

Beauty of the Gateways

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

(Psalm 65:8 NRSV)

God makes the gateways of the morning and evening shout for joy.

What we see, what we hear, what we smell. What we feel on our faces, maybe even what we taste. The gateways of the morning and evening are shouting for joy.

Makes me think I haven't been paying attention. Makes me think there's been some shouting going on in the morning and evening skies which I, busy with the innumerable indoor tasks, have missed.

Praise God, there is another one coming. Another gateway. Another chance to step outside and look up. Another chance to be grateful, to praise God, and to trust that, even if today there are clouds, God's mercies are new every morning and God's blessings never cease.

~ Lindy Thompson

Pray

God, we thank you for your beautiful creation. Help us to pay attention. Amen.

~Shared by Leigh McFalls

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Harvest Festival

See attached flyer. Please spread the word.

Prayer Partners

If you are longing for a prayer partner or have one and would like to grow in your prayer life, check out this new opportunity through United Methodist Discipleship focused on growing in prayer. To learn more check out the link: [Finding a Prayer Partner](#)

Sunday Night Activities

Sunday Night activities started last Sunday and will continue until November 26th. We will share in a meal together starting at 5:30 PM and share in faith formation from 6-7 PM. For our school aged children, we have Kids Krew. For youth we have UMYF; and for adults we will share in a Bible Study together for the first five weeks called, "Fear of the Other," by Bishop Willimon. Nursery will be provided during the 6-7 hour when we gather for families with preschoolers and infants.

We need your help! Sign up to help lead Kids Krew (a lesson will be provided) and consider signing up to bring food one night. Meals could be provided by families, Sunday school classes, or leadership teams. Make sure to add Sunday Nights Together to your calendar as we grow closer to God and grow together as a church family!

[Sign up for Kids Krew](#)

Sign up for Sunday night meals

For questions about the meals, contact Lorraine Hines at 919-619-1090 or lkhines0130@gmail.com or you can sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044FAFAD29AAFF2-sunday1>

Music Ministry Update

Fall is here and music is happening! Below are several dates to put on your calendar.

Sunday, October 1 at 10:30am - Laity Sunday - The Hallelujah Kids will be leading a new Doxology during the service.

Sunday, October 29 at 10:30am - 5th Sunday SONGFEST (requests are ongoing)

Advent and Christmas will be here before you know it! Here are a couple of music programs to look forward to.

Sunday, December 17 at 10:30am - Worship Choir Christmas Program

Sunday, December 24 at 10:30am - Hallelujah Kids Christmas Program

For more information, contact Leigh McFalls at 919-818-3317 or leighmcfalls@gmail.com.

1K and Laity Sunday

There are several big days coming in October. One of these is on October 1st which will be our 1K for 1Kid Day and our Laity Sunday. On that day, we will celebrate the ministry of the Laity in our Church at our 10:30 Service. We will also have a guest from the Methodist Home for Children to educate and inspire us about the ministries of this important part of our connection. During the 10:30 service, the Laity will lead all parts of worship. After worship, we will gather outside to walk or run 1K as a fun way to raise funds for the Methodist Home. Refreshments will be served as well. If you would like to participate in either or both of these on October 1st, please contact Wesley Tilley at 919-749-0173 or wesley.tilley@alumni.duke.edu.

College Ministries

College Ministries connects college students from Walnut Grove UMC with members of the church. Students are remembered throughout the year with cards, invitations to church events and remembering them on birthdays and special holidays. Parents of students who want to participate please send addresses to Lorraine Hines at lkhines0130@gmail.com or text to 919-619-1090. If you want to partner with a student, contact Lorraine in the same way.

Trip to the Billy Graham Library and "The Real Christmas Story"

Saturday, December 16, 2023

For those of you who have signed up to go on this trip, please pay Jean Mangum by October 1st. There are still spots available if you would like to go. The cost is \$135.00 per person. Make checks payable to Jean Mangum.

Sister Church Announcements

Little River Presbyterian Church is delighted to invite you to a **"BBQ Pork Supper"** Saturday, Sept.23, 4-7:30 pm @ Schley Grange Hall.

Sandwiches will be available for lunch.

Dinner includes hushpuppies, slaw, potatoes, homemade desserts & beverages.

Eat-in or take-out

Lunch: BBQ sandwich-\$5.00 (at ballpark area behind Schley Grange)

Dinner: Adult plates- \$12.00 Children's plates (6 and under)-\$8.00

BBQ by the container - \$10.00

Pre-orders are encouraged by Sept 20. (919-732-6523/lrpcusa@gmail.com)

All proceeds will go to support **Hawaiian Fire Relief Efforts**.

RefugeeMinistry

Jesus says when we welcome the stranger we have welcomed him. Matthew 25. Have you ever wondered how you might welcome refugees who flee to the US?

JOIN

Orange Cooperative Parish and others in our community as we talking about forming Welcoming Circles for our newest neighbors.

Not sure what that looks like?

Come to an interest meeting:

Tuesday, Oct. 3 @ 7 p.m.

Cedar Grove United Methodist Church 5218 Eland-Cedar Grove Road (10 minutes north of Eland)
Cedar Grove, NC 27231

Contact Pastor Monica: mbeacham@nccumc.org

RefugeeMinistry - Welcome Circles Information:

Did you know that 1 in 74 people worldwide is displaced? And that 330,000 people each year come to the US through government programs as refugees? Jesus says when we welcome the stranger we have welcomed him (Matt 25). We have an opportunity to welcome refugees in our midst by forming Welcome Circles for new families settling in our area. We are especially blessed because we have the Orange Cooperative Parish, which has seven United Methodist Churches working together, with many skills and resources that could help families who come as refugees.

What is a Welcome Circle? A Welcome Circle is a group of individuals who provide financial, resettlement, and emotional support to newcomers for six months to a year until they reach self-sufficiency. Circles can form as part of a synagogue, organization, community center, church or interfaith community, or they can be made up of private individuals. Most circles have 5-8 core members who lead on different tasks, such as finding housing, signing up for benefits, helping enroll children in school, and assisting adults with job readiness and employment.

Who will be helping us? The families are welcomed through HAIS, originally the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. They have been helping resettle families for years, and have lots of resources and staff to help assist and answer questions.

Where do these families come from? The families we may help resettle are legal refugees who apply and gain refugee status through the government. They come from around the world, and have many different backgrounds and stories.

I'm interested! How can I help? We will have an interest meeting to answer more questions and discern together on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 7 PM at Cedar Grove United Methodist Church, located at 5218 Efland-Cedar Grove Road, Cedar Grove, NC. We are about 10 minutes North of Efland.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project Return deadline 10/1

We are blessed and excited that Walnut Grove UMC has approved our participation in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project this year!

There are numerous ways to participate:

- 1) Pick up a box from the Operation Christmas Child Table in the fellowship for your family to purchase items and fill. Each box will have a label inside for you to place on the box and check which sex/age child your box goes to. Return your shoebox to a container located underneath the table on or before October 1, 2023. The shipping and administrative cost is \$10 per box. Please follow the directions on the label for donations. Please put the portion of the label regarding shipping costs inside/top of box. **DO NOT BURY IT DOWN IN THE BOX!!!!** If you pick up a box to be filled, PLEASE write your name and contact information on the signup sheet on OCC table so that an inventory can be kept.

- 2) Purchase items from lists provided in the weekly e-mail and e-Nutshell. There will large boxes underneath the OCC table for you to leave those items as you bring them in. The sooner the better as shoeboxes will be filled as we receive appropriate items!
- 3) If you prefer not to shop and would like to contribute funds, you may give those funds directly to me and I will do the shopping for you. If you have a specific area that you prefer your funds to be used, please let me know.
- 4) You may put money in the offering plate on any Sunday morning. Be sure to designate it for Operation Christmas Child Project. Those funds will be used to buy any additional items needed to fill boxes and/or for shipping costs.
- 5) And, most of all, please remember to **say a prayer** for the children who will receive these shoeboxes.

Suggested Items for Each Box:

- 1) "WOW" ITEMS such as soccer balls (deflated) with pump; dolls; stuffed animals or shoes (Note, each box should contain one WOW item!)
- 2) TOYS such as toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, cards, or dominos
- 3) TOILETRIES such as tooth brushes, combs, brushes, soap (individually wrapped!), stick deodorant, wash cloths
- 4) SCHOOL SUPPLIES such as pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, coloring books, picture books, solar calculators
- 5) ACCESSORIES such as socks, sunglasses, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), caps, t-shirts, underwear

Do Not Include:

Candy, toothpaste, gum, seeds, food, liquids, lotions, aerosol cans, glass containers, breakable items, scary or war-related items, or used or damaged items!

Please feel free to contact me at (919)302-6924/cell, (919) 732-4959/home or e-mail at:

jcrabtree@centurylink.net

BLESSINGS!

Jeanne A. Crabtree, Project Leader

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

- Cheryl Humphrey, recovering from surgery
- Cindy Sherron, recovering from a fall
- Family of Laura Tapp in the loss of her son and brother.
- Billy Addison from Erwin, NC who has been diagnosed with mouth cancer. Cheryl Humphrey is asking for prayers for Billy.
- Peggy Bledsoe, health issues. She is Dan Bledsoe's mom.
- Pat Sykes
- Debbie Haywood (cancer treatments), friend of Ann and Bruce Richardson.
- Dana Kimrey. He is the brother of Lorraine Hines.

Send A Card

Cards For Healing

Cheryl Humphrey (recovering from surgery), 705 Still Meadow Lane, Hillsborough, NC 27278

Cindy Sherron (recovering from a fall), Peak Resources Brookshire, 300 Meadowlands Drive, Room 506, Hillsborough, NC 27278

Congratulations to the newlyweds

Morgan and John Irving (Morgan is daughter of Tina and Barry Walker), 85 Hopkins Street, Newport News, VA 23601

Quilts

1. Kyson Farley, a 5 year old from Washington, DC who had surgery for abdominal cancer. He is the son of Kathy & Ronnie Farley and a former student of Jillian Hines Denny.
2. Maggie Murray, a 3 week old who was born with a major heart defect. She is the daughter of Christopher and Erica Murray and the great-granddaughter of Gayle Terrell who is one of our crafters.
3. J. C. Porterfield from Kernersville NC who has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. He is a friend of Barry Parker.

(The quilts will be in the Fellowship Hall. You're invited to tie a knot and say a prayer over them.)

Upcoming Birthdays

Friday 9/22 – Nancy Huskins, Teresa Long, Erin Rutledge Dillard

Saturday 9/23 – Michael Powell, Melissa Powel Machtolff, Nita Trembley, Audrey Lee

Sunday 9/24 – Aaron Swiggett, Leah Gates

Monday 9/25 – Emily Privette

Wednesday 9/27 – Cathy Boling, Claire Clayton, Claiborne Roberts, Beverly Roberts, Jackson Rodgers

Friday 9/29 – Marcia Compton, Sara Beth Campbell

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

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

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Serving in Worship

September 24th

Acolytes: Isabella Conway/Isaac Conway

Greeters: Faith Parker/Mary Emma Roberts

Ushers: Stephanie & Tyler Smith

Nursery: Judy Parker/Laurie Rogers

Scripture Reader: Grace Dunlap

Trustee Open/Close: Laura Dunlap

PM Nursery: Laurie Rogers/Mary Beth Elliott

October 1st

Acolytes: Max Kemnitz/Corbin Smith

Greeters: Dale Smithson/Laurie Rogers

Ushers: Cheryl & Scott Humphrey

Nursery: Cheryl S. Parker/Judy Butler

Scripture Reader: Lorraine Parker

Trustee Open/Close: Johnny Clayton

PM Nursery: Lorraine Hines/Leigh McFalls

Mowing Schedule

September 23 – Jimmy Berry

September 30 – Bruce Richardson

October 7 – Todd Harris

October 14 – 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 22-23 Walnut Grove Crafters

Sunday, September 24

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Worship Service

10:45am Children's Church

5:30pm Dinner

6:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study, Nursery

Wed., September 27

6:30pm Worship Band

7:00pm Worship Choir

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| Saturday, September 30 | Harvest Festival Cook Day 1 |
| Sunday, October 1 | 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Laity Sunday/Methodist Home for Children 1K/1Kid after church 4:00pm Fellowship Committee meeting 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study, Nursery |
| Wednesday, October 4 | 6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir |
| Saturday, October 7 | TarWheels BikeFest will be using the parking lot |
| Sunday, October 8 | 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study, Nursery |
| Wednesday, October 11 | Mary Martha Busy Ladies 7:00pm Worship Choir |
| Saturday, October 14 | Harvest Festival Cook Day 2 |
| Sunday, October 15 | 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study, Nursery |
| Wednesday, October 18 | 6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir |
| Friday, October 20 | Harvest Festival – Preparation and Peeling |
| Saturday, October 21 | Harvest Festival |
| Sunday, October 22 | 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study, Nursery |

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| Wednesday, October 25 | 6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir |
| Fri-Sat, October 27-28 | Walnut Grove Crafters |
| Sunday, October 29 | 9:30am Sunday School Opening Joint Sunday School (Adults) 10:30am SONGFEST Service Trunk or Treat & Hot Dog Dinner |

See You Sunday!!