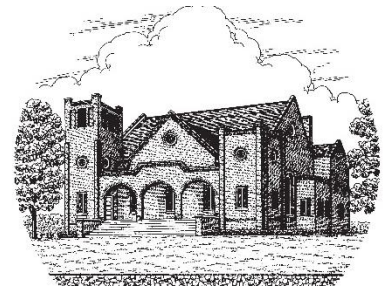


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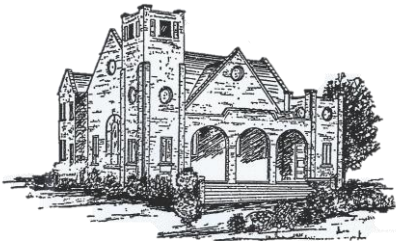


NEWS AROUND THE GROVE

August 2026

Hello Church Family!

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

www.hgrucc.org

It's crazy to think that summer is almost over already! There's only a little bit of time left until the kids go back to school. Last-minute vacations are coming to an end. It's easy to lose track of time and what is important when you're busy. Then our priorities shift to the things that seem like an emergency, but aren't actually important. Learning what is actually important is one of the hardest skills to master in life. We get stuck on minor details and instead lose focus on the big picture. As God's people, it's important for us to learn how to maintain those priorities. As I reflect on this summer, here are a few things that I see as ways we have focused on people and the mission of God:

- We've lost some dear friends this summer. They made it to the end of their race and now they enjoy fellowship with the Lord.
- VBS was impactful! We reached more children in the community than we have in the past five years, nearly doubling our numbers from last year!
- We began a new series and a new Sunday school study. Hopefully this series will help us to engage in our faith and in the community around us.
- The Youth mission trip made an impact in Western North Carolina.
- We have been able to engage in multiple forms of outreach this summer through various programs.

I'm sure I've left some things out, but one of the things you will notice is that these events focus on relationships and reaching out to others. These things take energy, time, and sacrifice. These things are also what I call spiritual investments. Everything we do in every aspect of our life has to have some focus on spiritual investments. The people we have lost have taught us this. Their impact wasn't their work, their affluence, or their influence. It was through the relationships they made, their sacrifices, and their spiritual investments in others. God speaks to each of us and shows us how we can all invest in this kingdom in our own unique way. Take time to ask God what He wants your focus to be. Maybe it's helping at a local soup kitchen once or twice a month. Maybe it's starting a Bible study or maybe it's reaching

out to a specific group of people that God has placed on your heart. The Bible tells us that if we seek, we will find. Let us be a people who seek in every area of our lives.

May you find a way to shine your light so that others can see Christ reflected in you.



Foster Carney
PASTOR

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



Aug 2: Steve & Holly Poplin

Aug 9: Rose & Jerry Poole

Aug 19: Doug & Lisa Younts

Aug 23: Lisa & Maria Hilliard

Aug 30: David & Benthia Crook

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



Come and join us for fun,
fellowship, and worship!

August 14-16, 2026

A sign-up sheet and pricing information are available on the table in the sanctuary.



Mid-Year Giving Statements
are in your mailbox.



Please inform Pixie, in the
church office, if you notice
any discrepancies.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

on handicap lift

Sunday, August 9, 2026

&

Congregational Vote

Sunday, August 23, 2026



HEDRICK'S GROVE REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

COUNTRY BUFFET BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 8, 2026

6:30-10:00 AM

Meal by donation ~ Give with your heart



Menu:

Eggs
Bacon
Sausage
Country Ham
Biscuits & Gravy
Toast

Grits
Stewed Apples
Milk
Juice
Tea
Coffee

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Safe serving standards
will be observed.

Sunday School Opening

Sunday,
August 30
9:00 AM

We'll have breakfast
and an activity led
by the Patty Hedrick!

*Afterwards, please
join us for Sunday School.
We have classes for all ages:
children, youth, and adults.*

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AUGUST 2026 CALENDAR



Sunday	Aug	2	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	Aug	2	10:45 AM	Worship, Communion
Sunday	Aug	2	3:30 – 5 PM	Ice Cream Social with Mission Trip Recap
Monday	Aug	3	6:30 PM	Craft Night
Wednesday	Aug	5	6 PM	Young Adults Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	Aug	5	7 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Aug	6	7 PM	Board of Christian Education Meeting
Saturday	Aug	8	6:30 – 10 AM	Men's Country Buffet Breakfast
Sunday	Aug	9	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	Aug	9	10:45 AM	Worship, New Members, Congregational Meeting
Tuesday	Aug	11	6 PM	Church & Ministry Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Aug	12	6 PM	Young Adults Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	Aug	12	7 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Aug	13	7 PM	Women's Fellowship Meeting
Friday – Sunday	Aug	14 – 16		Johns River
Sunday	Aug	16	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	Aug	16	10:45 AM	Worship
Wednesday	Aug	19	6 PM	Young Adults Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	Aug	19	7 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Aug	20	7 PM	Consistory
Sunday	Aug	23	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	Aug	23	10:45 AM	Worship, Congregational Vote
Sunday	Aug	23	6 PM	Men's Brotherhood Meal & Meeting
Monday	Aug	24	5:30 PM	Cub Scouts Kickoff
Wednesday	Aug	26	6 PM	Young Adults Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	Aug	26	6:30 PM	Youth Fellowship Meal & Meeting
Wednesday	Aug	26	7 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
Sunday	Aug	30	9 AM	Sunday School Opening & Breakfast
Sunday	Aug	30	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	Aug	30	10:45 AM	Worship
Monday	Aug	31	6 PM	Cub Scouts
Monday	Aug	31	7 PM	Boy Scouts



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News for Next Month

Please electronically submit
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for September's newsletter to
the office email address:
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Pastor:
Foster Carney

Pastor Emeritus:
The Reverend David L. Crook

Director of Music:
Patty Hedrick

Organist:
Richard Michaels

Administrative Assistant:
Pixie Philemon

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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