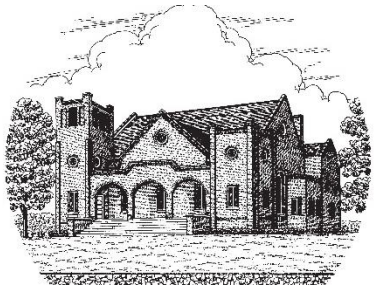
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## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

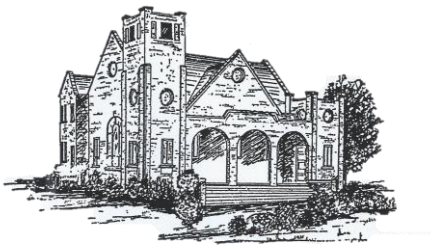
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# NEWS AROUND THE GROVE

**October 2026**

Hedrick's Grove Reformed
United Church of Christ



Join us Sunday morning

at

9:45 for Sunday School

10:45 for Worship Service

or

any day online

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Hello Church Family!

It's finally fall! The leaves change daily, and the beauty of creation seems new each morning. One of my favorite parts of the season is fire: hotdogs, s'mores, steady warmth, and dancing flames that invite us to slow down and reflect. Fire is also a powerful biblical symbol. For this season's newsletter, I would like to share a liturgy from *Every Moment Holy* about bonfires. Life can tempt us to see only the ordinary and keep a "level head about things," but God's creativity calls us to more. God kindles a fire within us. May this liturgy help keep that fire burning.

*A LITURGY FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF BONFIRES IN THE NIGHT*
"In the brilliant designs of all created things, O God, in the elements and the forces and patterns, you have embedded the poetry of your own thoughts, so that all things in heaven and on earth, rightly seen, are alive and shimmering with the veiled light of your presence and power and beauty.

Open our eyes then to holy mysteries fixed in spark and flame and coal and burning ember.

We praise you, O God, for these sparks that fly upward, drawing our eyes to the stars and our thoughts to the infinite reaches of space and to the one whose infinite Spirit set those stars in motion, and who fills all of creation, and who is also as a burning fire and a consuming flame.

We praise you, O Lord, for the leaping dance of flames, giving warmth and comfort in the cold. As this seasoned firewood ignites, so may our own hearts be made suitable tinder and fanned to blaze by the breath of your Spirit.

We Praise you, O God, for the light in darkness, for bonfires and beacons, for hope and companionship and bright waystations on our journey.

We thank you for Gatherings such as this, amongst fellow pilgrims drawn to your light.

Burn bright your mercies, O God! Flame high your love, O Lord! Illumine our shadows! Warm our hearts! Let us live alight with holy flame. Amen."

May your light burn so bright that others cannot help but see Christ in you.

Foster Carney
PASTOR

*I am not a miracle worker,*
*but I can lead you to someone who is.*




Oct 4: Steve & Holly Poplin

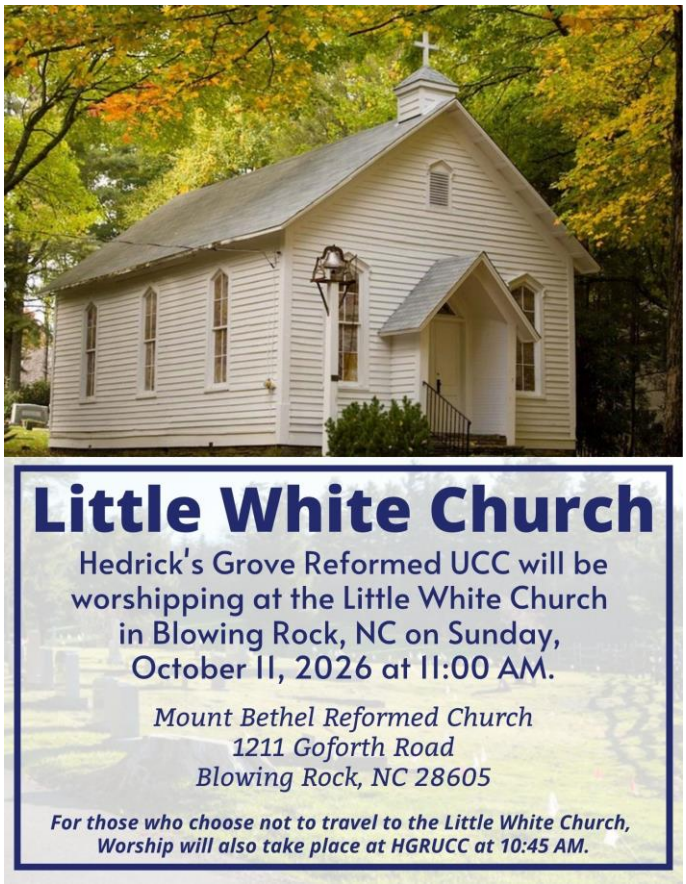
Oct 11: Monty & Joyce Oliver and Julie & Carsen Milner

Oct 18: Vicki & David Clodfelter

Oct 25: Glenda Everhart

A sign-up sheet to provide Altar Flowers is posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.









Drop off your craft items by Monday, October 5.
Baked goods and homemade candy can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday – Friday, October 7 – 9.
Bring your friends and family on Saturday!




5:30 PM: Vehicles (Trunks) in place
A sign-up sheet is on the table in the sanctuary for TRUNKS.
A Candy Collection Box is set up across from the mailboxes in the Educational Building.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 1, 2026
Congregational Meeting

on the 2027 Budget and
Consistory Members & Trustee Nominations

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Congregational Vote

# OCTOBER 2026 CALENDAR



| | | | | |
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| Thursday | Oct | 1 | 7 PM | Board of Christian Education Meeting |
| Saturday | Oct | 3 | 6:30 – 10 AM | Men's Brotherhood Country Buffet Breakfast |
| Sunday | Oct | 4 | 9:45 AM | Sunday School |
| Sunday | Oct | 4 | 10:45 AM | Worship, World Communion Sunday |
| Sunday | Oct | 4 | 3 PM | Pickleball |
| Monday | Oct | 5 | 6 PM | Cub Scout Meeting |
| Monday | Oct | 5 | 6:30 PM | Crafts Night |
| Monday | Oct | 5 | 7 PM | Boy Scout Meeting |
| Tuesday | Oct | 6 | 6 PM | Scholarship Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday | Oct | 7 | 6 PM | Young Adults Ministry Meeting |
| Wednesday | Oct | 7 | 6:30 PM | Youth Fellowship Meal & Meeting |
| Wednesday | Oct | 7 | 7 PM | Chancel Choir Practice |
| Thursday | Oct | 8 | 7 PM | Women's Fellowship Meeting |
| Saturday | Oct | 10 | 8 AM – 1 PM | Women's Fellowship Fall Bazaar |
| Sunday | Oct | 11 | 9:45 AM | Sunday School |
| Sunday | Oct | 11 | 10:45 AM | Worship |
| Sunday | Oct | 11 | 11 AM | Worship, Little White Church – Mt. Bethel |
| Monday | Oct | 12 | 6 PM | Cub Scout Meeting |
| Monday | Oct | 12 | 7 PM | Boy Scout Meeting |
| Tuesday | Oct | 13 | 7 PM | Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday | Oct | 14 | 6 PM | Young Adults Ministry Meeting |
| Wednesday | Oct | 14 | 6:30 PM | Youth Fellowship Meal & Meeting |
| Wednesday | Oct | 14 | 7 PM | Chancel Choir Practice |
| Thursday | Oct | 15 | 7 PM | Consistory |
| Saturday | Oct | 17 | | Youth Hiking Trip |
| Saturday | Oct | 17 | 12 – 3 PM | Boy Scout Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser |
| Sunday | Oct | 18 | 9:45 AM | Sunday School |
| Sunday | Oct | 18 | 10:45 AM | Worship |
| Sunday | Oct | 18 | 3 – 5 PM | Pickleball |
| Wednesday | Oct | 21 | 6 PM | Young Adults Ministry Meeting |
| Wednesday | Oct | 21 | 6:30 PM | Grove Friends Meal & Meeting |
| Wednesday | Oct | 21 | 6:30 PM | Youth Fellowship Meal & Meeting |
| Wednesday | Oct | 21 | 7 PM | Chancel Choir Practice |
| Sunday | Oct | 25 | 9:45 AM | Sunday School |
| Sunday | Oct | 25 | 10:45 AM | Worship |
| Sunday | Oct | 25 | 3 PM | Pickleball |
| Sunday | Oct | 25 | 6 PM | Men's Brotherhood Meal & Meeting |
| Monday | Oct | 26 | 6 PM | Cub Scout Meeting |
| Monday | Oct | 26 | 7 PM | Boy Scout Meeting |
| Wednesday | Oct | 28 | 6 PM | Young Adults Ministry Meeting |
| Wednesday | Oct | 28 | 6:30 PM | Youth Fellowship Meal & Meeting |
| Wednesday | Oct | 28 | 7 PM | Chancel Choir Practice |
| Saturday | Oct | 31 | 6 – 8 PM | Trunk-or-Treat, Cars "Trunks" Set Up by 5:30 PM |



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**News for Next Month**

Please electronically submit information, by October 18, for November's newsletter to the office email address: office@hgrucc.org

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The Reverend David L. Crook

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## *final thoughts…*

"Fear not, for I *am* with you; Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."
~Isaiah 41:10