HARMONY GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor: Rev. Ryan Mendenhall Organist: Donna Ireland
Music Director: Chris Center

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE:
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK: Matthew 25: 13
CALL TO WORSHIP:
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "The Apostles' Creed" No. 881
OPENING PRAYER:
PRAISE HYMN: "Ye Servants of God" (vss. 1,3) No. 181
HYMN: "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vss. 1,3) No. 57
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER
WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING:
DOXOLOGY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 95

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD' S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON:
ANTHEM: "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" Choir
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25: 1-13 Pastor Ryan
MESSAGE: "Faith over Phrases: You Can Never Be Too Prepared" Pastor Ryan
HYMN: "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" (vss. 1 – 2x)
BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH:
POSTLUDE:

Harmony Grove United Methodist Church seeks in all things to be:
H-OSPITABLE (IN EXTENDING THE HAND OF CHRIST)
G-ENEROUS (EXTRAVAGANTLY)
U-NITED (IN WORSHIP)
M-ATURING (IN FAITH DEVELOPMENT)
C-ARING (THROUGH OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY AND WORLD)

Come Grow @ the Grove!

WHAT'S HAPPENING? November 8, 2026

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
12:00pm Youth meeting- making dump cakes for the Sam. Min.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday **1:00pm NO** Lectionary Study and prayer time
Wednesday **4:30pm No** Choir practice
Wednesday **5:00pm No** Cantata practice
Wednesday **6:00pm** Thanksgiving meal and Bingo sponsored by the UWF. Sign up in the narthex.
Saturday **9am – 1:30pm** Lewisville Community Blood Drive at Harmony Grove. Volunteers will be needed beginning at 8am. Sign up in the narthex.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES: .

- **Advent Bible Study –** see the insert with all the info

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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NURSERY SCHEDULE:

Nov. 8 Carol Adair Nov. 15 Jennifer Nugent

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:

"So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return." (Matthew 25:13)

REACHING OUT TO OTHERS: November 2026

- **LCAP**- Mayonnaise, Peaches, beef vege soup, white rice
- **Church- School partnership** –Underwear, sweat pants (children's sizes)
- **Samaritan Ministries** – Men's deodorant, Shaving Cream
- **Bethlehem Center –** Disinfectant wipes
- **Prison Ministry** – Antiperspirant deodorant, stick or solid, Bath size soap
- **Blessing Box –** Cereal, canned food items

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: November 1, 2026

Tithes/Offerings:	$2266
Fellowship Hall:	$0
Children's Ministry:	$0
In/Out:	$10 (candy)
Yard Sale:	$10
Total:	$2286
Online Giving:	$100

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Wendy Armstrong
Norris & Karen Griffin
Brenda Stanley
Bill & Callie Nugent
Ken Eller
Waneta Freeman
Jennifer Nugent
Our Church
Cole Stephens
Aurettis Pope
Bob & Linda Ellerbe
JoeAnn Ogburn
Bob & Robin Barefoot
Loretta McClain
Bill Williams
Lenny McLaughlin
Trudy Jones
Gena Howard
Jacky & Donna Ireland

For our guests, we invite you to fill this out, tear it off, and drop in the offering plate or the wooden box located in the narthex:

Name _____

Email_____

Phone # _____

Any other info you would like to share with church leaders:

Harmony Grove



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MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

- The UWF will be selling the Attractions Books from Nov. 1 – Dec. 20th. You can pay at the church and pick up your book or pay online by using the QR code and choose option to pick up your book at church or have it shipped to your address free. Flyers are in the narthex. Make checks payable to Harmony Grove UMW.

- The UWF will also be planning a fund raiser from Dewey's Bakery. We will be taking orders for Moravian Ginger and Sugar cookies, cheese straws, and cake squares. There will be more information next Sunday, Nov. 8th.

- **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning the week of December 1, we will be launching a new four-week Advent study: **The Case for Christmas** by Lee Strobel.

To help accommodate different schedules, we are offering two options each week at Harmony Grove:

- **Tuesday Afternoons:** Beginning December 1 at 1:00 PM
- **Wednesday Evenings:** Beginning December 2 at 6:00 PM

Join us for a 4-week Advent study of Lee Strobel's The Case for Christmas, where investigative journalist Lee Strobel examines the historical evidence for the identity of the child born in Bethlehem. Drawing on insights from experts in biblical studies, archaeology, and messianic prophecy, we'll explore the reliability of the Gospel accounts, the virgin birth, and the prophecies Jesus uniquely fulfilled as we together discover why the Christmas story is not only true but meaningful for us today. Hope you can join us!

THANK YOU

Pastor Ryan, Chris and Donna would like to thank everyone who shared a card, gift, or kind words to us for Staff Appreciation. You make us feel much appreciated and we thank you.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE

We are kicking off our support for the Second Harvest Food Bank of NWNC for this holiday season. This will be our 5th year to support this great organization. The need this year is great given the many challenges faced within our area and country. Food banks are playing a huge role in helping many individuals and families make ends meet. Please see the information below.

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-Goals for our total event.

-Minimum $2,000 in monetary donations.

-Minimum 1,080 lbs. of food (6 large Second Harvest donation boxes).

Any donation is welcome (food or monetary). We will have donation boxes for food at the church starting this week. Please see below for suggested options for food donations.