

In a Nutshell

October 17, 2025

New day - New witness

I don't want to hide my faith—I want to shine bright for Jesus!

Lord, let me be a light in the darkness today.

Matthew 5:16 "... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.."



Let's light up our world with Christ's love and truth!

How Can You Shine Today:

- Show kindness in small things – hold the door, smile, say thank you.
- Be quick to forgive – don't hold on to offenses; show grace.
- Encourage someone – send a text or call to uplift someone who's down.
- Serve without recognition – do something helpful where no one sees but God.
- Stand for truth with love – don't compromise but speak gently and respectfully.
- Pray for people around you – intercede for coworkers, neighbors, and friends.
- Share hope – give a word of Scripture or testimony to someone in need.
- Be generous – meet a need quietly, whether financial or with your time.
- Model joy and peace – let others see Christ in how you handle stress or trials.
- Love the unlovable – treat everyone with dignity, even when it's not returned.

~~Shared by Kim Combs

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Harvest Festival 2025 Update

Everything is finally in place for the big day. We only have one more food prep day and that is cutting up the potatoes and onions today at 8 am. This is always a fun time. A knife and cutting board will be needed again. To show our appreciation for all your hard work, a spaghetti lunch will be served. You can also start bringing in your auction items on Friday. It is hard to believe Harvest Festival is almost here. The last few months have just flown by. Everyone looks forward to the fellowship, food and fun. The sights and sounds of early morning Harvest Festival are the best. The air is cool, the stew is

cooking, and the BBQ is being packed. The hushpuppy oil is heating up, and auction items are making their way to the trailer. The tents, tables, and chairs are ready for the day. There is a lot of chatter as last-minute decisions are made about one thing or another. We are all excited about the day that has been planned for months. I am looking forward to seeing you all on October 18th. When you arrive just breathe deeply and take it all in.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Pat Beck

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Harvest Festival Quilts

Our quilts are ready for the Auction.



Music Ministry Update

October is here, and that means it's time to learn some Christmas music!

The **Worship Choir** has recently started learning this year's cantata, "All is Well". We will present this on Sunday, December 14th, during the 10:30am worship service. If you are interested in participating with us (singing or speaking), join us on Wednesdays at 7:30pm (starts Oct. 29th) and/or Sundays at 6:00pm (starts Nov. 2). Youth are welcome to participate too!

The **Hallelujah Kids** also have some new Christmas music waiting for them to learn. We will start practice on Sunday, October 19th at 4:45pm. The title of this year's program is "The Mystery of the Missing Manger". We will present this on Sunday, December 21st during the 10:30am worship service. Children K through 5th grade are invited to participate in the singing and acting parts. We will also have some opportunities for the younger children as well. Join us on Sundays at 4:45pm!

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

Trunk or Treat, Oct. 26

Candy! Costumes! Competition! Join us for an afternoon of trunk-or-treating fun on October 26th! We encourage EVERYONE at church to join in for this event, by decorating a trunk and/or by bringing your family to participate in the activities. This year, we'll have a competition and prize for the best decorated trunk, so show up with your most creative ideas!



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TRUNK OR TREAT!

OCTOBER 26

4-6 PM

- HOTDOG DINNER • POPCORN • COTTON CANDY •
- INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE •
- GAMES • TRUNK OR TREAT •

WALNUT GROVE UMC

7215 WALNUT GROVE CHURCH ROAD IN MURDLE MILLS

OCIM Update

Brenda and Jimmy Berry dropped off 198 pounds of goods to OCIM this week. Thank you all so much for donating to this very worthy cause.

A poster for OCIM 2025 Fall Fest. The top half has a dark red background with a pattern of gold leaves. The text "OCIM 2025 FALL FEST" is written in large, bold, orange and yellow letters. Below this, on a white background, is a list of activities: BAKED GOODS, ART WALK (NEW THIS YEAR), ANTIQUES - POTTERY - JEWELRY, STORE COUPON BUNDLES ON SALE NOW - \$5, and SILENT AUCTION ITEMS. It also states "ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MEALS ON WHEELS". At the bottom, it says "Join the OCIM THRIFT SHOP for our FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATION!". The right side of the poster has a dark red background with the date "OCTOBER 18", the time "9 AM - 2 PM", and the location "300 MILSTONE DRIVE, HILLSBOROUGH, NC 27278".

**OCIM
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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MEALS ON WHEELS

For more information, contact Bernadette at 919-732-6194 ext. 21.

OCTOBER 18
9 AM – 2 PM
300 MILSTONE DRIVE
HILLSBOROUGH, NC 27278

They are in need of:

Food items: canned fruit, jelly, soups, beef stew, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese, cereal, rice (small bags).

Non-food items:

toothpaste, laundry pods, toilet paper, diapers (size 4)

Thank you to all who have donated money as well as the actual cans of food and veggies, plus the above items. Thank you all so much for your participation.

Be A Disciple

There are several UMC courses offered on BeADisciple.com. Share this opportunity with someone you know who might benefit from extra guidance during the upcoming holiday season. If you are a church member and need assistance (partial or full scholarship), please let Pastor Laura know. Don't let cost be a hindrance for this opportunity!

<https://beadisciple.com/online-christian-courses/grief/ifd374-bridge-to-surviving-grief-during-holidays/>

New Plants Coming Soon!

Walnut Grove UMC has been selected as a recipient for two grants: from Backyard Butterflies and from the 39th Annual Azalea Celebration. This means we will have lots of new flowering plants and azaleas around our campus in the upcoming weeks! Chuck Davis and his team will be working to excavate overgrown or unhealthy shrubbery to make space for these new plants. This work will not conflict with Harvest Festival. We're excited for some fresh blooms to bring color and beauty to our church grounds!

Sunday Night Meal RSVP:

If you want to enjoy a meal this fall at Sunday night Bible study, you need to sign up!

[RSVP HERE](#) for which meals you and your family plan to eat.

OCP Upcoming Fall Events

*Orange Cooperative Parish
Fall Fun Happenings*

- **All of October** at Camp Chestnut Ridge
Pumpkin Patch at the farm every Saturday in October -
<https://www.campchestnutridge.org/pumpkin-patch>
- **October 1st** Harvest Festival with lunch at noon (homemade egg rolls and other goodies)/country store/children's play area/dinner at 5/auction at 6:30. Chestnut Ridge UMC
- **October 1st** - Auction, BBQ Dinner, Live Music 5- 7PM, Live Auction Starts at 7. At Union Grove UMC. Tickets are \$15. Kids 12 and under eat for free! Purchase Tickets Online [UNIONGROVE UMC](#)
- **October 18th** - Harvest Festival includes Live Auction BBQ, Stew (\$12 each). Lunch plates \$15 - includes BBQ, Stew, Slaw, Hushpuppies, Drink, and Dessert - Adults \$15, Children (8 and younger), \$6 at Walnut Grove UMC
- **November 1** Starting at 2 PM. Stew for \$12 a quart. To preorder call (919)215-7308 Efland UMC
- **November 8th** - Cedar Grove UMC Harvest Festival - Homemade Turkey Dinner from 4:30 to 7:00 PM at Cedar Grove United Methodist Church + Online Auction
- **November 22nd** - Camp Chestnut Ridge Trail Run Fundraiser - <https://www.campchestnutridge.org/trail-run>

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. You may also access the link on our website for convenient giving. Alternatively, cash or check contributions continue to be accepted through our tithes and offerings. Your generosity helps us continue serving Christ and reaching out to our community in mission and faithful witness.



JOYS & CONCERNS

Prayer List

- Family of Terry McPhail who recently passed away. He is Pastor Laura's uncle.
- Timmy Parker with serious health issues. He is Barry Parker's brother
- Worth Miller with serious health issues. He is a friend and neighbor of Jimmy and Brenda Berry.
- Neil Donnelly with health issues.
- Helen Miller with serious health issues. She is the aunt of Pat Beck's brother-in-law.
- Mary Lou Smith-very dear friend of Carol Gerbracht
- Carol Gerbracht recovering from recent surgery
- 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.
- Katherine Huey, with health issues. She is Rick Huey's mom.
- Joan Bickel from Dallas, TX. She has been diagnosed with brain cancer. She is Erica Nading's aunt.
- Ben Lloyd, Cheryl Humphrey's father, with serious health issues
- Iris Tilley, recuperating from a recent fall
- Gilbert Lee in Prince George, VA, who recently had surgery for cancer. He is Richard Lee's father
- Maria Guerrero, mother in-law of Alejandro Rivas, Duke intern, as she deals with terminal illness.
- Herbert and JoAnn Cates, both with health issues. They are members of Walnut Grove UMC.
- Jerry Forrester, bilateral lung cancer
- Liz Matthews, friend of Katie Whitaker
- Debbie Langdale diagnosed with stage 5 kidney disease, waiting for transplant. Friend of John and Brooke Sherron
- Kelly Schoch, with brain cancer. She is co-worker of Erica Nading
- Kathy Kimrey with health concerns. She is the sister-in-law of Lorraine Hines and Pam Kimrey.

Quilts

Kevin Williamson from Santee, SC who has been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. Kevin is a cousin of Emma Beckham.

Janet Reynolds from Edmond, Oklahoma who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Janet is the sister-in-law of Linda Reynolds.

(The prayer quilt 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.)

Birthdays

Friday 10/17 – James Parker, William Berry, Jr., Kaitlin Burton

Saturday 10/18 – Chris Adkins, Denise Ford, Sarah Parker, Ellen Johnson

Sunday 10/19 – Cole Campbell, Marian Houck

Monday 10/20 – Jane Sparks, Richard Lee

Tuesday 10/21 – Aaron Carr, C.J. Triplett

Wednesday 10/22 – Laura Slater, Isaac Conway

Thursday 10/23 – Josh Hines, Debbie Albert, Sandra Albert, Adam Bordeaux

Friday 10/24 – Faith Parker, Walter Schrift

Saturday 10/25 – Layney Harris

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

October 19th

Acolytes: Wyatt James/Ellen Johnson

Greeters: Patty Maseth/Faith Parker

Ushers: Jenny Blalock/Kennedy Dunlap

Scripture: Mary Emma Roberts

Nursery: Grace Dunlap/Lorraine Hines

Trustee Open/Close: Cheryl Humphrey

Financial Rep: Lou Rutledge

PM Nursery: N/A

October 26th

Acolytes: Samantha Johnson/Max Kemnitz

Greeters: Barry & Cheryl L Parker

Ushers: Chris & Cathy Boling

Scripture: Kara Roberts

Nursery: Sharyn Gates/Pam Kimrey

Trustee Open/Close: Gary Spake

Financial Rep: Tyler Smith

Mowing Schedule

October 18- Bruce Richardson

October 25- Todd Harris

November 1- 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

Friday, October 17 8:00am Potatoes/onions prep and lunch

Saturday, October 18



Sunday, October 19 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service / Laity Sunday
4:45pm Hallelujah Kids

Monday, October 20 6:30pm Covenant Council meeting

Tuesday, October 21 7:00pm Men's Group

Wednesday, October 22 7:00pm Worship Choir

Fri-Sat., October 24-25 Walnut Grove Crafters

Sunday, October 26 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
10:45am Children's Church
4:00-6:00pm Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 29 6:30pm Worship Band
7:00pm Worship Choir

Sunday, November 2 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (CLOCKS FALL BACK)**
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service/Communion/All Saints Sunday
4:45pm Hallelujah Kids
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm - 7:00pm Kids Krew, Youth, Adult Bible Study, Nursery
6:00pm Worship Choir (Christmas)

Monday, November 3 6:30pm Worship meeting

Tuesday, November 4	7:00pm Men's Group
Wednesday, November 5	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Fri-Sun, November 7-9	Youth at Pilgrimage
Sunday, November 9	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church 4:45pm Hallelujah Kids 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm - 7:00pm Kids Krew, Youth, Adult Bible Study, Nursery 6:00pm Worship Choir (Christmas)
Tues-Wed, Nov 11-12	Mary Martha Busy Ladies – Cooking Senior Meals
Wednesday, Nov. 12	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Sunday, November 16	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 4:45pm Hallelujah Kids 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm - 7:00pm Kids Krew, Youth, Adult Bible Study, Nursery 6:00pm Worship Choir (Christmas) 7:00pm Charge Conference at Cedar Grove UMC
Tuesday, November 18	7:00pm Men's Group
Wednesday, Nov 19	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Sunday, November 23	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church 4:00pm Decorate Church for Advent 4:45pm Hallelujah Kids 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm - 7:00pm Kids Krew, Adult Bible Study, Nursery 6:00pm – 7:00pm Youth online safety training with Tyler Smith 6:00pm Worship Choir (Christmas)

Thursday, November 27



Sunday, November 30

9:00am Doughnuts/Coffee for everyone!!

(provided by Men's Group)

9:30am Sunday School Opening - Joint Sunday School (Adults)

10:30am Worship Service - First Sunday of Advent / Hanging of the Greens

4:45pm Hallelujah Kids

6:00pm Worship Choir (Christmas)

See You Sunday!!