

ROOTS & BRANCHES OCTOBER 2021

PleasantGreenUMC.org





Financial Update

<i>2021 Unified Budget</i>	327,037.42
<i>YTD Total Income to Operating Fund</i>	184,765.73
<i>YTD Operating Expenses</i>	209,264.10
<i>YTD Operating Fund Balance</i>	-24,498.37
<i>2020 Operating Fund Balance Forward</i>	18,065.45
<i>2021 Current Actual Operating Fund Balance</i>	-6,432.92
<i>Current Building Mortgage Balance</i>	211,881.74

**Please consider donations to our Discretionary Fund so that we may continue to help others in need! Thank you!*

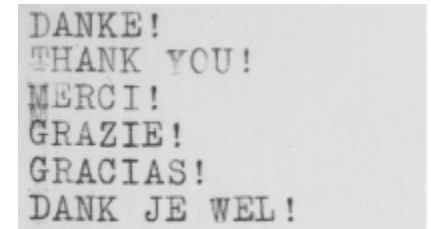


Meet Emily Robbian, our new Duke Intern

Emily Robbian is a Second Year MDIV student at Duke Divinity School. She is a certified candidate for ordination in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. Emily grew up in High Point, NC in a large Methodist church. She received a bachelor's degree in Religion and Practical Theology with a concentration in Christian Education from Pfeiffer University in 2017. After graduation, she lived in Charlotte, and taught Pre-K, led summer camps, and was the Director of Youth Activities at Park Street United Methodist Church in Belmont, NC. Emily has a passion for teaching and hopes to bring that passion into the rural church. In her spare time she enjoys painting, doing puzzles, laying in her hammock with a good book or podcast, or traveling to High Point to play with her parent's dog, Rocky.

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH:

THANK YOU PASTOR LAURA!



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30AM!

Our services are now LIVE on YouTube!

Follow these instructions to access:

- Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)
- Search for **Pleasant Green UMC**
- Click the CROSS & FLAME and SUBSCRIBE!



Internet at the Church

On your smart phone or other device— go to settings and select WIFI option and it will list all the available WIFI channels in the area.

If Upstairs: You will see three channels to choose from..

- TP-Link 2.4Ghz- 80BA40**
- TP-Link 2.4Ghz- 80BA39**
(2G -Farther Distance/slower but still great – NO PASSWORD)

- TP-Link 5Ghz – 80BA39**
(5G = Less Distance but extremely fast – NO PASSWORD)

If Downstairs: You will see two channels to choose from..

- MySpectrumWifi76- 2G – Password: unionepic548**
- My SpectrumWifi76- 5G – Password: unionepic548**



Thanks to Mike Quinn & Wayne Leonard!

2021 UMW Online Auction

Going LIVE Monday, October 18 through Saturday, Oct 23!!
Last year was a huge success with more than \$8,000 raised! Let's aim even higher this year!

We need auction items!

Please consider donating items to auction off this year! *Examples: gift cards, vacation stays, handmade goods, home decor, baked goods, home cooked meals, art, experiences, vintage & collectable items, jewelry, etc.*

Donations can be left in the Fellowship Hall— preferably by October 14! Please leave a note with the following information for your items: YOUR NAME and CONTACT INFORMATION, NAME OF THE ITEM, DESCRIPTION and MARKET VALUE. Porch pick-up can be arranged!

For food, vacation stays or items you plan to donate but don't have on hand yet—please email pictures, description and market value to Julie McCay at juliepmccay@gmail.com or pgumc@ncrrbiz.com or text Julie at (919) 949-5831. If you are donating the same items as last year, we are happy to re-use pictures and descriptions.

Help us spread the word!

Please share with your family and friends. We hope to reach even more people this year and reach our goal! With many fantastic donations, there is something for everyone and every budget!

A special thanks to all the donors and bidders and the Eleanor Walker Circle and the Dream Weavers for their support and organization of the auction.

Thank you for your support!

Pleasant Green United Methodist Women



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Encourage children and youth to engage in spiritual growth studies by participating in the reading program. We invite them to view the United Methodist Women's (UMW) catalog at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/ReadingProgramCatalog2021.pdf>. You can obtain books through public libraries, local bookstores, bookstore chains and some are available in the Parlor at PGUMC. When ordering books through Amazon, visit [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and select "United Methodist Women" as your charitable organization.

If you do not have time to read, listen to the United Methodist Women's "Faith Talks" podcast at [unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks) or the "response" podcast at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/responsepodcast>. You can also subscribe to these podcasts through Apple, Google and Spotify, etc. Check out UMW on YouTube. There are lots of ways to stay in the loop!

According to Mahatma Gandhi,

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."



Saturday, October 30th

Dress in your best halloween costume and come out to enjoy a spooky movie on the lawn. Bring your own chairs or blanket and snacks. The movie will start after dark! (Exact time tba)

Before the sun goes down, plan to enjoy a spooky walk along the "Haunted Trail" and fun photo opportunity on the steps in front of the old sanctuary!

A pre-assembled goody bag of treats will be available for each child!

*Please remember to wear your mask and social-distance!

Let's share some of our Halloween fun with the wider community. Please email your fun photos to pgumc@ncrrbiz.com!

We look forward to seeing you and enjoying a safe, happy, and healthy Halloween!



The Witch's Haunted Barn

All Saturdays in October at Firefly Farm!

5911 Hunt Road Hillsborough, NC.

Gates are open from 9:30am until 6pm. Tickets are \$5/person (2 years and under free) and are available online at <https://fire-fly-farm-nc.square.site/> or at the farm on the day of the event. Please visit the barn during the time on your ticket. It's family fun for kids of all ages! A whimsical look at Halloween- thrills and frights await you as you enter the Witch's Haunted Barn. Candy for every child at the end of the barn (if you survive!)

A coffin fitting room, complete with outfits for your eternal rest, A graveyard full of unsettled souls, Aliens, A room of First and Last Aid with a Mad Doctor, Spiders, spiders, and more spiders, A haunted nursery - ring around a rosie, pocket full of posies..., A coffin in the kitchen where the Kitchen Crone is whipping up delectable goodies, Skellies everywhere, The Butcher's room, Hallway of Horrors (and clowns), The Vault, The Dungeon, A Witches Coven and so much more. Costumes and photography are encouraged.

In addition to the barn: See the horses, donkeys and chickens. Spend time walking around the farm on our trails - the Pond Walk and Pasture walk with meandering paths are open!

PARKING: Available on site and is not handicap accessible. You will be parking in a field and walking up a driveway. Be on alert - you may see a spooky spirit or two along the driveway. See the animals and wander the pasture and pond walks before or after your barn visit. A fun family Fall afternoon activity!

INCLEMENT WEATHER: We are open rain or shine although may be affected by inclement weather. If weather is severe, we recommend that you check our Facebook page before you come and visit the farm.

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Worship 10:30am Cheryl Bennett Nolan Johnson Cindy Fox	4 Julie Totten	5 Read & Seed Patch 6:30pm	6 Bible Study 10:30am Jason Marbrey Michele Metzger Sharon Brockwell Reyes	7	1 Wayne Leonard Parker Glidden	2 John Bourlon Cindy Stubbs
10 Worship 10:30am James Hall	11 Admin Council 7pm Jennifer Ball Laura Bell Holmes Eilene Bisgrove Gloria Perry	12 Dream Weavers 7pm Larry Breweur Van McCay	13 Bible Study 10:30am Elaine Flannery	14 Donald Dixon	8 Tommy Sutton	9 Rally for Public Education 11:30-1pm Millie Nichols
17 Worship 10:30am Hannah Kankelfritz Kelly Black	18 Eleanor Walker Circle 7pm Praise Band 7pm Chris Murray Lou Metzger Jeannie Montgomery	19 UMW Online Auction	20 Bible Study 10:30am Prayer Ministry 6:30pm Auman Woody	21 Circle of Faith 6:30 Sharon Clark Cyndi Brogden Duke Philip Poe	22 Amy Barbee Beau LaBarre Tricia Walker Smith Betsy Yarbrough	23 Common Thread 9:30am
24 Worship 10:30am Sharon Hall Bradsher	25 Praise Band 7pm Chris Murray Lou Metzger Jeannie Montgomery	26 Alicja Link	27 Bible Study 10:30am Andrew Ward	28 Brooke Riley Mattocks	29 Gary Lipton	30 Halloween Celebration! Grayson Smith
31 Worship 10:30am <i>Halloween</i> Carolyn Wilson Flowers						



Thank you to Anita Taylor for stepping in while Laura was away. She will be leading worship again on October 3rd.



Wednesdays – Bible Study - 10:30am
Each Wednesday on Zoom! <https://nccumc.zoom.us/j/95194663395>

Saturdays – The Witch's Haunted Barn
At Firefly Farm - 5911 Hunt Road Hillsborough, NC. Gates are open from 9:30am until 6pm. Tickets are \$5/person (2 years and under free) and are available online at <https://fire-fly-farm-nc.square.site/> or at the farm on the day of the event. Please visit the barn during the time on your ticket.

10/5 Read & Seed Patch - 6:30pm
Meeting outside at Firefly Farm, 4911 Hunt Road, Hillsborough. We're discussing "The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell: A Novel" by Robert Dugoni. Contact Cindy at fireflyfarm2015@gmail.com

10/9 Rally for public education! 11:30-1pm
Come out and advocate! The theme for the event is *Teachers + Public Education = Democracy*. Held at Binkley Baptist Church on Fordham Boulevard in Chapel Hill. Make a poster to carry; wear a school or PTA t-shirt; or just show up to support public school teachers and administrators who are doing a good job in difficult times.

10/11 Admin Council Meeting - 7pm
Meeting on Zoom.

10/12 Dream Weavers Circle - 6pm
Meeting on Pastor Laura's new back deck!

10/18 Eleanor Walker Circle Meeting - 7pm
Meeting at Church.

10/18 - 10/23 UMW Online Auction
Bidding will be open from Monday morning until Saturday night!

10/20 Prayer Ministry - 6:30pm
Meeting in the Clyde Walker Classroom/Parlor. Everyone is welcome! Contact Gail at pruettg4mh@gmail.com.

10/21 Circle of Faith - 6:30pm
Meeting at church for baked potatoes and salads.

10/23 Common Thread Ministry - 9:30am
In the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! Contact Gloria Perry at 919-971-0924

10/30 Halloween Celebration
Dress up and enjoy an outdoor movie and haunted trail!

10/3 - 11/14 Diaper Drive
Sponsored by The Eleanor Walker Circle. The Diaper Bank of N.C. Supplies diapers (all sizes), feminine hygiene products, and adult incontinence supplies to families living in poverty through community-based organizations across N.C. Your donations of these products can be left in the narthex from October 3rd through November 14th. Thank you for supporting this event!

UPCOMING:

11/6 Fall Stew - Help Wanted!
Place your order now!
Email pgumc@ncrrbiz.com or call 919.383.5764.

11/17 Blood Drive at PGUMC - 10am-3pm
To donate or volunteer, call 919.383.5764, email pgumc@ncrrbiz.com or go to redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: Pleasant Green)

Celebrating Baby Lily!



Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate mama-to-be, Liz Link Jacks and grand-baby to Ginger Link!

Trimming Trees



The first old oak tree fell back in May 2000 and we trimmed the second last month.

(Pictured: Larry, Jacob & Charles Bowden, Amanda Riley Smith, Jo Anna Walker Brown)



The Prayer Ministry



All of these reminders are important; especially when we are tired, discouraged, and despairing.

But what was left off from the list is this..

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ. Let us continue to pray for these things and for each other. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Traveling Worship News

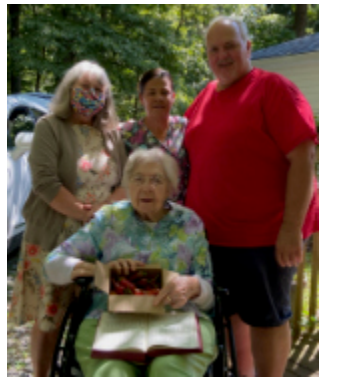
As a part of our "Visitation Ministry", we are adding another method of keeping in touch with our Home-Bound members. On each first Sunday of the month, we will visit at least one Home-Bound member for a time of "Traveling Worship". Kathryn Dempsey is thinking of a name for this, but for now, we are calling it "Traveling Worship". We determined that the first Sunday of each month, which is Communion Sunday, we would visit at least one Home-Bound member for a brief time of worship. Choosing Communion Sunday is easy to remember, and we invite anyone who wants to join us to come along. Depending on travel time, it is about 15 minutes of condensed worship, using the bulletin for that day. We leave right after church, taking the already blessed Communion elements to whomever we are visiting. This is a time of outdoor worship, which is safer because of Covid-19. We are wearing our masks even though we are outside.

On Sunday, September 5th, we visited Elaine and Larry Flannery for "Traveling Worship". This is how we plan it. We called in advance to obtain permission to attend and asked if there is a favorite hymn the person liked, which was downloaded to a cell phone for playback. Larry Flannery suggested *Amazing Grace*, which is a favorite for many of us.

Right after church, we collected hymnals, extra bulletins, Communion elements, and a lovely vase of flowers provided by June Stilley. We met at Elaine's home, gathering in the backyard around the picnic table. We had a few minutes of socializing (just like in the Narthex before/after church), then we read the opening prayer and Psalm from the bulletin, briefly shared highlights from the day's sermon, shared prayer concerns and joys, and then we read "The Great Thanksgiving" from the hymnal, shared the bread and wine with Elaine, Larry, and Carol (Elaine's caregiver), assuring them that it had been blessed by Pastor Laura. We ended with the playing of the hymn. This was a brief 20 minutes of time spent together, but it served as a means of keeping Elaine and Larry involved in our church community.

We invite you to join the "Traveling Worship" group on our next visit—October 3, 2021-- Communion Sunday. It would be great if we could have at least 4 people come along. If you are able, please let me know either before Sunday or at church on that day.

Blessings to all, Sandy Quinn



Sandy Quinn, Carol (caregiver), Larry & Elaine Flannery. Photo taken by Kathryn Dempsey.

We would like to thank Kathryn Dempsey and Sandy Quinn for bringing "Church After Church" to Mom on September 5th. Also, thank you to those who came out on June 6th. The scripture reading, prayers, communion and singing brought many smiles to Mom's face.

*Thanks for sharing the love,
Sheri, Debbie & Larry*

A Tale of Two Churches

We are accustomed to walk into a church where there are masks and hand disinfectant in the narthex and nearly everyone is wearing a mask. On Communion Sunday the leaders use hand disinfectant and wear masks as they hold trays of juice in individual cups and bread cut into chunks and placed in paper holders. We pray for those suffering from Covid at the same time that we are assured that the leadership and the members of our church are taking all due precautions to prevent the spread.

Sadly, that is not the case everywhere. Recently a couple from our congregation attended the church in Ohio where they grew up. There were masks and hand disinfectant available but not in a prominent location. They were among the few to enter the church wearing masks. None of the greeters were masked. When it came time for Communion, the worship leader who did not use hand disinfectant or wear a mask or plastic gloves tore the loaf in half and handed it to two servers who also were not wearing masks. As the congregation walked forward without allowing distance each person tore off a piece of bread and dipped it in a common cup. The only redeeming part of the service was that an usher who noticed the visiting couple were staying seated brought them the plastic wrapped communion elements that we used at PGUMC during the summer when we met in the paring lot.

Later in the service congregational prayers included prayers for a member with Covid who had been hospitalized because of blood clots in his lungs. So the congregation knows full well how dangerous the virus can be but that knowledge didn't lead to common sense worship practices.

Let us all give thanks for those among us who plan and carry out our worship services and for the nurses, doctors, EMTs, and others who are providing front line care.

Lessons Learned because of Covid

We invite you to share what you have learned during this time of living in a pandemic. Even though we are now worshipping in person after 18 months or so of not being able to, we all realize this pandemic is far from over. Many people have suffered greatly from the isolation, the loss of income, etc. But there are also valuable lessons that we may have learned. The following is from Janice Nicholson.

Corrie Ten Boom once said that "the greatest thing one person can do for others is to pray for them."

For the past year and a half, we have been forced to learn that lesson.. Because of Covid, we couldn't easily visit others or share a meal with them. But we could send cards and pray for people. And we have heard many people report that they could sense the prayer support of the congregation as they faced crises even though we seldom saw one another face to face.

Another thing we have learned is the importance of sharing. Have you had the experience of giving a neighbor a couple of masks while she gave you some rolls of toilet paper? Cindy Stubbs demonstrated that lesson frequently this summer when she would bring extra flowers from her farm to the church on Sunday morning and people would leave with a bouquet of flowers and a smile as they anticipated sharing the flowers with a neighbor or a shut-in.

Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW) October 3-9.

- Tuesday Oct. 5: National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding. Pray during the day for people with mental illnesses, their families, for available treatment, and for wisdom for the people who treat them.
 - Thursday Oct. 7: National Depression Screening Day
 - Saturday Oct. 9: NAMI Walks United Day of Hope (NAMI Charlotte): <https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=1139>
 - Saturday, Oct. 9 - Register for the NAMI NC Annual Conference: <https://naminc.org/conference/>
 - Sunday Oct. 10: World Mental Health Day through the World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-mental-health-day/2021>
 - View 3 videos: <https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Illness-Awareness-Week>
 - Krishna Louis: *What I wish people knew about anxiety*
 - Andrea Landry: *What I wish people knew about bipolar disorder*
 - Ashlynn McNeeley: *What I wish people knew about Borderline Personality Disorder*
 - Visit the NAMI blog on a daily basis: [nami.org/Blogs/NAMI-Blog](https://www.nami.org/Blogs/NAMI-Blog)
- *If you are in immediate distress, call the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273-8255 or text NAMI Crisis at 741-741
- *If you would like information or resources, such as finding a therapist, contact the NAMI North Carolina Help Line at 1-800-451-9682 Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 PM. You may also text to 919-999-6527 or email to helpline@naminc.org.

Support UMCOR's Coffee & Chocolate Project!

Coffee bags \$8

Mind Body Soul Regular Ground 12oz
Mind Body Soul Decaf Ground 12oz

Organic Chocolate bars \$2.50

Dark Chocolate Almond & sea salt (55%)
Dark Chocolate Caramel Crunch & sea salt
Dark Chocolate Mint Crunch (67%)
Panama Extra Dark Chocolate (80%)
Dark Chocolate Orange (65%)
Very Dark Chocolate (71%)
Milk Chocolate
Milk Chocolate Caramel Crunch & sea salt
Chocolate with Coconut Milk (55%)



For Sale in the Parlor!

Fair trade provides opportunities for churches to support a system that nurtures rather than diminishes God's vision of abundant life. UMCOR's partner is the employee owned fair trade organization called Equal Exchange.



Orange Congregations In Mission

Thank you for keeping our cart in the Narthex full and the OCIM pantry overflowing!

Any monetary donations toward MEALS ON WHEELS or OCIM operating expenses are appreciated!

Meals on Wheels Orange County, NC, should have all routes in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro areas back to daily hot meal deliveries by the 1st week of November. Then to the big challenge.. getting the Hillsborough routes up to at least two weekly deliveries.

More Volunteer Drivers Needed! It does not have to be a weekly commitment- you can be a substitute driver or do every other week, there are options! If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities, please visit www.mowocnc.org or call Heather Harris, Volunteer Coordinator, 919.942.2948 ext. 3.



We love Scholastic News! Thank you to the Circle of Faith for supporting Jackie Beavers' class!

The Garden at Spring Forest 2021 Inaugural Fall CSA

Fall subscriptions available! September 7 - November 2

Full Share \$250. Add a half dozen eggs from pasture-raised chickens each week for \$30.

Pick up your box on Tuesday evenings during afternoon Garden work hours. *Nancy Maloney has offered to pick up orders from the farm Tuesday evenings and drop off at church!

Sign up here- <https://www.springforest.org/csa>
Printed forms are in the narthex and can be emailed to csa@springforest.org.



1907 New Sharon Church Rd.
Hillsborough, NC 27278
www.springforest.org
336.266.9475



Donations Needed for Families Moving Forward! Collected in the Narthex.

- New twin & full comforters
- New pillows
- Pine sol
- Dish soap
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels



Habitat for Humanity of Orange County is looking for volunteers for the following dates:

Friday October 8th, Wednesday October 20 and 27th, and Friday October 29th.

The work will involve wall framing, truss installation and other work as needed. All work will be in the Hillsborough area.

If you can help on any of these dates please contact Jim Perry at perryjames@twc.com.

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WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE: www.PleasantGreenUMC.org

SMARTPHONE: Text "PleasantGreen" To: 77977

ENVELOPE: Mail or slip under office door

We know and believe that part of being a follower of Christ is being generous with our money. We also recognize that the world is changing, the church is changing, and giving trends are changing with new generations. Thank you for your generosity!

November, 17th Blood Drive at PGUMC



To sign up, contact the Church office at 919.383.5764 or pgumc@ncrrbiz.com or go to redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: Pleasant Green)

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Support PGUMC when you purchase through amazon smile. They donate 0.5% of your purchase price on eligible items to the "Pleasant Green United Methodist Church" charitable organization. We hope you'll consider this as we continue to find creative and generous ways to share resources together. Already have an Amazon Prime account? Go to smile.amazon.com and use your existing login. Pleasant Green's unique charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1152936>



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