



Fall Trivia Night! September 16th from 6–8PM

Local Trivia Action is bringing more fun to Walnut Hill this fall! Trivia categories run from sports and pop culture to the Bible, so somebody's Sunday school years are finally going to pay off. Dinner and drinks provided, free childcare for participating families, and prizes for the top teams. Grab a team and RSVP at <https://forms.gle/AAsLnV3J6qwB2tvP6> by Friday, September 11th!



DONATE ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!

You can now scan the QR code at left with your phone using your camera to access our **WHC Giving Page!** From there, you can select a number of causes to donate to. *Not sure you can be here every Sunday?* You can also set up weekly and monthly giving using this QR! Contact the office with any questions!

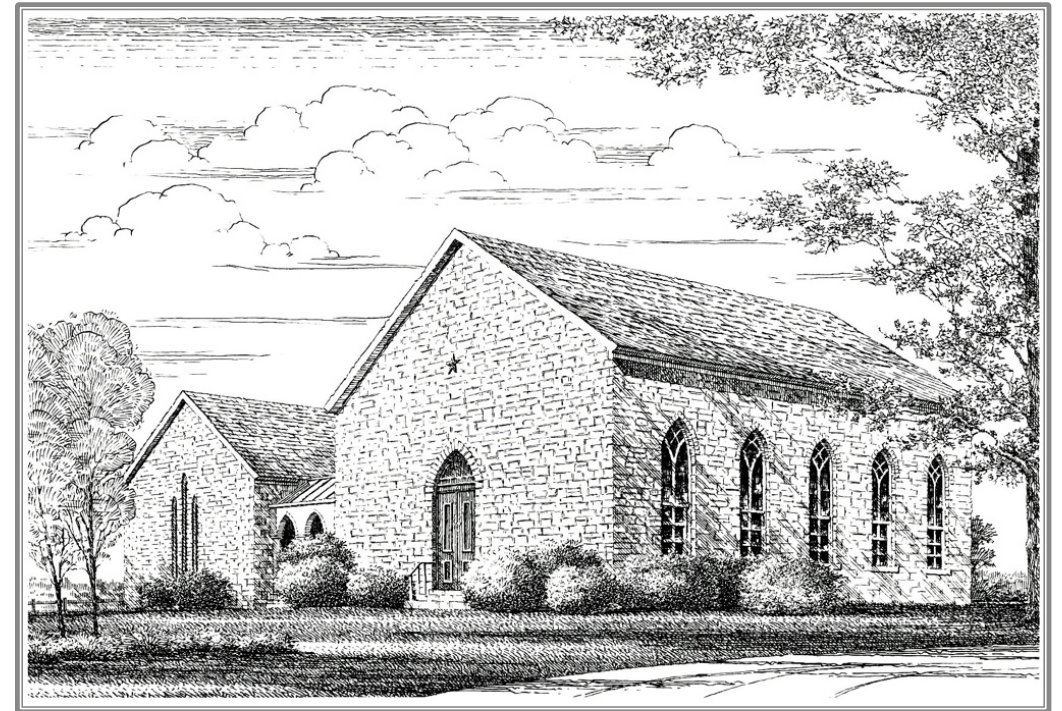


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Order of Worship Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Walnut Hill Church

A welcoming, ecumenical congregation embodying the gospel of Jesus Christ, serving the community at large, and the world through worship, education, fellowship, and partnership outreach.

GATHERING

Greetings & Announcements

Prelude *Sun of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear* Dr. Angela Hurley
Albin C. Whitworth, arr. | American (b. 1938)

***Hymn #487** *When Morning Gilds the Sky*

Call to Worship (from Psalm 96)

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of God’s salvation from day to day.
Declare God’s glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Invocation

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, your Kingdom is open to all by your grace in Christ, but we often construct roadblocks that hinder people from entering. We demand good behavior from others before showing them where to find your life-changing mercy. We work to appear righteous and good but fail to practice Jesus' basic instructions: love God, love others, forgive freely, and share the Good News. Forgive us for our sin and our waywardness. Let us lean wholly on your power that we may follow you faithfully and love others by your grace. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins. (Silent Confession)
Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Even in our moments of doubt, our lack of faith, and the blindness which means we fail to see God amongst us, God is still at work. God is still healing. God is still forgiving. Even when we fail to see God, God still sees and loves us. Friends, believe the Good News, in Christ our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Hymn #280 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

WORD

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:9; Ephesians 3:7–8

Sermon *Amazing Grace* Rev. Donna Barr

RESPONDING

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offering *Jesus Chris, My Sure Defense* Dr. Angela Hurley
1653 German Hymn | J. S. Bach, harmonizer | German (1685–1750)

***Doxology** (*The Worship Book*, p. 4) **and Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn #376** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

***Benediction**

Postlude *Finale* Dr. Angela Hurley
Dennis Elliot | American (b. 1950)

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

 Sips and Saints: September Book Pick

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT: We’ll be reading *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans for our September Sips and Saints ! Grab your copy and start reading now!
Date, time, and location are **to be determined**, so stay tuned to our newsletter and social media for details.

Sermon Background

Biblical Foundation of Grace in Ministry

The Apostle Paul, in his epistles, frequently emphasizes the importance of grace in ministry. In **2 Corinthians 12:9**, Paul recounts the Lord's words to him: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness." This passage highlights that grace is not only a source of strength but also a means through which God's power is made manifest in human frailty. It underscores the idea that ministry is not reliant on human ability but on divine empowerment.

In **Ephesians 3:7-8**, Paul speaks of his own ministry, stating, "I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace, given me through the working of His power. Though I am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." Here, grace is depicted as the enabling force that qualifies and equips individuals for service, regardless of their personal inadequacies.

Looking Ahead

September

- 16 | Trivia Night at WHC
- 20 | Baby Shower for Hope + Spencer Horman
- 23 | Ladies' Lunch at The Thoroughbred Club + Tates Creek Pizza Party

October

- 4 | World Communion Day
- 11 | Blessing of the Animals + Greater Lexington Crop Hunger Walk
- 18 | Walk to End Alzheimer's
- 25 | WHC Safari

November

- 1 | All Saints Day
- 8 | Congregational and Cemetery Association Meeting

What does the CROP in "Crop Hunger Walk" actually stand for?

*CROP originally stood for **Christian Rural Overseas Program** when it was founded in 1947. In recent years, however, the acronym has taken on a broader meaning—**Community Response to Overcoming Poverty**—to better reflect its current mission of addressing hunger.*

Click the QR code to register to walk with WHC on **Sunday, October 11th**!



REGISTER NOW



2026 Lexington Crop Walk for Hunger Sunday, October 11th at 3PM

Registering (and walking) is FREE, although donations to benefit the hungry are welcome and encouraged! Our goal this year is to reach \$1500. Please contact team leader **Nell Horman** with any questions.