

## **HGUMC Announcements**

**MENTORING OPPORTUNITY** ~ Walnut Grove School is seeking caring adults to serve as mentors for students who would benefit from a positive role model in their lives. The mentoring program pairs committed adults with students to build encouraging, consistent relationships. Mentors commit to visiting the school at least once a month to share breakfast or lunch with their mentee.

This opportunity may not fit everyone's schedule, but for those who are able, it can make a meaningful and lasting impact. Mentors often find the experience to be a true blessing—and it means the world to the students involved.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Walnut Grove School Mentor, please **contact Hanna Scites, School Counselor at Walnut Grove.**

**THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER** ~ When a team pitches in to make the place look great! We are looking to (re)form a group of folks who enjoy working in the garden, landscaping and helping cut grass, and just any other kind of activity aimed at making our church grounds look great. If you would like to take part in our Green Team, it would be a tremendous help to the effort of keeping our church grounds looking good! Please let our new **Facilities Manager, Jason Rogers**, or the church office know if you'd like to help cut some grass, once things start growing again!

**CLEAN HANDS, CARING HEARTS** ~ To help combat the spread of illness in our local schools, we are collecting donations of cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, and related items. All donations will support our Child Enrichment Center and our local Lunches of Love schools. Thank you for helping us care for our children and community.

**OUR FRONDS WERE SO GREEN** ~ It seems hard to believe that Ash Wednesday is this week. Though it is! That being the case, we will plan to gather on Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30 PM for our Ash Wednesday worship service. In it, we will hear the invitation to the observance of Lenten discipline, and experience the imposition of the ashes. We invite you to share in this powerful time, and begin this holy season as a church family.

**DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF PSALMS** ~ The Search Committee (Wednesday night Bible Study) will start back by taking a great journey through the Psalms with a Disciple Bible Study course. Everyone is welcome. Start the new year off with a commitment to study God's Word. We meet in the Conference Room at 6:30 PM.

**HELP WANTED (AND NEEDED)** ~ In our continuing search to find 'a ministry for every minister', we ask that you prayerfully consider an area (or two!) where you would be willing to share your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness throughout the coming year.

**Mission Team:** leader, team members for local, national and international missions

**Student Ministries:** (youth, children, college) adult chaperones to help create a fun and safe environment for our young folks; to help them grow in their faith

**Worship Team:** leader and team members to coordinate with pastor and staff to create vibrant and exciting worship environments, help with planning and design

**Celebrate Recovery (CR):** we need folks to help us train and plan for our CR launch in January of 2026. It will be essential that we have a core team to help promote and invite our community to CR

**FILL IN THE BLANK:** this is an area where YOU tell us of a ministry or mission God is leading you to join...or create! We have awesome opportunities before us to grow and serve in our community, throughout God's world. Though it take all of us working together to truly be the church!

**IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SEASON** ~ Thin Mints are calling... and it would be rude not to answer. Support our church's Girl Scout troop by ordering with the QR code or visiting the website below.

<https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/troop11283c306?fpkp=1>



**CHURCH COUNCIL 2026** ~ Church Council meetings for 2026 will be held at 6:30 PM on the following dates: **Feb 9, May 11, Aug 10, Nov 9.**

**HGUMC CHURCH BREAKFAST** ~ Are you hungry? Breakfast is Served! **First Sundays at 7:30 AM**, we invite you to join us for our **HGUMC Church Breakfast** and fellowship. Our next breakfast will be **March 1st**. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Donna Daniel.

**KARATE / SELF DEFENSE CLASS** ~ Marc Hilden is offering training in traditional Okinawan Martial Art for health and wellness. Low impact, low intensity exercise with intent and purpose. Classes will be held Mondays, 6:30- 8 PM in the gym.

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS/COORDINATOR** ~ We have an urgent need for traditional nursery volunteers and a volunteer coordinator. If you would like to help, please reach out to our office at [office@hazelgreen.org](mailto:office@hazelgreen.org).

**CARD REQUEST** ~ If you are interested in sending Rev. Billy York a card in the mail, please reach out to the office for the address. Greeting cards would really brighten his day.

**SUPPORT GROUP** ~ for widows, widowers and divorcees meets 3rd Thursdays at 11:30 AM in the Conference Room. If you are dealing with grief or feeling a loss, consider joining us for fellowship, discussion. Contact Pauline Childers for more information at (256) 682-4114. Next meeting will be **January 15th**.

**COMFORT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** ~ Normally Meets monthly on the 4th Sunday at 2 PM in the Conference Room. The next meeting is **January 25th**.

**WEEKLY PRAYER LIST** ~ Thank you for continuing to keep the office updated on additions to the prayer list. Please remember to also notify us if we need to remove someone from the list as well.

**CHAIR SET UP** ~ We need volunteers to help with chair set up in the gym once monthly. If interested, please contact [office@hazelgreen.org](mailto:office@hazelgreen.org)

**KIDS IN ACTION** ~ Meet Sundays 4-6PM. Please contact Mary Ann Smith for more information.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETS** ~ Sunday nights, from 5:30 - 7:30 PM and Wednesday Nights 5:30- 7:30. All students in 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Contact the office or [cody.mccreary@hazelgreen.org](mailto:cody.mccreary@hazelgreen.org) for more information.