

Ready

Exodus 3: 1-15

Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

God told Moses to remove his sandals because he was standing on holy ground.

This must mean that it was disrespectful to have shoes on in a sacred place like that. So Moses took them off in obedience to God's command.

In addition, removing his shoes and standing barefoot on the earth offered a connection to creation that Moses would not otherwise have had in that moment. It was a grounding action that would have centered his body in time and space and made him more keenly aware of what was happening.

Standing like a child, barefoot and awestruck, Moses was ready to hear the voice of God.

May we be ready as well.

~ Lindy Thompson

Pray

O God, we long to hear you. Help us be ready to listen. Amen.

~Shared by Leigh McFalls

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

New Beginnings in Sunday School

Mark your calendar for September 10th for new beginnings in Sunday school!

We'll have Sunday school for the youngest in our congregation in the nursery led by Katie Whitaker.

K-2 will be led by Courtney Humphrey in the yellow room upstairs.

3-5 will be led by Ashley Parker in the children's Sunday school room.

Youth will meet in the youth room upstairs.

Young Adults will meet in the room next to the parlor now called the Young Adult Sunday School Room.

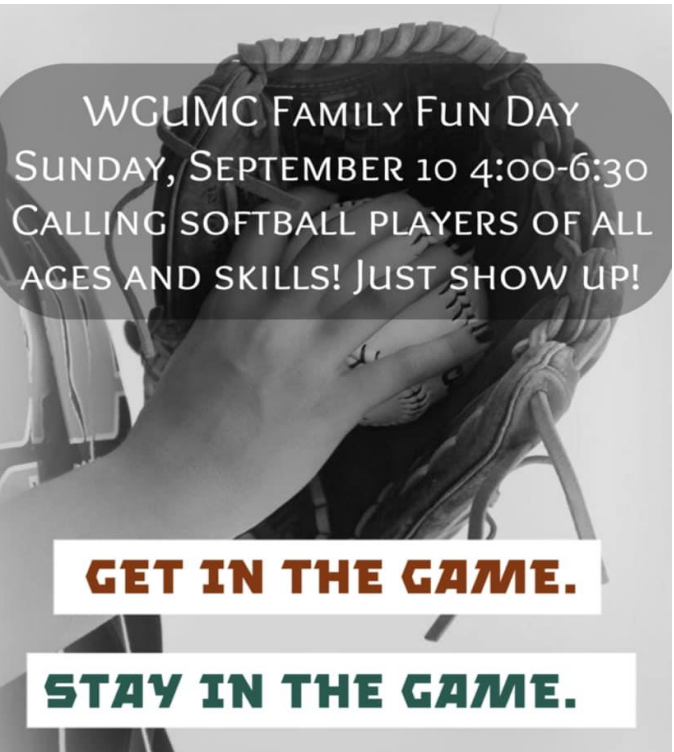
The Titus 2 Ladies Class will meet in the parlor.

The Flock Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

And the Faithful Followers Sunday school class will meet in the Choir Room.

This is a perfect time to invite a family to church, join in on the fun if you haven't yet, and take part in Sunday school each Sunday!

Annual Family Fun Day



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th - 4 – 6:30pm

Bring a chair, your family and friends for a fun afternoon at Walnut Grove! We will have a slip n slide, games, softball, homemade ice cream, popsicles, hot dogs, popcorn, and music. There will be softball for all ages and stages. We need volunteers with setting up, serving dinner and clean up.

Sunday Night Starting Back September 17th!

Mark your calendars for Sunday Nights Together here at Walnut Grove UMC starting September 17th 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 Meals: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044FAFAD29AFF2-sunday1>

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

Refugee Ministry - 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.

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 Bobby O'Briant from Durham who passed away. He is a friend of Carol Gerbracht.
- Maryellen Benton from Denver, NC, Maryellen is one of our Walnut Grove Crafters.
- David and Carolyn White who are both having serious health issues. David has congestive heart failure and two kinds of cancer. Carolyn has cancer as well. They are friends of Martha (Martha is a member of the Mary Martha Busy Ladies and Walnut Grove Crafters) and Ray Niles.
- 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.

Quilts

- Emily Lineback from Oak Ridge, NC who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is Jessie and Katie Whitaker's aunt.
- Craig Austin from Metairie, Louisiana who recently had surgery. He is a cousin of Carol Gerbracht.

(The prayer quilts will be placed at the front of the sanctuary so that anyone who desires to tie a knot and say a prayer can do so before or after Sunday School. There will also be an opportunity to tie a knot and say a prayer during Communion. Thank you for your participation in this important ministry.)

Upcoming Birthdays

Friday 9/1 – Robby Dow, Carol Rice

Saturday 9/2 – Matthew McCulloch

Sunday 9/3 – Kimberly Long, Kirk Metcalf

Monday 9/4 – Janet Freeland

Tuesday 9/5 – Sylvia Overby

Friday 9/8 – Cheryl Jones

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.

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Serving in Worship

September 3rd

Acolytes: Gracie Hall/Kennedy Dunlap

Greeters: Lorraine & Phil Hines

Ushers: Ashley Parker/Grace Dunlap

Nursery: Mary Emma Roberts/Dale Smithson

Scripture Reader: Lorraine Parker

Trustee Open/Close: Jacob Blankenship

Communion Servers: Ashley Parker/Grace Dunlap

September 10th

Acolytes: Isabella Conway/Michael Roberts

Greeters: Cheryl & Scott Humphrey

Ushers: Lorraine & Phil Hines

Nursery: Faith Parker/Margaret Williams

Scripture Reader: Ashley Parker

Trustee Open/Close: Mike Roberts

Mowing Schedule

September 2 – Johnny & Shirley Clayton

September 9 – Clay Parker

September 16 – Phil Hines

September 23 – Jimmy Berry

September 30 – Bruce Richardson

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, September 3	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service
Wed., September 6	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Sunday, September 10	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Promotion Sunday & Announce new elementary classes 10:45am Children's Church 4:00 – 6:30pm Family Fun Day
Wed., September 13	Mary Martha Busy Ladies 6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Sunday, September 17	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study
Wed., September 20	Youth: Pilgrimage Registration Due – Kara Roberts 6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
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

Wed., September 27 6:30pm Worship Band
7:00pm Worship Choir

Saturday, September 30 Harvest Festival Cook Day 1

See You Sunday!!