



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

*Fourth 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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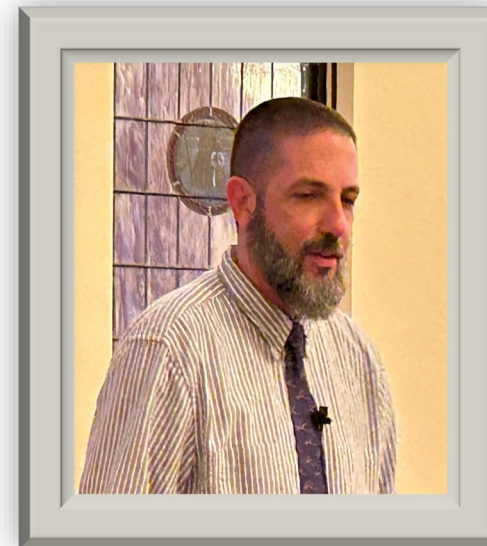
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**Oak Grove Welcomes  
 Rev. Michael Fongemy!**

Oak Grove is happy to welcome Rev. Michael Fongemy as a permanent part-time fixture to our pulpit through June. He is scheduled to preach the first three Sundays a month which enables him to deliver continuing-themed messages as part of his sermons. As a United Methodist Minister, Michael has helped churches in their start up ministry and has agreed to help Oak Grove as we go forward as Oak Grove Methodist. He recently received his teaching certificate which he uses at AL Brown high school.

Look for more information on Rev. Fongemy in our next newsletter. Until then, know that Michael's sermons are delivered in such a way that both younger and older listeners understand and can relate to his message. But don't take our word for it. Come and listen to him yourself. Oak Grove would love to see you again.



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The newsletter of Oak Grove Methodist Charlotte

**OAK GROVE IS THERE!**  
 HELPING OUR FRIENDS IN THE N.C. MOUNTAINS

OAK GROVE HAS BEEN FORTUNATE TO ESTABLISH A STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH LAKE JAMES COMMUNITYCHURCH IN NEBO, NC.

THROUGH THEM WE HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH OTHER RELIEF OUTLETS IN THE MOUNTAIN AREA AND BRIDGE THE GAPP. BRIDGE THE GAPP IS A 501C ESTABLISHED BY LAKE JAMES COMMUNITY CHURCH TO PROVIDE AIDE IN THE NC MOUNTAIN AREA. THEY DO VET THE PEOPLE RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM THEIR ORGANIZATION.

SINCE THEY ARE LOCATED IN NEBO, THEY ARE VERY CLOSE TO THE NEEDS OF THE FAMILIES IN THE AREA.

**THANKS TO ALL**

WHO HAVE DONATED CLOTHING, COATS, CAN GOODS, SUB ZERO SLEEPING BAGS, AND MONEY. MANY HAVE DONATED YOUR TIME SORTING COLLECTED ITEMS, COOKING AND SERVING FOOD, AND OTHERS HAVE DELIVERED ITEMS MANY TIMES. AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO MARSHALL BURGESS WHO HAS BEEN ABLE TO SECURE AN ENCLOSED TRAILER. MARSHALL HAS MADE MANY, MANY TRIPS TO NEBO, MARION, AND EVEN KENTUCKY.

**TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN**

WE ARE COLLECTING NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS FOR CHILDREN 12 YEARS AND UNDER FOR THE FREE TOY STORE BEING PROVIDED BY BRIDGE THE GAPP. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A TOY FOR THE STORE, PLEASE HAVE IT AT CHURCH BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024. THE TOYS WILL BE DELIVERED TO NEBO, NC ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024. THEY WILL BE ADDED TO OTHER TOYS THAT ARE BEING DONATED AND PUT INTO A FREE TOY STORE. PARENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PICK ONE PRESENT PER CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS.

# Oak Grove Methodist Makes a Difference in Lives



## Thank You!

Thanks to all of those that have stepped up and helped this past year to put our worship service together each Sunday. So much goes on behind the scenes that most of us take for granted. Some of these things include running the slide show each Sunday, prepping the sanctuary for worship, selecting the music each week, prompting Orlando and Rebecca each Sunday. These things seem to happen seamlessly because of the dedication of so many of you.

Worship Committee

## Memorials

**In Memory of Jeff Reynolds**  
Gary Lee Stephens

**In Memory of R.B. Helms**  
Arzelle Dwyer

**In Memory of Beth Mullis**  
Lonnie & Joan Carrier  
Susan Becknell  
Pat Barker  
Gail Gibson  
Paul & Gloria Lacey  
Paul & Susan McGee  
Carrie Baskin  
Tim & Carol Taylor  
Cindy Williams  
Joyce, Vincent & Rodney Putnam  
Jerri Drury

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Kymani Dukes       | 2. Joel Phillips      | 3. Dakota Hylton     |
| 2. Clay Hylton        | 4. Sharon Walters     | 11. Donald Stephens  |
| 3. Marianne Kleban    | 4. Denise Burgess     | 11. Eddie Brown      |
| 4. Joseph Miller      | 4. William Cole Knapp | 12. Braden Asbury    |
| 8. Isiah Stewart      | 4. Jacob Blumberg     | 17. Allison Phillips |
| 9. David Brown        | 11. Sue Caddell       | 21. Mark Shook       |
| 11. Gary Hylton       | 11. Joshua Williams   | 26. Blake Ketner     |
| 12. Edward Whitlow    | 13. Scott Stephens    | 27 Lisa Brandes      |
| 13. Russell Phillips  | 16. Aylah Corntassel  |                      |
| 13. Ali Hylton        | 19. Jamie Lewis       |                      |
| 13. Kim Phillips      | 20. Marshall Burgess  |                      |
| 15. Sally Leatherwood | 21. Janice Hartis     |                      |
| 15. Dale Stephens     | 21. Carrie Baskins    |                      |
| 16. Ronnie Stephens   | 23. Chris Blumberg    |                      |
| 17. Jamie Hardison    | 24. Raymond Hylton    |                      |
| 18. Lisa Cole         | 26. Tom Etier         |                      |
| 19. Holli Edwards     | 26. Tony Blanton      |                      |
| 19. Joe Stinson       | 27. Dillon Goode      |                      |
| 19. Joni Stephens     | 27. Lonnie Carrier    |                      |
| 20. Debbie Burgess    | 27. Mike Henderson    |                      |
| 23. Cheryl Cooke      | 27. Ann Marie Akers   |                      |
| 26. Connie Norris     | 28. Jennifer Stidham  |                      |
| 31. Bob Cooke         | 28. Matthew Williams  |                      |
|                       | 30. Bill Hylton       |                      |

## Christmas at Oak Grove

**A Song was Heard at Christmas**  
Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.  
Plan now to attend this fun family event!

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
4:00pm, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>  
We would love to have you join us!



Our sanctuary is beautifully decorated for the Advent & Christmas season. If you are not able to worship with us in person, check out the pictures of the sanctuary as you watch the service online. Shout out to the ladies who helped with refurbishing some of the Chrismons for our tree – Kelly McWhirter, Joan Carrier, Susan Becknell, Becky Ketner, Cindy Williams, Andrea Wilson, Kathy Phillips, Joni Stephens, Chris Blumberg. The fellowship was great, and we were excited to carry on a tradition that the Oak Grove women started more than 40 years ago.

## Oak Grove Women

The women had so much fun working with the Chrismons, we hope to work on other projects throughout the year. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please reach out to Kathy Phillips or Cindy Williams. It's always good fellowship when we get together. Please plan to join us on our next venture!



## ADVENT CALENDAR

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX/PLASTIC CONTAINER. BEFORE CHRISTMAS EVE THE ITEMS WILL BE DELIVERED TO A FAMILY IN WESTERN NC MOUNTAINS.**

DECEMBER 1	Wipes	December 12	Peanut Butter
DECEMBER 2	Paper Towels	December 13	Jelly
DECEMBER 3	Bowls	December 14	Beef a Roni
DECEMBER 4	Paper Plates	December 15	Chicken N Dumplings
DECEMBER 5	Plastic Wear	December 16	Beef Stew
DECEMBER 6	Box of Crackers	December 17	Ravioli
DECEMBER 7	Ready to eat soups	December 18	Canned Tuna
DECEMBER 8	Cereal bars	December 19	Canned Vienna Sausage
DECEMBER 9	Pop Tarts	December 20	Canned Chicken
DECEMBER 10	Cups of cereal	December 21	Loaf of Bread
DECEMBER 11	Powdered Milk	December 22	Some type of package dessert (Twinkies/Little Debbie/etc.)
DECEMBER 23	FOOD IS DELIVERED TO THE MOUNTAINS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO A FAMILY BY CHRISTMAS		

As part of our continuing missions to the Western NC Mountains, Oak Grove is sponsoring a Western North Carolina Advent Calendar food drive. Every day during this Advent Season, add to a box (or a container that the family can continue to use) an item from the Advent Calendar List. Have your box/container to the church by Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will then be delivered to our resources in the mountains to be distributed to a family by Christmas. Join us as we continue to share God's blessings with others.