

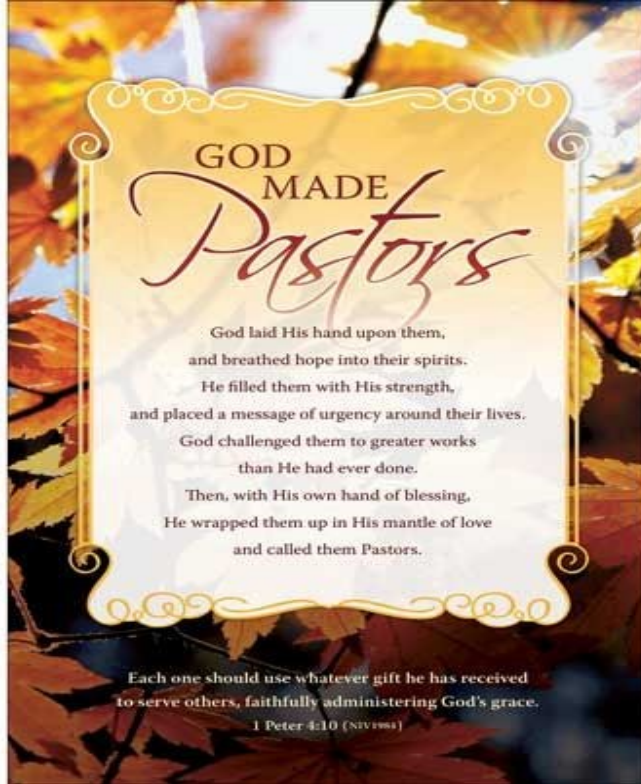
October  
2019



LOVE GROW SERVE

# The Holly Leaf

*Welcome to Holly Grove Lutheran Church!*



## Mission Statement of Holly Grove Lutheran Church

*"As united people of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our purpose is to provide worship and Christian education, and respond in a loving action to a needy world."*


- Daily Prayers, links, to ELCA , sermons, The Holly Leaf, events & more on our website:  
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Find us on Facebook!





# OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Council @ 7:00 pm	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Agape @ 6:30 pm	15	16 Seniors @ Mt. Tabor @ 10:30 am	17	18	19
20	21 LMiM @ 7:00 pm	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 		

October 2019



**Altar Guild-** Lateffa Dennis

**Mother's Rose Garden-**Sherry Proctor-In memory of Barbara Conrad, Wendy Proctor, Vergie Monteith & Leota Conrad

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6<sup>th</sup> *17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion*

*Basket Offering:* HGLC Scholarship

**Assisting Minister:** Carol Conrad      **Acolyte:** Gracie Ferguson  
**Communion Assistant:** Michael Willson      **Bucket Holder:** Mason Chapman, Gaven Ferguson  
**Ushers:** Mary Ellen Hinson, Jane DiBonaventura, Paula Hedrick, Susan Lohr  
**Altar Flowers:** Micky & Carol Conrad-In honor of Children & Grandchildren  
**Children's Church:** Tina Heitman      **Children's Chat:** Tina Heitman

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13<sup>th</sup> *18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion*

**Assisting Minister:** Chip Blower      **Acolyte:** Roselia Sommer  
**Communion Assistant:** Norris Feeney      **Bucket Holder:** Madison Lohr-Pope, Calvin Carrick  
**Ushers:** Max Carrick, Bob Troutman, Michael Willson, Robin Beck  
**Altar Flowers:** Donnie & Debbie Parsons-In honor of Our Family  
**Children's Church:** Jane DiBonaventura      **Children's Chat:** Pastor

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20<sup>th</sup> *19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion*

**Assisting Minister:** Kim Troutman      **Acolyte:** Roselia Sommer  
**Communion Assistant:** Debbie Frank      **Bucket Holder:** Brody Fritts, Kodi Lomax  
**Ushers:** Frank Hamilton, Matthew Parsons, Joe Davis, Rex Everhart  
**Altar Flowers:** Johnny, Tammy & Olivia-In honor of Logan's Birthday  
**Children's Church:** Monica Parsons      **Children's Chat:** Sarah Grace Davis

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27<sup>th</sup> *Reformation Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion*

**Assisting Minister:** Andy Ferguson      **Acolyte:** Gracie Ferguson  
**Communion Assistant:** Joe Davis      **Bucket Holder:** Calvin Carrick, Gaven Ferguson  
**Ushers:** Mason Chapman, Alex Chapman, Dean Chapman, Scott Black, Eddie Heitman  
**Altar Flowers:** Herbert & Debbie Frank, Etta Lee Conrad  
**Children's Church:** Susan Lohr      **Children's Chat:** Pastor

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## OCTOBER 5, 2019

# FALL BAZAAR

**Come shop all the hand-made crafts, baked goods, and canned goods!**

A country breakfast will be offered from 7:30 AM until 10:00 AM. Have breakfast and shop – we invite wives, husbands, moms, dads, grandparents, kids, grandkids – come and have a great time!

**Lots of Christmas, Halloween, and Thanksgiving items available, including other seasonal and non-seasonal items!**



*Sponsored by Mt. Tabor Women's Guild*

### Country Breakfast

Adults - \$6.00

Kids - \$3.00

7:30 – 10:00 AM

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Handmade Craft  
Items for Seasonal  
and Non-Seasonal  
Decor

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Baked Goods  
and  
Canned Foods

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Frozen Chicken  
Pies

### MT. TABOR UCC

1002 E Holly Grove Road  
Lexington, NC

7:30 AM – 12:00 PM



# Birthday & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <i>Carolina Conrad</i>  <i>Tim/Sharon Everhart</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <i>Robin/Karen Beck</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>Bobby Clodfelter</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <i>Todd/Amy Kepley</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>Marty/Chris Varner</i>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Greg/Guyla Kepley</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Aldean Conrad Tammy Turner</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Keith Cecil</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Keri Smith</i>  <i>Dean/Toni Chapman</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>Logan Turner</i>
<b>20</b> <i>Robert/Mandy Fritts</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Wendy Lohr</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Bob Troutman</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Michael/Kendra Willson</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Kristal Ferguson</i> <i>Scott Curry</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Harold/Myra Beck</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Jim Horn</i>
<b>27</b> <i>Holly Curry</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 		



**October 4<sup>th</sup>**: TPP shower will be at 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

**October 10<sup>th</sup>**: Finance Committee meeting at 6:00 pm.

**October 13<sup>th</sup>**: Clergy Appreciation Day. Meal provided after Worship; please join us.

**October 27<sup>th</sup>**: Halloween Party @ 6:00 pm.

**October 30<sup>th</sup>**: Worship and Music meets at 6:00 pm.

Please check to see if you may have borrowed gray chairs from the Fellowship Hall. We seem to be missing some and would love to have them back.



## HOLLY GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Holly Grove Senior Citizens Club met Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> with 13 members and one guest present. Our hostesses were Carolina Conrad, Etta Lee Conrad and Minnie Conrad.

We have many cares and concerns and will continue to send our thoughts and prayers to all the members who could not be with us and also to those in the communities around us.

The Treasury Report was given by Myra Beck.

We sang Happy Birthday to Carolina Conrad who is the only member with a birthday before the next meeting.

Minnie gave a short devotion on Luke 11 39 -41, cleaning our insides as well as the outside.

Minnie also introduced our guest for the day, Mary Malone, who attends Holly Grove Lutheran Church.

Mary spoke on interesting occurrences in the months of July, August and September.

We pay special attention to the flag during the month of July. Mary pointed out many little known facts regarding how the flag is handled and folded.

August brought to mind children starting to get school supplies. The original Crayola Company started in 1864 by Joseph Binney to make carbon black. The beginning of crayons as we know them came about in 1903. One employee, Emmerson Moser, worked for the Crayola Company for 35 years mixing the colors and pouring them into molds. It wasn't until he retired in 1990 he revealed he was color-blind! He had mixed colors and molded a record 1.4 billion crayons, which all came out perfect. September holds memories of 9/11 and flight 77 that hit the Pentagon. Mary told of the Marines who helped the employees of the day care center take all the children to safety and formed a perimeter around the group to guard them.

We wish to thank Mary for her very interesting program.

Our next meeting will be October 16<sup>th</sup> with Sally Thomason, Libby Holder and Shirley Phillips as hostesses. We invite all retired members of the community to join us for food and fellowship.





*Thank You*  
PASTOR

*May God Bless You*

AS YOU CONTINUE TO GUIDE US INTO  
A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

Remember them...who have spoken unto you the word of God.

—Hebrews 13:7





*Thank you Pastor Matt!*



## Nurturing a Habit of Worship

When we stand in front of the sink in the morning, most of us don't have to put much mental effort into brushing our teeth. We don't have to think:

“Ok, locate toothpaste. Pick up toothbrush. Give toothpaste tube a just right ‘Goldilocks’ squeeze and put paste on brush. Turn on sink. Wet the toothbrush. Brush top. Brush bottom. Spit. Rinse. Replace toothbrush in holder.”

Thank goodness we don't have to go through that every time we brush- it's exhausting to think through all those little details. Why don't we have to work through every little step like that? It's because we've all been brushing our teeth for so long that we have learned these rhythms so well. They have become second nature; a process so familiar that we don't even have to think about it, we just do it. This is the power of habits.

This kind of learned, internalized habit is a powerful force in our lives. It's how we drive cars, tie our shoes, type, and do countless other things without having to put in much mental energy. Good habits can be a mighty powerful force in our lives. Things like clicking your seatbelt, brushing your teeth, and saying a prayer before meals and bedtime are simple little practices that can make a big positive impact over the long haul. But habits can get us in trouble too. That late night urge to open the refrigerator for a snack, if it becomes a habit, can transform our bodies in ways we aren't pleased with. For good or bad, habits are powerful because they are what we default to when we aren't paying special attention. When mental resources are elsewhere- when we are busy, tired, distracted- habits are what carry us through life.

Because habits are so influential, in October at Holly Grove we are focusing on fostering healthy worship habits. Is your worship habit where you want it to be? Is it where it needs to be for you to maintain a sense of how God is working in your world? If not, let's make October about getting back on track. I'm challenging everyone to make a special effort to be at church every Sunday in October.

Worship is how we orient our whole lives to God's goodness and call. It's where we gather in community to hear the story of God's love for the world and connect to the One who redeems all of creation. Worship is the way we are reminded that we are God's precious children and that nothing can change that. It's how we train our brains to look for the kingdom of God already creeping into this world and commit ourselves to joining in the work of the kingdom. It's where we hear God's word in scripture and at the table receive the very presence of Jesus in bread and wine. It's where we give thanks and praise to the God who made us. Worship is designed to powerfully transform our lives so that they look more like the kingdom of God.

But none of this can happen if we aren't there. And if your worship habit happens to look like coming to church about once a month, well we are certainly glad to have you that day. But how much are you transforming your world at that point? If you only spend an hour a month at church, that means the broken, sinful world is likely forming you the other 719 hours of the month. Is one hour a month enough to overcome what the world is teaching the other 719?

I understand the challenges- I really do. Work is demanding, children are relentless in their needs, and leisure and vacations beckon. Something has to give. But let's make sure what we let slide is in line with our priorities. If our priority is to follow the God who claims us, redeems us, and calls us, then we need to find ways to be in worship, despite the challenges.

Like any new habit of exercise, diet, or life rhythm, getting into the swing is hard. It takes special effort and focus. But it gets easier. Over time, as a habit forms, it becomes second nature. This October at Holly Grove Lutheran Church we are focusing on rebooting our spiritual lives through worship. Won't you join us? Make plans to be at worship every Sunday in October. See what it feels like to have your weeks consistently bookended by rituals of scripture, prayer, song, and communion. Give it the special effort in October. Make weekly worship your habit. Join us, and together, let's see what God is up to in our lives!

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Matt



# HGLC AUGUST 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** President, Andy Ferguson; 11 plus Pastor present.

**Devotions:** Dean led us in devotions from 1 Thessalonians 5: 15-18 THANKFULNESS, GOD'S WILL FOR YOU; Tim has devotions in September.

## **Approval of Reports**

Minutes: Sandra moved to accept. Max seconded. Motion approved.

Financial Secretary: Karen moved to accept. Sandra seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer: Lynn moved to accept. Michael seconded. Motion approved.

Building Fund: Dean moved to accept. Michael seconded. Motion approved.

A Memorial Fund Report was presented for review only. The fund balance is \$5,139.58 at the time of the report.

## **Pastor's Report**

A thanks was given to all who helped out with Bible School on August 6-9 in conjunction with Mt. Tabor. The Parish Education Committee requested additional funding of \$300.00 for assistance with Bible School. Along with a previous \$200.00 dollar donation (not from budget), this brings our commitment to \$500.00 for Bible School, approximately a third of the cost that represents Holly Grove's children in attendance. Because of the timing of this need, and in consultation with council president, our treasurer was asked to make the additional contribution. All were in agreement.

After determining from the our survey data that spiritual growth is an area that we need to improve, The Spiritual Growth group met and identified some areas that could be helpful to our own personal spiritual growth over the years. We will focus on a specific area for the last 4 months of the Year.

September: Service

October: Worship

November: Bible Study

December: Prayer

Please let the Pastor know if you have a particular interest in any of these focus areas.

## **Coming events of interest:**

August 24 LMiM Chicken BBQ

August 25 Back to School Blessing

September 8 Confirmation begins for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders

September 15 Davidson Lutheran Youth (6-12) Kickoff at Holly Grove

October 19 Davidson Lutheran Youth Service Project

Dean moved to accept the Pastor's Report. Eddie seconded. Motion approved.

Since there wasn't a quorum in attendance for the June/July council meetings, Pastor Matt made a motion to approve all business motions from those meetings. Max seconded. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** News from the NC Senate Assembly Constitutional changes. Highlights include:

Every other year business meeting and missional leaders event on the even years.

A move away from the traditional spring conference meetings and move to a spring cluster meeting. This time will include worship, fellowship, learning, and nominations for assembly. So there would be three big spring meetings: Western, Central, and Eastern.

Eliminating nominations for the floor at the time of the actual business assembly. People will still be able to be nominated outside of the nominating committee by solicitation through our e-news and social media. Additionally, we will open time for nominations at our spring cluster gatherings.

A reduction in the number of synod council members from 24 to 15. The change allows the Bishop and synod council to appoint up to 4 people for a total of 19 persons serving.

A change from election of the 13 conference deans to appointment by the bishop since the dean serves as an extension of the ministry of the bishop.

## **Committee Reports:**

Parish Education:

Back to school blessing August 25

Requested donation of 6 children's bibles for DT school library at a cost of \$18 each. Dean made a motion to purchase these and Max seconded. Motion approved. Bibles will be purchased

Parish Education Committee would like to be in the rotation for providing an Advent Meal during Wednesday night services

Children's Christmas program is scheduled for Friday, December 20

Looking into a cleanup date for the Sunday School rooms

Recreation still needs help with concession stand at softball.

Stewardship: Plans being made for promoting

**Unfinished Business:**

Blessing Box: Lynn presented blueprint plans for the actual construction. Dean made a motion to approve the construction and implementation of the Blessing Box. Eddie seconded. Motion approved. We still need to come up with a plan of action to fund and organize. As a reminder, \$350 from Lenten offerings was previously designated in April for the up-start of this project.

Organ repairs: Work has been completed.

Parking Lot Paving: Still need to obtain one more bid. Dean said the property committee would have that by the next meeting.

**New Business**

Lindsay Black was nominated to replace Caroline Black (headed to college) on the council until the next Congregational Meeting. Dean made a motion to accept. Eddie seconded. Motion approved.

Motion was made to adjourn. Motion seconded. Motion approved. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.



2019	2020	2021
Karen Beck – Secretary	Caroline Black	Lynn Dennis
Dean Chapman	Max Carrick	Eddie Heitman
Carey Fritts	Tim Everhart- Vice President	Judy Thomason
Sandra Vaughn	Andy Ferguson-President	Michael Wilson



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**Sundays**

915AM Sunday School  
1030AM Worship



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