



THE UPDATE

October 2025

Rooted In Christ, Growing In Faith, Loving Our Neighbor



Women's Circle News For October

Circle #1 will meet on **Monday, October 6th at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Hope to see you there!

Circle #2 will meet on **Tuesday, October 14th at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Hope to see you there!

Circle #3 will meet **Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Hope to see you there!



Our Music Ministry

If you are interested in being a part of the church's music ministry please speak with Sarah Rogers Griffith, Brad Rashley, or any choir member. We work hard in rehearsals but have fun doing so. May the Lord be glorified in our music. Amen!

October Children's Message

October 5 - Scott Jeffreys

October 12 - Phil Lail

October 19 - Doug Griffith

October 26 - DeNeil Suarez

October Children's Church

October 5 - Elizabeth Rashley

October 12 - Matt Tomlin

October 19 - Alexis and Parker Jeffreys

October 26 - Caroline and Kyle Wigley



October Elder Duty

October 5 - Phil Lail and Doug Griffith

October 12 - Deena Chambers and Deborah Chipman

October 19 - Mary Crawford and David Lackey

October 26 - Elizabeth Rashley and Steve Ingram

October Nursery Schedule

October 5 - Matt Tomlin and Jessica Tomlin

October 12 - Jill Dotson and JD Dotson

October 19 - Landrea Rhyne and Amanda Chipman

October 26 - DeNeil Suarez and Rachel Guin



Bring Your
Own Lunch

The Joy Group will meet on Wednesday, October 15th at noon. Bring Your Own Lunch. Come join us for a time of fellowship and bring your ideas for programs this year. Everyone is encouraged to attend! We always have fun!

Presbyterian Women Lifetime Achievement Award

**The 2025 recipient of the Presbyterian Women Lifetime Achievement Award is
Lucille Harwell.**



The Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women is conferred upon a woman in recognition of faithful service in areas of the church's work. The 2025 ECO Forest Park Honorary Membership was given to Lucille Harwell, whose unwavering dedication and service have been a pillar of our community. Her commitment to our congregation and her endless generosity of spirit are truly inspiring. Lucille is tirelessly volunteering. Every Monday, rain or shine, Lucille arrives at the church ready to make a difference. Her responsibilities are numerous, yet she handles each with grace and efficiency.

Lucille makes sure that the Narthex and Sanctuary are straightened and in perfect condition for future use. Lucille plays a crucial role in maintaining our church's sense of community. She ensures that no one is forgotten by mailing the Sunday bulletin to all our homebound members keeping them connected to our congregation. Additionally, Lucille diligently updates church files, especially when a member joins or departs from our community, ensuring our records remain accurate and up-to-date. Recognizing the importance of personal connections, Lucille organizes and mails birthday cards to all church members, adding a personal touch that brightens everyone's day. Her thoughtfulness in remembering each member's special day is a testament to her caring nature. Her contributions go far beyond the tasks she completes. Her presence and dedication foster a spirit of warmth and togetherness within our church. We are incredibly grateful for her service and are honored to recognize her with this prestigious award.

Events to come:

Connections In Christ - Wednesday, October 1st at 9:40 am - Broad Street UMC -
OCC Volunteer Sara Bannon

Presbytery Meeting - Saturday, October 4th at 8:30 am at Bethel Presbyterian
Church Cornelius, NC.

Music for Missions Community Concert - Sunday, October 5th at 5:00 pm FPPC
Sanctuary. Featuring Forest Park and community musicians. A love offering will be
collected to support the DSS Lonely Children's Fund.

Joy Lunch - Wednesday, October 15th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall - bring
your own lunch.

Session Meeting - Thursday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Family Farm Day - Sunday, October 19th at 3:00 - 6:00 pm at the Rashley's farm
Come enjoy an afternoon at the Rashley's farm. See donkeys, horses, goats, and a
mule in their natural habitats! Enjoy a hayride and a scavenger hunt! Sandwiches
and snacks will be available throughout. **The fun starts at 3:00 but watch out, the
farm chores start at 6:00!**

Forest Park Day - Sunday, October 26th - Meal served after the Sunday Service

Happy October Birthday to You!

2. Rachel Guin
3. Donna Moose
4. Gavin Peet
5. Caroline Lail Wigley
5. Sherry Lackey
8. Phil Lail
8. Pat Moore
- 14 Brian Suarez
17. Brad Rashley
21. Dan Winslow
24. Sue Hoover
30. Scott Jeffreys





It's almost time for OCC! Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse that delivers gift-filled shoeboxes to children around the world in Jesus' Name. This is a tangible expression of God's love as ministry partners share the Good News of Jesus Christ, God's Greatest Gift. Since 1993, more than 232 million children in over 170 countries and territories have received a shoebox gift.

There are two ways to pack a shoebox.

- First, if you pack a box in person, OCC has a gift suggestions list at <https://samaritanspurse.org/occ-gift-suggestions>
- You are asked to use a standard-sized shoebox (the church has these).
- Select a quality "wow" item such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.
- Fill to the brim with other fun toys, personal care items, and school supplies.
- Include an encouraging note and photo for the child.
- Pray for the child who will receive your gift.
- A suggested donation of \$10 per shoebox helps to cover shipping and other project costs. Make your donation online through Follow Your Box and discover the country destination of your shoebox gift: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/label-options/>

The second way to pack a shoebox is to Build A Shoebox Online.

- These gifts go to hard-to-reach places where there is little or no access to the Gospel.
- Every \$30 provides a child with a shoebox gift and the opportunity to hear the Gospel.
- Follow the steps online to personalize each gift. You can also upload a photo and write a letter to each shoebox recipient.
- The suggested donation for shoeboxes built online is \$30.

Forest Park has a goal this year of 40 online boxes and 30 in-person boxes, but of course we want to exceed both of those goals.

Our online goal page (which is where to start building your shoeboxes online) can be found at <https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/785e8218-d0b4-472d-a6d6-bbfc99f435d2>

Please have in-person shoeboxes fully completed and in the church narthex by Sunday, November 16th. If you would like to volunteer to help with Shoebox collection at the fellowship hall during the week of November 17-23, please contact Doug Griffith at 704.785.6935

Thank you!

Doug Griffith

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Connections in Christ at Broad St UMC 9:40 am Welcome Desk 10:00 am Program 10:00 am Prayer in Parlor	2 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	3	4 8:30 am Presbytery Meeting at Bethel Presbyterian Church Corenlius, NC
5 9:45-10:45 SS 11-12 Worship 5:00 pm Music for Missions	6 6:15 pm Circle 1	7 6:00 pm Circle 3	8 10:00 -11:00 Prayer in the parlor 7:00 pm Choir Practice	9 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	10	11
12 9:45-10:45 SS 11-12 Worship	13 2:00 pm Circle 2	14	15 10:00 -11:00 Prayer in the parlor Noon – Joy Lunch BYOL 7 pm Choir Practice	16 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm ADK Suarez	17	18
19 9:45-10:45 SS 11-12 Worship 3:00 pm Rashley Farm Family Fun Day	20	21	22 10:00 -11:00 Prayer in the parlor 1-3 pm Art in Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Choir Practice	23 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Session Meeting	24	25
26 9:45-10:45 SS 11-12 Worship Forest Park Day – Meal after the service	27	28	29 10:00 -11:00 Prayer in the parlor 7:00 pm Choir Practice	30 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	31	