



Oak Grove United Methodist Church  
6440 OLD STATESVILLE ROAD  
CHARLOTTE NC 28269-1782

September 2022

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sunday School's - 9:30AM

Worship - 10:30AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

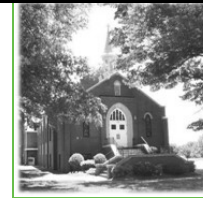
TUESDAY - THURSDAY 9:00AM - 2:00PM

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# The Oak Grove Greeter

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WOW! Can you believe it is already September! It has been a busy summer and seems to have flown by. Now it's time to turn our attention to fall – cooler weather, pumpkins, our famous BBQ. The kids have returned to school and that always brings up memories for me of those shopping trips for new school clothes each year.

In the weeks before school started each year, my mother and I would access my closet to determine what still fit, what was still wearable, and what needed to be replaced. I always secretly hoped it all needed to be replaced so I could get a whole new wardrobe. That was never the case. But I would get several new things, as the budget allowed.

In Paul's letter to the \_\_\_\_\_ life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every

item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ. So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it." (From The Message)

Paul uses the metaphor of old and new clothes to talk about our old life without Christ and our new life with Christ. Paul tells us to take off the old clothes. Remove the garments of lust, idolatry, greed, bad temper, irritability, and meanness. That stuff is all part of the old life

It's easy to want to hold on old clothes, maybe someday they will fit again. It's easy to hold on to our idolatry, putting other things ahead of God, being too busy to go to church to worship God or to study His word or to pray. It's easy to hold on to bad feelings we have toward someone. It's easy to fall into gossip. It's easy to pull irritability out of the closet. But Paul says that's all part of your old wardrobe. You are done with that. Don't keep those things around. Burn them.

Fortunately Paul doesn't stop there. Paul says we have a **WHOLE NEW WARDROBE**, not just a few new clothes. And these new clothes are made just for you, with Christ's label on it Old labels no longer apply. Those labels that we so often want to use – racial labels, religious labels, us and them labels – they are gone.

The new wardrobe with Christ's label consists of: Compassion, Kindness, Humility, Even-temperedness, and Forgiveness. And regardless of what else you put on wear love. It's your basic, all purpose garment. Never be without it.



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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The newsletter of Oak Grove United Methodist Church



## The Oak Grove Greeter

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## 2022 BBQ Schedule

Make Slaw : Thurs., Sept. 29 @ 5:00 pm

Pit Cleaning: Sat.. Oct. 1

Cook: Friday, October 7 @ 8:00 pm

Chop: Saturday, October 8 @ 8:00 am

Fill Sauce Cups/Fill Slaw cups: Wed. October 12  
(Doors open at 1:00 pm)

Set up Sandwich Room & Tents :Wed. October 12  
@5:00 pm

**BBQ DAY: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13**





# Oak Grove United Methodist Church Makes a Difference in Lives

## September Birthdays



5 Arnold Carroll  
6 Doris Crittenden  
7 Nancy Little  
8 Susan Jenio  
9 Clara Whitley  
10 Greg Hylton  
10 Jackson Jenio  
11 Andrea Wilson  
16 Janice Stephens  
17 Charlene McWhirter  
18 Ed Turner  
20 Gloria Lacey  
22 Scott Henderson  
23 Madison Blackwelder  
24 Kyle Phillips  
24 Bill Hough  
25 Brent Blumberg  
25 Bob Hopson  
26 Robert Blumberg  
26 JoAnn Walker  
27 Perry Phillips  
28 Shannon Burgess  
28 Linda Clark  
29 Kyle Thompson

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Gloria Stephens  
2. Kathy Henderson  
3. Justin Phillips  
3. Rhonda Goode  
3. Matthew Wilson  
3. Ronnie Wilson  
3. Todd Kleban  
4. Sharon Turner  
6. Ken Blanton  
6. Kim Blackwelder  
10 Corey Kleban  
11 Cindy Williams  
12 Garrett Jenio  
13 Marie McNeil  
15 Samantha Ann Corcoran  
18 Kathy Phillips  
19 Sandra Jacobs  
20 Ed Crittenden  
21 Claire Hamor  
23 Arlee Stutts  
25 Angie Richardson  
26 Pat Stephens  
26 Pam Dwyer  
28 Andy Phillips  
30 Ryan Brandes

## Celebrate November Birthdays!

1. Aliyah Stewart  
4. Jeff Reynolds  
5. Eric Stephens  
6. Aaron Cooke  
10. Joseph Blumberg  
10. Kristen Boulay  
10. Alyssa Coates  
10. Ed Cochrane  
10. Gail Gibson  
11. Chris Akers  
12. Pat Barker  
15. Brenda Henderson  
17. Chris Stephens  
22. Drew Stephens  
23. Susan Bledsoe  
23. Jonathan Barker  
23. Jayla Phillips  
25. Laurie James  
25. Brandy Hylton  
28. Jonathan Sossamon  
28. Beau Blumberg

Life is Fragile,  
Handle with Prayer.

## Memorials & Honorariums

### In Memory of Linda G Brown

Joan Carrier  
JoAnn Walker  
Kay Brown

### In Honor of Lonnie Carrier

Gale Gibson

October is  
Pastor  
Appreciation  
Month

## HELP US OUT!!!

Until further notice, please see Corene Lazenby or Carol Taylor before you leave any flower arrangements, wreaths, kitchen utensils, etc. as donations for the church, due to our severe lack of storage space. Good Will, among other charities, will gladly accept these donations.

Thank you!!!



## kindness

One of the greatest gifts you can bestow upon another. If someone is in need, lend them a helping hand. Do not wait for a thank you. True kindness lies within the act of giving without the expectation of something in return.

## INVITATION

Come to talk with the District Superintendent, Dan Pezet about the future direction of Oak Grove United Methodist Church and how we fit in with The United Methodist Church.

Wednesday,  
September 21, 2022  
6:30 p.m.

(after we make sandwiches for Urban Ministries)

**A L L** are invited to attend this important discussion!



## SEPTEMBER

**Ushers:** Marshall Burgess  
**Greeters:** Cindy Williams  
**Counters:** Susan Becknell  
Christine Blumberg

## OCTOBER

**Ushers:** Kathy Phillips  
Cindy Williams  
**Greeters:** Lonnie Carrier  
**Counters:** JoAnn Walker  
Pat Barker

## NOVEMBER

**Ushers:** Mark Shook  
**Greeters:** JoAnn Walker  
**Counters:** Vickie Whitlow  
TBA