

OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 30, 2022

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost



There were a lot of unknowns this summer when the decision was made to hold the 61st annual Oak Grove Barbecue but we stepped out on faith that we needed to do this and what a success it was! I can't say thank you enough to the close to 300 volunteers that worked tirelessly together with a smile on their face to bring the BBQ back to the community. We made some modifications this year to make things a bit more efficient, but it really did feel like it was the same ol' BBQ and it was so good to see both familiar faces and ones that we had not seen in 2+ years.

We smoked 4,600 pounds of Boston butts, stirred 400 gallons of stew, whipped up 900 pounds of coleslaw, and devoured countless trays of cookies and cakes that were donated – I don't think anyone left Saturday hungry and without a smile on their face. And it was not just the food, the weather and atmosphere could not have been better – there were treasures to be found at the craft sale, great music was floating in the air by the Portico, and there is no doubt in my mind the Holy Spirit was around all weekend too.

We fed around 3,000 folks on Saturday, sold close to another 500 quarts of stew and pork (plus an additional 20 whole butts) the day of and the following week, did reruns for the Midweek dinner and yet we were still able to provide full meals for 8 different charity groups that we have worked with over the years totaling another 400+ meals donated. While the smiles we saw on Saturday were wonderful, the reports coming back from our mission partners have really been heartwarming and brings us back to the fact that this BBQ will once again be able to support over 30+ great organizations with the funds that we raised again this year.

I can't thank the crew chiefs enough for all of their tireless efforts and it was great to have such awesome support from the church staff who stepped up this year and really filled in all the jobs that Clayton Webster has been doing for years. Speaking of Clayton, we should all give him a huge thanks for his years of BBQ service but more importantly for leaving behind some very good documentation on how everything worked – we could not have pulled this year's Barbecue off without that. We are already planning and looking forward to next year's BBQ so mark your calendars now because October 21, 2023 will be here before you know it. – **John McMillen**

Dear Friends,

Thanks to everyone who donated beautiful handmade items for our **Craft sale!** We also thank all our faithful workers who helped set up and managed the sale. We sold our highest number of crafts and raised the most money ever for our missions of our United Women in Faith. Our total raised this year was **\$6,873.70!** We give God the praise and gratitude for this successful event.

– *With love and grateful hearts, your Oak Grove United Women In Faith craft sale committee.*

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this year's Barbecue **Bake Sale** so successful – the incredible chefs and all of the table workers at the event. We sold every cake, pie, and loaf of bread you brought. The bars and cookies were perfect for on the spot desserts. Our volunteers were so much fun to work with and several of our teenagers were invaluable. Because of you, we netted about **\$4,400** to go to mission projects in Atlanta and around the world. All praise to God for this remarkable success.

– *Madge and Zoe*



Worship Times and Locations

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.: Traditional (Sanctuary)
10:45: Modern (Fellowship Hall)

ONLINE: 10:45 a.m. – Modern Worship

ONLINE: 11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship.

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Our Pastors

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts – *Senior Pastor* ext. 211

Dr. Amy Morgan – *Pastor of Service and Nurture* ext. 210

Dr. Joseph McBrayer – *Pastor of Invitation and Discipleship* ext. 212

Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster – *Bishop in Residence*

Our Program Staff

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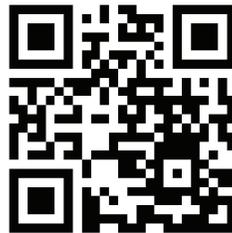
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Submitting Articles to the Oak Grove News:

Please be reminded that **Thursday 12 p.m. is the deadline** for information that you would like to add to the *Oak Grove News*. This will enable your article to appear in the following week's bulletin.

Send items to oakgrovenews@ogumc.org. Articles will run TWO times and may be edited for space. Indicate the two editions you prefer when the article is submitted. Thank you!



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