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HARMONY GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS



From The Pastor's Desk.....

Sign up to Serve

"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well." — Romans 12:6 (NLT)

We have all been blessed with a variety of gifts according to the grace God has given us. One meaningful way these gifts are shared is by serving on church committees, allowing your unique talents to blossom for the benefit of both our congregation and the broader community.

On **October 11th after church**, the Lay Leadership committee (Rev. Ryan Mendenhall, John Craft, Donna Ireland, Marketa Powers, Brenda Stanley, and Chris Center) will meet to nominate church members to serve on various committees over the next three years.

Below is an overview of our core committees, alongside additional opportunities to serve:

Lay Leadership Committee (Nominations and Leadership Development): Helps the church find, encourage, and prepare people to serve in leadership roles so that the gifts of the congregation are used effectively in ministry.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC): Cares for the pastor and church staff, supports healthy working relationships, offers regular feedback, and helps make recommendations regarding staffing and compensation.

Finance Committee: Oversees the church's financial stewardship—preparing the yearly budget, encouraging giving, ensuring funds are used as intended, and maintaining transparent, trustworthy financial practices.

Board of Trustees: Cares for the church's buildings, grounds, and physical property while managing insurance, maintenance, and gifts or trusts left to the church.

Church Council (Administrative Council): Guides the overall direction of the church by planning, coordinating, and evaluating ministries of worship, care, outreach, and service to keep our community focused on its core mission.

Throughout the month of September, please pray over this scripture and ask God to reveal how you might best use your gifts in the coming year. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or any member of the Lay Leadership committee as you discern how best to use the gifts God has given to you.

Have a blessed September,

Pastor Ryan

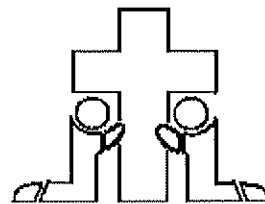
THIS 'N THAT.....



Myra Williams
Walt Liebscher
Brenda Stanley
Bill & Callie Nugent
Jennifer Nugent
John Craft
Gena Howard
Lenny McLaughlin
Loretta McClain
Rev. Ken Eller
Robin Barefoot
Bob & Linda Ellerbe
Peggy Brookshire

Paul Thompson
Bill Williams
Wendy Armstrong
Karen & Norris Griffin
The family of Allene Gaither
Trudy Jones
JoeAnn Ogburn
Sandra Miles
Scott Todd
Jason Jones
Larry Tate
Cole Stephens
Our Youth
Our church
Our community

Our Nation & World



HARMONY GROVE FINANCIAL RECAP

Truist Checking **\$17,741.32**

Truist Building Fund Checking **\$14,990.34**

Truist Designated Savings **\$21,111.12**

UMF Building **\$30,343.16**

UMF Parsonage **\$77,278.74**

Scholarship **\$41,418.62**

FUN & GAMES.....

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Sermons of Jesus 4

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Matt.7:1-12

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BREAD	DOOR
BROTHER	EVIL
CHILDREN	EYE
CLEARLY	FEET
FATHER	FINDS
GIVEN	FISH
GOOD	GIFTS
HEAVEN	KNOW
JUDGED	LAW
KNOCK	LOOK
MEASURE	MORE
OPENED	MUCH
OTHERS	PIGS
PEARLS	PLANK
PIECES	SEEKS
PROPHETS	SNAKE
RECEIVES	SPECK
REMOVE	STONE
SACRED	SUMS
SAWDUST	TEAR
THROW	TIME
TRAMPLE	TURN
	UNDER

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

September 1	Brian & Susie Padgett
September 3	Lily Wimmer
September 4	Steve & Angela Ridings
September 10	Loretta McClain
September 11	Drew Walker
September 13	Callie Nugent
September 15	Bob Barefoot
September 15	Peter Lloyd
September 16	Jacob Anthony
September 16	Brian Padgett
September 22	John Ireland
September 23	Eli Ireland
September 24	Andrea Walker
September 25	Lake Carver
September 26	Bob & Kay Harper
September 26	Amanda Ireland- Desmond
September 28	Mary Linville

September 12	Celebration of Life for Allene Gaither
September 15	Lectionary Study/prayer time
September 16	Drive Thru Prayer
September 16	Choir practice
September 16	UMM & UWF meetings
September 23	Choir practice

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 2	Choir practice
September 6	Safe Sanctuary training/meeting
September 7	Labor Day
September 9	Choir practice
September 12	Lewisville Comm. Blood Drive

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**Ministry and Staff
of the Church**

Rev. Conforti

District Superintendent

Rev. Ryan Mendenhall

Pastor

Kim Marpoe

Sunday School Superintendent

Chris Center

Music Director

George Powers

Chairperson of Trustees

Jennifer Nugent

Chairperson of Administrative Board

Eric Hurd

Chairperson of Vision Quest Team

John Craft

Lay Leader

Norris Griffin

Chairperson of Evangelism

Carole Rosenbaum

Chairperson of Outreach

Donna Ireland

Administrative Assistant

September Outreach Needs

Prison Ministries - Shampoo, regular size bottle

Samaritan Ministries –Paper towels, Travel Size Lotion

Church- School partnership – Underwear (children's sizes), sweat pants (children's sizes)

LCAP– Mayonnaise, Ranch Dressing, Pop tarts, Pudding cups

Bethlehem Center—Disinfectant wipes

Blessing Box—Cereal, canned food items

**October Newsletter Deadline:
Friday, Sept. 25**