



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

First Quarter 2024

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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## An update from your Church Council:

Happy 2024! Most of our messages to you in 2023 conveyed our goal to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church - your Church, Oak Grove Methodist-Charlotte, has completed disaffiliation processes, by which, as an individual Methodist Church, separated from the domination while keeping property and assets!

We held a unanimous vote on Sunday, February 11, 2024, to accept by-laws that remain in line with the Book of Discipline originally published in 1784 and has been published every four years since. We have legal assistance also to navigate us through the process.

Nearly six dozen congregations in the Piedmont Triad have agreed to pay more than \$3.7 million - some Churches more than \$200,000 each - for the right to take their more conservative doctrines and the deeds to the properties they have owned for generations and leave the United Methodist Church. Through prayer, we put Oak Grove's future in God's hands. He blessed us over and over! Our missions have not only remained but grown!

**Please know, through much prayer, your donations and commitment, we all own Oak Groves's property and buildings! Cemetary included!** The United Methodist Conference set a value on our property, along with requirements to pay the minister's salary and benefits, through the end of her proposed assignment June 31, 2023, plus apportionments required through the UMC Conference for 2024. **WE PAID IT ALL WITH GOD'S HELP!**

## Calling all Ladies

Many of us have missed the fellowship of a Methodist Women's group meeting once a month. Remember the fun we used to have! Well, it is time to get together once again and start rolling for 2024 !! Any and all ideas are welcome.

We are looking for someone to help head this up - no experience required. If you are interested in joining this group, please reach out to one of the ladies or the church office. Several things we are looking at doing -

Adding to our beautiful collection of Chrismons. The current ones we are using were made with loving hands 30 - 40 years ago. We need to add to this collection.

Hosting a yard sale this spring - possibly selling tables for \$10 to \$15 each and open to our community.

Hosting a lunch after church one Sunday as a fundraiser to help support the mission we choose for 2024.

OAK GROVE CHURCH

**JOIN US FOR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ALL AGES WELCOME**

Get to learn more about the  
holy scriptures with us!

**SUNDAYS**

**9:30AM - 10:15AM**

**OAK GROVE CHURCH**

**BIBLE STUDY CLASSROOM**

You will be able to gain a much deeper  
understanding of the word of God and apply these  
scriptural truths to your everyday life.

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone that has helped in our worship services over the past 9 months. As the old saying goes - it take a village - and how true that is. Many of our members and friends have stepped up to act as worship leader, help with special services, deliver the message, greet everyone with a smile each Sunday, serve as acolytes, help with communion, decorate the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas season. The list goes on and on.....

If you are interested in helping in any way, please reach out to Cindy Williams or Corene Lazenby. We need you and we appreciate you !

Thanks!  
Oak Grove Worship Committee



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The newsletter of Oak Grove Methodist Charlotte



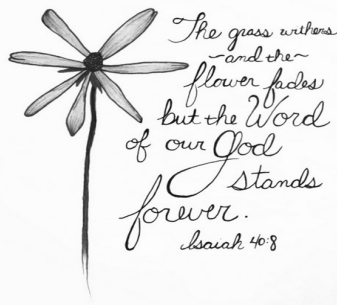
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# Oak Grove Methodist Makes a Difference in Lives



3. Dakota Hylton
11. Donald Stephens
11. Eddie Brown
12. Braden Asbury
17. Allison Phillips
21. Mark Shook
24. Mickey Collins
26. Blake Ketner
27. Lisa Brandes
28. Katie Collins



2. Madi Williams
3. Raymond Mason
4. Ashton Wiggins
5. Susie Blanton
8. Linda Hill
9. Virgil Pryor
11. Peyton Norris
11. Melba Pierce
12. Mike Cooke
13. Hayley Hylton
13. Hannah Hylton
13. Ayden Brock
14. Anna Marie Corcoran
15. Minora Hicks
15. Pam Davis
16. Corene Lazenby
25. Laura Hunning
26. Andy Mullis
27. Bryan Asbury
31. Dalline Lebonville



1. Matthew Mason
1. Kelci Hardison
2. Frank Phillips
3. Vickie Whitlow
3. Jared Phillips
3. Phillip Lewis, Sr.
4. Sydney Day Hillman
5. Scott Kleban
6. Phillip Barker
9. Megan Murray
11. Joey Wilson
11. Rachel Arrington
11. Alfred Henderson
12. Garrett Wilson
13. Kelly Turner
13. Brooks Jenio
15. Madison Cooke
17. Barbara Vaughan
18. Towner Akers
20. Margaret Hough
23. Robin Steele
27. Gail Arrington
27. Jennifer Gonzales

## OAK GROVE FOOD PANTRY

HELPS FEED  
OVER 100  
FAMILIES A  
MONTH



**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

## WATERCOLOR TECHNIQUE FOR SENIORS

A FREE community art class; all materials provided, as we explore landscape and nature painting techniques. This easy to engage class will give you the tools and encouragement you need for success, with a few laughs and smiles along the way.



PRESENTED AND HOSTED BY:  
Robin Antoinette's  
**Arts for All**  
Studio & Gallery

**8 WEEK SESSION**  
**JANUARY 23 - MARCH 13**

**Tuesdays**  
**1:30pm**  
Oak Grove Church  
6440 Old Statesville Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28269

A pastor was speaking to a group of second-graders about the resurrection of Jesus when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?" The pastor explained that the Gospels do not tell us what He said. The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said: He said, 'Tah-dah!'"

## Every other Wednesday @ 6:00pm OPERATION SANDWICH

COME ENJOY GREAT FELLOWSHIP  
AND HELP US MAKE OVER 500  
SANDWICHES FOR THE  
HOMELESS.

Upcoming  
Dates  
March-6th and 20th  
April -3rd and 17th  
May -1st, 15th, and 29th

Dear Friends of Oak Grove,

Thank you so much for all the love, prayers and kindnesses you share with me all year. I appreciate all the goodies and the ones who deliver them. I can still get out and about and do some things but it is harder to get down to church at Oak Grove. However, I am able to sometimes attend church near me for which I am grateful. And I can watch the services at Oak Grove online and appreciate that I can do that.

I think of you all often and you are in my daily prayers. I pray you all had blessed Christmas. Mine was blessed even though Debbi was sick and we were not able to be together as a family (soon though). However, we were blessed when my grandson, Josh, who is in the Coast Guard, surprised us with a visit for a few days. He is doing well, enjoying his job with the Coast Guard, and we are very proud of him. Thanks for all your prayers for him and he could still use those (especially as he's dealing with all the snow up in Alaska).

Blessings and love to each of you and I pray that 2024 will be a good year for us all!

Kay Brown

## Memorials & Honorariums

**In Memory of Lucy Burgess**  
Cindy Williams  
Susan Becknell  
Perry & Kathy Phillips  
Kay Brown

**In Memory of Sandi Ziolkowski**  
Perry & Kathy Phillips

**In Memory of Gail Moore**  
Lonnie Carrier  
David & Dan Moore

**In Memory of RM Henderson**  
Kay Brown

**In Memory of Gladys Stephens**  
Andrea & Ronnie Wilson  
Lonnie & Joan Carrier  
Susan Becknell  
Perry & Kathy Phillips  
Corene Lazenby

**In Memory of JoAnn Mason**  
Kay Brown

**In Memory of Gary Clark**  
Lonnie & Joan Carrier  
Carol & Tim Taylor  
Cindy Williams  
Corene Lazenby

**In Memory of Jeff Reynolds**  
Pat & Karen Reynolds  
Andrea Wilson  
Todd & Debbie Markam  
Perry & Kathy Phillips  
Susan Becknell  
Corene Lazenby

**In Memory of Raymond Mason**  
Andrea Wilson  
Heather & Brent Blumberg

**In Honor of Norma Mangum**  
Beth Mullis  
Perry & Kathy Phillips  
Gail Gibson  
Lonnie & Joan Carrier  
Robin & Susan Bledsoe

## Oak Grove Photo Gallery

