

### Heard

*Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.*

*~ Genesis 21: 17*

These words were spoken by an angel to Hagar as she sat at a distance waiting for her child to die.

She was out of water and knew the boy could not live without it, and she couldn't bear to watch him suffer, so she put him under a bush, sat down a bowshot away and cried, loudly.

And God heard the voice of the boy where he was.

God hears the voice of children

*where  
they  
are.*

Not because of us. Not because of parents or caretakers or teachers. And not because we told God where to listen.

God hears the voice of children where they are.

When we are neck-deep in parenting or teaching or a myriad of other ways of being involved with children, it is easy to forget that we are not the primary movers here. God doesn't love a child for any reason of which we have a part. God just loves them. God hears them, God sees them, God cares for them, God saves them.

We do not carry these children alone.

Thanks be to God.

~ Lindy Thompson

### Pray

God, please bless all children. Help us protect them. Amen.

--Shared by Leigh McFalls

## **NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Harvest Festival Meeting**

Everyone is invited to come and present your ideas on our Harvest Festival Tradition at Walnut Grove or consider other options on **June 29th at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who is interested in helping, anyone who might have information, or anyone who has an opinion as to what HF should look like in October, is invited to attend! All are welcome to participate in this meeting.

### **Music Ministry Update**

Music and Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska Assembly in the NC mountains was incredible! The children and youth learned more music than they thought was possible. They even worked up-and performed-the current church dance craze "The Church Clap" for the youth talent show. (You should ask them about it.)

When asked what words everyone would use to describe the week, this is what they said:

Exciting.....Relaxing.....Joyful.....Rejuvenating.....Engaging.....Creative.....Rainy.....Fun.....Powerful  
Joyful (again).....Musical (duh).....Spiritual.....Delicious.....Delightful.....Beautiful.....Joyful (again)

Some of the classes they attended included creating wind chimes and ornaments, making crafts and playing choir chimes. We will be returning Friday afternoon rejuvenated, refreshed and maybe a little (or a lot) tired. We were truly blessed to have this experience!

### **OCP Literacy Camp**

We are thankful to be part of the collective gathering of the Orange Cooperative Parish that has occasional activities together like our recent monthly confirmation classes at the Eno House. The Duke Endowment has been generous to fund the OCP Literacy Camp at Union Grove UMC to help children that are falling behind in being at their grade level in reading. We need volunteers to sustain this program. If you are able to help, please use the sign up genius to set aside time to serve as you are able. Click the link - [Literacy Camp Sign Up](#) to sign up to help. If you have questions, please reach out to Rev. Rich Greenway at [rgreenway@nccumc.org](mailto:rgreenway@nccumc.org). Peace!

### **Haw River UMC Summer Camp**

June 26-July 1

If any kids ages 8-16 are looking for a fun sleep-away camp experience, join us for this memorable, spirit-filled experience. For more information visit: <https://hawriverumc.org/church-camp/>

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Rev. Laure Kalau

Pastor, Haw River UMC

### **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**

- Family of Anne Campbell in the loss of her mother
- Peggy Bledsoe, health issues. She is Dan Bledsoe's mom.
- Linda Sheppard
- Jennifer Brewer, sarcoma, Emma Beckham's niece
- Pat Sykes
- Frances Walters
- Debbie Haywood (cancer treatments), friend of Ann and Bruce Richardson.
- Dana Kimrey. He is the brother of Lorraine Hines.

### **Send A Card**

Rev. Rich Greenway, pastor of Union Grove UMC, (Loss of his mother), 2216 Rhonda Rd., Hillsborough, NC 27278-7087

Rev. Julia Alliger (Congratulations for retirement), 430 Charlie Monk Rd., Hurdle Mills, NC 27541-7836

### **Upcoming Birthdays**

Friday 6/23 – Pat Beck

Sunday 6/25 – Charleston Ruth Davis, Jacob Wimberly

Tuesday 6/27 – Lauren Tilley, Jennifer Davis

Wednesday 6/28 – Sarah Carr, Jillian Hines Denny, Sheila Murray

Thursday 6/29 – Becky Parker, Eleanor Whitaker

Friday 6/30 – Bill Atkins, Jeanne Crabtree, Daniel Todd III, Erin Christen

Saturday 7/1 – Cindy Anderson

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](mailto:office@walnutgroveumc.org) so we can update our records.

## **STAYING CONNECTED**

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### **Serving in Worship**

#### **June 25th**

Acolytes: Isaac Conway/Wyatt James

Greeters: Barry & Cheryl L. Parker

Ushers: Mike Roberts/Brenda Berry

Nursery: Stephanie Smith/Dale Smithson

Scripture Reader: Ashley Parker

Trustee Open/Close: Jacob Blankenship

## **July 2nd**

Acolytes: Max Kemnitz/Michael Roberts

Greeters: Cheryl & Clay Parker

Ushers: Cheryl & Scott Humphrey

Nursery: Cheryl L. Parker/Mary Emma Roberts

Scripture Reader: Lorraine Parker

Trustee Open/Close: Mike Roberts

Communion Servers: Kara & Mike Roberts

## **Mowing Schedule**

June 24 – Johnny & Shirley Clayton

July 8 – Phil Hines

July 22 – Bruce Richardson

July 1 – Clay Parker

July 15 – Jimmy Berry

July 29 – Todd Harris

**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, June 25	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church
Monday, June 26	7:00pm Covenant Council
Tuesday, June 27	11:00am Workout Class in pool at Linda's house
Wednesday, June 28	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Thursday, June 29	9:30am Workout Class in pool at Linda's house 7:00pm Harvest Festival Meeting
Sunday, July 2	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service
Wednesday July 5	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Thursday, July 6	11:00am Workout Class in pool at Linda's house

Sunday, July 9	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church
Tuesday, July 11	11:00am Workout Class in pool at Linda's house
Wednesday, July 12	10:00 Mary Martha Busy Ladies
Thursday, July 13	11:00am Workout Class in pool at Linda's house
Sunday, July 16	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service
Sun – Wed. July 16 – 19	5:30pm – 7:30pm Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, July 18	11:00am Workout Class in pool at Linda's house
Wednesday, July 19	7:30pm Worship Choir
Thursday, July 20	11:00am Workout Class in pool at Linda's house
Fri-Sat, July 21-22	Walnut Grove Crafters
Sunday, July 23	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church
Tuesday, July 25	11:00am Workout Class in pool at Linda's house
Wednesday, July 26	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Thursday, July 27	11:00am Workout Class in pool at Linda's house
Sunday, July 30	9:30am Sunday School Opening - Joint Sunday School (Adults) 10:30am SONGFEST Service

See You Sunday!!