

In A Nutshell

September 26, 2018

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

My cousin is a fire fighter/paramedic in South Carolina. His team has been working in flooded areas rescuing people from their flooded homes. In talking to him on Saturday he told me of a woman he met who had been in her flooded house alone for a week. He said she gave thanks to God for keeping her alive and was grateful for the “disgusting potted meat” in the pantry. (I was wondering why it was in the pantry if she didn’t like it but there was no time for questions.) He said she cried and thanked them all but continuously said these words, “Thank you, Jesus”.

Then there’s the story of the woman in the grocery store with me last week. She yelled at the manager because last time she bought bananas they didn’t keep long enough for her liking. Store manager asked why she was buying more if she was so unhappy. She said she just liked bananas.

Paul tells the Thessalonians to pray without ceasing and to give thanks in all circumstances. How blessed we are to not have had the flooding in our area from which so much of our state still continues to suffer. Our brothers and sisters are still in need. Some are homeless, some are hungry, and some need to be fed spiritually. Pray without ceasing friends.

Serving this Week

8:30am Service

Greeters: Dan and LuAnne Bledsoe

Ushers: Barry Walker and Logan Horton

Nursery: Debbie Gates and Stephanie Smith

Breakfast: Brenda Berry and Pat Hall

Scripture: Kim Horton

11:00am Service

Greeters: Barry Parker and James Parker

Important Upcoming Meetings:

ERT (Emergency Response Team) - Sunday, Sept. 30th @ 12:30pm

SPRC - Monday, Oct. 1st @ 6:30pm

Covenant Council - Tuesday, Oct. 2nd @ 7:00pm

Wednesday Night Dinners

Meal: Chicken and Rice, Green Beans, Tossed Salad and Desserts

Provided By: Hunter and Karen Preston

Proceeds: Hurricane Florence Relief

Thanks to everyone who signed up to prepare dinner. All dates have been filled. Now all we need is your attendance! After dinner we invite you to stay for our evening activities. We have something for the whole family!

Ages 0 to 5 will be in the Nursery with Ms. Ann, Mrs. Debbie, & Miss Faith
Elementary kids will be learning with Mrs. Kara in her classroom upstairs
Middle/High School kids will be in Amanda's office with Game Night
Adults will be in the Fellowship Hall getting a sneak peak at the scripture for the upcoming Sunday service with Pastor Hunter.

For any questions please contact Amanda at 919-618-9559 or walnutgrovemethodist@gmail.com.

ERT (Emergency Response Team)

Are you interested in going with us for a weekend or day trip to help those in need? WGUMC will be sponsoring a work team to assist in the disaster relief efforts in the hard-hit areas from Hurricane Florence. You do not have to be ERT trained although UMCOR does require each team to have some ERT trained persons on board. We encourage all you to come to our meeting **this Sunday at 12:30pm**. For questions, or if you're interested and cannot attend the meeting, please contact Scott Humphrey at (919-815-1282).

Hurricane Florence Relief

A huge THANK YOU for all the donations flowing in to support our brothers and sisters in their time of need. The church has decided to purchase the items to make 50 Flood Buckets and 50 Health Kits. We will be assembling these during our Harvest Festival Cook Day on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Monetary donations are still needed! (If you cannot participate this time, you will have another chance later as these will not be the only buckets and kits we make this season. Our Walnut Grove ERT is getting ready to set some dates in which we will be going to hard hit areas to help as needed. Your monetary donations will help our teams with supplies and other expenses. Please mark your check on envelope "ERT" to support our Walnut Grove Team. If you would like to give straight to UMCOR and the wonderful things they are doing, click on the link below. If you have any questions regarding ERT and how you can help, please contact Scott Humphrey (919-815-1282)

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Music Ministry Update

Are you ready to learn some Christmas music? Yes, I know it's just September, but plans for the 2018 Christmas music is already underway. Rehearsals will begin in October. Please save the following two dates.
Sunday, December 16th at 10:30am - Children's Program
Sunday, December 23rd at 10:30am - Sanctuary Choir & WG Orchestra
For more information, contact Leigh McFalls at 919-818-3317 or leighmcfalls@gmail.com.

Widow(ers) Luncheon

Thursday, Oct. 4th @ 11:30am

You have been invited to lunch! This special lunch put on by Jean Mangum is for those have experienced the loss of a spouse either recently or in years past. Come enjoy a delicious lunch and fellowship at Jean's home (2909 Little River Church Road, Hurdle Mills, 27541). For more information contact Jean Mangum at 919-644-1464.

Harvest Festival

October 20! Mark your calendar now.

Next Cook Day – Saturday, **October 6th at 9am - until** (We will also be assembling the Flood Buckets and Health Kits this day too.)

Friday, **October 19th** – potatoes/onions will be chopped and indoor/outdoor set up will be done as needed

A sign-up board of items needed both for stew and desserts is now posted in the fellowship hall. You can also make monetary donations for help with the purchase of meat and other items. If you have questions contact Kim Horton (919-360-2973), Brenda Berry (919-819-1407), and/or Iris Tilley (919-619-5005).

Line Dancing with Linda Reynolds

As seasons change so do we. Linda Reynolds will be offering Line Dancing classes for all ages on Tuesday nights at 6pm (start date to be announced). If you're interested in participating, please call or text Linda at 919-619-2294.

This Week's Happenings

Wednesday, Sept 26th

Wednesday Night Dinner	5:45pm
Wednesday Night Activities	6:30pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm

Thursday, Sept 27th

Water Aerobics	9:15am
Praise Team Rehearsal	7:00pm

Next Week's Happenings

Sunday, Sept 30th

Early Service	8:30am
Sunday School	10:00am
Worship Service	11:00am
ERT Meeting	12:30pm
MYF	5:00pm

Monday, Oct 1st

SPRC Meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday, Oct 2nd

Water Aerobics 9:15am

Covenant Council Meeting 7:00pm

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Widow(er) Luncheon 11:00am

Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm

Saturday, Oct 6th

Harvest Festival Cook Day 9:00am

Assembling Flood Buckets (During Cook Day)

This Week's Birthdays

Thursday, Sept 27th

Cathy Boling

Claire Clayton

Claiborne Roberts

Beverly Roberts

Saturday, Sept 29th

Sara Beth Campbell

Marcia Compton

Next Week's Birthdays

Sunday, Sept 30th

Amy Holleman

Amy Parker

Greg Wright

Monday, Oct 1st

Ann Creech

Zachary Daniel

Mandy McFalls Kemnitz

Church Rodgers

Duane Tilley

Tuesday, Oct 2nd

Tommy Blalock

Julia Treis

Thursday, Oct 4th

Michael Burton

Cody Berezny

John Sherron

Logan Horton

Friday, Oct 5th

Ashley Conway

Have a great week! See you Sunday!

Amanda