Men
Fri-Sat., June 26-27	Walnut Grove Crafters
Sunday, June 28	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church
Monday, June 29	6:30pm Covenant Council meeting
Wednesday, July 1	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Saturday, July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
Sunday, July 5	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service
Tuesday, July 7	7:00pm Methodist Men
Sunday, July 12	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church
Monday, July 13	6:30pm Harvest Festival meeting
Tuesday, July 14	7:00pm Building Committee meeting
Wednesday, July 15	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Sunday, July 19	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service
Mon-Fri, July 20-24	Local Missions Week for Youth
Tuesday, July 21	7:00pm Methodist Men
Wednesday, July 22	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Fri-Sat., July 24-25	Youth Yard Sale



Sunday, July 26	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church
Mon-Thurs, July 27-30	9am-12pm Summer Arts Camp for Kids
Wednesday, July 29	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Fri-Sat., July 31-Aug 1	Walnut Grove Crafters

See You Sunday!!