



Faith + Fun in Full Fall Swing at Meadows!

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RISE AGAINST HUNGER –VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Date: Saturday, October 4, 2025

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

We are excited to announce our sixth Rise Against Hunger event at Meadows. The event is scheduled for Saturday morning, October 4. We will be packing over 12,500 meals again this year. Meadows has packed over 55,000 meals since the first meal packing event in 2019. In our previous events, between 60 and 70 Meadows members and friends were able to join in Christian fellowship serving God's kingdom by providing meals for those who, as a result of their circumstances, struggle to provide for themselves and their families.

We would ask that you check your calendars and prayerfully consider signing up for this year's event. We would also encourage you to invite your friends as we will be packing a lot of meals. Sign-up for this year's event will be similar to last year as we will not be having two distinct one (1) hour shifts as we have in the past. However, we do want to accommodate members who may only be able to participate for one (1) hour. That said, we will be encouraging members and friends to sign up for the full two (2) hours but will leave open the possibility of time slots of either 10:00 am – 11:00 am or 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The meals that we pack are distributed to countries all over the world with each packet providing a nutritious meal for a family of four (4). The meals from last year's packing event were delivered in November 2024 to the Philippines. This is the second year that the meals have been sent to the Philippines. We would be excited to have you join us as we seek to serve God's kingdom during this year's fun-filled event. Jobs are available for people who prefer to be seated, and if you are able to be on your feet for a while, we have jobs for you as well. If you can help with the initial set-up, we would greatly appreciate your help in that way, too. Set-up will begin around 8:30 am.

This is the link for the online registration.

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/meadowspc2025> Please contact Wendell Bonham at (434) 973-9283 or lucemest@netscape.net to sign-up or request more details.

We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday, October 4th!!!**



FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL
CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE CROP WALK
CROP WALK Date: October 12, 2025
<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/charlottesvilleva>

Message to CROP Walkers:

Thank you for participating in our CROP Hunger Walk! Our Main Walk starts and ends at Westminster Presbyterian Church. However, Teams have the option of selecting their own date and route.

Since 1972, our CROP Walk's mission has been to:

Educate our community about the needs of hungry people in our community and around the world through this service project.

Raise funds to help hungry people survive and become self-reliant. The money is used to restore lives hurt by disasters including famines, floods, wars, and poverty. We raised \$26,793 last year. 75% supports the international relief efforts of Church World Service (CWS). 25% goes to our local Emergency Food Network and Meals on Wheels.

Please request donations from your extended family and friends from church and neighborhood. In addition to face-to-face discussions, consider requesting donations through mail, e-mail or using social media. Checks should be made payable to CWS/CROP. Donation Envelopes are available from your Team Leader. Please also consider registering on-line at the web address listed above. When registering you can join a Team or be a member of a new Team.

Please turn in your Donation Envelope by November 1st to Forrest Kerns, CROP Treasurer; 204 Westminster Rd; Charlottesville, VA 22901 (phone 434-242-6843). You can also drop off your envelope at Westminster Presbyterian Church's office building located at 400 Rugby Rd.

Registration for our Main Walk will start at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday October 12th at Westminster Presbyterian (400 Rugby Rd). The Route Map is attached. Cherry Avenue Christian Church will host a rest stop for us.

You are helping to end hunger in our community and the world!

Taylor Beard, Coordinator

**CROP WALK PEEPS
FROM 2024**



WELCOME JULIA GARBER!

Julia is the new Director of Youth Ministries. Her passion for working with youth comes from years of serving in Vacation Bible School, church nurseries, and multiple summers as a camp counselor at Camp Bethel. She graduated from Bridgewater College with degrees in Music and Psychology. While there, she founded a women's ministry and served in leadership roles at Every Nation Campus. Outside of Meadows, Julia is a Color Guard Instructor at Roanoke College, Color Guard Tech at Bridgewater College, and a Teaching Artist with MIMA. She is also a songwriter, singer, and music producer. Please give her a warm welcome.





Meadows Youth

Sunday, October 5th

Sunday School 9:15-10:15 am

Youth Group 4:00-5:30 pm

Sunday, October 12th

Sunday School 9:15-10:15 am

Youth Group – CROP Walk

**12:30 registration – walk begins
around 1:00 pm, ends 3:30 pm**

Sunday, October 19th

Sunday School 9:15-10:15 am

Youth Group 4:00-5:30 pm

Sunday, October 26th

Sunday School 9:15-10:15 am

Bonfire @ the Kindricks

6:00-8:00 pm



YOUTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

October 4th Rise Against Hunger

October 12th CROP Walk

On the Horizon . . .

Thanksgiving Family Gathering

Advent Wreath Making Gathering

Powerpoint Night

Autumn Celebration





A WORD FROM CAROLINE FERNANDEZ

Read on to learn about two opportunities to get involved with music at Meadows this fall. The vocal and handbell choirs are made up of dedicated groups of people who enjoy making a joyful noise for the Lord—and who would very much welcome new faces (of any age; youth are welcome)! Please consider joining either (or both) of these groups this season.

Contact Meadows' choir director, Caroline Fernandez, at cfernfly@gmail.com or (434) 326-3542, with any questions.

SING WITH THE VOCAL CHOIR

Meadows' vocal choir rehearses Thursdays 4:30-5:45 p.m. and Sundays 9:15-10 a.m. All are welcome, including those who have not sung in a choir before. You do not need to know how to read music—we practice voice parts together and Caroline sends out part recordings every week. This is a wonderful way to get involved with corporate worship at the church.

Please contact **Caroline** or **Janet Anastasi** (434) 202-2415, anastase@comcast.net if you are interested in joining (including if the rehearsal time doesn't work for you)—and feel free to just show up at rehearsal, as well. The choir practices in the choir room in the lower floor of the church.

You can contact any of the following choir members to discuss their experiences singing with this choir:

Linda Powell (soprano)	434.591.5098(home) mrsbap@aol.com	434.996.5996(cell)
Nina Johnston (alto)	434.326.3432 ninajohnston1708@comcast.net	
Drene DeGood (tenor)	434.295.7560(home) drenedg@gmail.com	434.996.0978(cell)
Jim Snipes	434.923.0122(home) jimsnipes@icloud.com	540.672-7925(cell)

RING WITH THE HANDBELL CHOIR

Meadows' handbell choir is another way to get involved with music at the church—especially if you aren't confident in your voice. The only prerequisite to joining is an ability to count to four; most of Meadows' ringers had never played in a handbell choir before! Parts can be catered to your level, all the way from very easy (one bell) to very challenging (5+ bells).

Please **fill out the following form by Fri., Oct. 10, 2025**, if you are interested in playing with the handbell choir this fall: <https://forms.gle/kcSBdhwjU4TGTxYM6>. Rehearsals will tentatively be held on Wednesdays 6-7:30 p.m. (shifting to 7-8:30 p.m. in December because of the Vespers services); if enough ringers can't do Wednesdays, we will shift days. The first rehearsal will be on Wed., Oct. 15, 2025.

BONUS OPPORTUNITY: MISC. INSTRUMENTALISTS

The vocal choir is always looking for instrumentalists to play for songs that have optional instrument parts. Please contact Caroline if you play an instrument and are interested.



A WORD FROM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE....

May the good Lord be with you, down every road you roam...
(Rod Stewart, 'Forever Young')

It is with more than a touch of sadness, but much greater exhilaration, that we must bid farewell to Audrey and Frank Becker. Our young members are embarking on their first journey as married couple and relocating to Arlington.

They have been a tremendous blessing to our fellowship and willing helpers in our work.

Audrey & Frank, we wish you a lifetime of God's blessings and will pray that His hand guides your every step. You always have a home in Meadows and friends you can call on....

Now, go take on the world!

In Christ's love,

Your Brothers and Sisters at Meadows



NEIGHBORHOOD TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

Join Us for Spooky Fun at Meadows!

Event Details

Get ready for a frightfully fun evening—Meadows is excited to host a community Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 31st! All residents and friends from the surrounding neighborhood are invited to join in the festivities.

Car Setup: 5:00–5:30 PM

Trunk or Treat: 5:30–6:30 PM

Location: Meadows parking lot

What Is Trunk or Treat?

Trunk or Treat is a fun twist on traditional trick-or-treating—participants decorate their car trunks and hand out treats to kids and neighbors as they go from car to car.

It's a fantastic way to meet new friends, show off your creativity, and celebrate Halloween together in a safe and festive environment.

Who Can Participate?

Everyone is welcome, whether or not you have children. The more decorated trunks, the merrier! You can take part by decorating your car and handing out treats or simply come to enjoy the festivities and connect with neighbors.

Questions?

More event details will be shared soon. If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to Cindy Dellinger.

Why You Should Join

Fun for all ages—kids and adults alike!

Great opportunity to meet neighbors and make new friends.

Show off your creativity with trunk decorations.

Create lasting memories in a safe and friendly setting.

Mark your calendar and start planning your trunk decorations! We look forward to seeing you there for an evening of spooky fun, treats, and community spirit.



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION: GROWING YOUNG AND PASSING IT ON

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

— Deuteronomy 6:4–7 (NIV)

This fall, we will journey through Scripture exploring how our faith is passed down — from generation to generation — through words spoken, lives modeled, and relationships cultivated, love given and received. Anchored in the “Shema” from Deuteronomy 6:4–9, we will look at seven biblical mentor–mentee relationships that reveal how God’s people have faithfully passed the baton of faith and discipleship to the next generation.

Our vision statement calls us to be a joyful Christ-centered family where *all belong, grow as disciples, and rise to live out God’s love*. May the Lord build us more fully together across generations to be a church family rooted in love, learning, and faithful witness to Jesus Christ as Lord.

Oct 5	Elijah to Elisha	2 Kings 1-15	Tom Goodrich
Oct 12	Mordecai to Esther	Esther 4:1-17	Tom Goodrich
Oct 19	Naomi to Ruth	Ruth 1:1-18	Rev. Betsey Vinton
Oct 26	Paul to Timothy	2 Timothy 1:1-14, 2:1-7	Dr. Stephanie Black

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

OCTOBER 2025 DEADLINE SCHEDULE

Newsletter Article Entries due Thursday, October 23rd

All Entries for PowerPoint are due on Mondays

MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

We're transitioning to a new cloud-based system called *Planning Center* to help us better manage our records and giving. This change will make it easier for us to stay organized, streamline processes, and provide a smoother experience for online givers.

More detailed directions will be shared soon for current online givers and anyone interested in setting up online giving through Planning Center. Thank you for your patience as we make this important update!

Jodi Gist

Meadows Presbyterian Church
Finance Administrator

NEW FLORIST FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS We are now using The Dogwood Tree for our Sunday flowers for the sanctuary. We hope you will find them most accommodating and the arrangements beautiful. Their telephone number is 434.365.9200. The new price is \$60 which includes delivery to Meadows. Thank you to all who bless Meadows with the ministry of flowers each week for our Sunday service.

UPDATE FROM THE CO-PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE The CPNC deeply appreciates your ongoing prayers and encouragement. We are committed to a thorough and diligent process as we analyze applications, review sermons, and examine YouTube and social media links from candidates. Our first in-person interview has been scheduled.

“Charles’ Corner”
By Dr. Charles Pickell
“For the Living of These Days” (2010)

THE SAVING MINORITY

Minorities have been the focus of much concern in recent years—ethnic minorities, religious minorities, gender minorities, their rights, their acceptance by others, their assimilation into society.

One minority that is rarely mentioned but which is prominent in the Bible is the saving minority, people who ask no privilege, go against the tide, yet have an impact beyond measure.

Throughout history, God has used minorities, people of faith, commitment, integrity, vision, to accomplish his purposes.

Abraham is representative of such people. When God announced that Sodom and Gomorrah would be destroyed because of their decadence, Abraham interceded for them and received the promise that if ten righteous people could be found there, the cities would be spared.

Ten couldn’t be found!

Still it is clear that a few dedicated, Godly people could have exerted an influence far beyond their numbers and saved the day.

God has always worked through the few:

Noah was in the minority when he built the Ark.

Abraham stood alone when, at God’s command, he took his family and left Ur “not knowing where he was going.”

Moses was a party of one when he received the Commandments and when he led the Exodus.

The Hebrew prophets were a minority calling people back to God.

The disciples were a minority in their devotion to Jesus.

The early church was a minority in an alien culture.

The Reformers were a minority opposing the entrenched power of the church.

The settlers of American independence were a minority searching for a better life.

The framers of the American independence were a minority opposing an empire.

It bothers me when I hear people speak despairingly of the state of the nation, the church, or the world as if they were impotent, unable to do anything about it. But to resign oneself to impotence is to ignore history and is a failure in confidence in God who has always used saving minorities as a source of renewal, salt in time of decay, light in darkness, hope in the midst of despair.

You may be in the minority, but:

“Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

October 2025

Wednesday, October 1st

7:00 pm – Nominating Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 2nd

12:00 noon – Pray in Place

4:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 3rd

Meadows Office Closed

Saturday, October 4th

8:30 AM – Rise Against Hunger

Sunday, October 5th

9:15 am – Choir Rehearsal

9:15 am – 10:15 am – Youth and Adult Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship Service

4:00 pm – Youth Group

Monday, October 6th

5:15 pm – 9:30 pm – Men's Bible Study

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm – Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, October 7th

10:00 am – Joy Group

Wednesday, October 8th

12:00 Noon – Men's Bible Study via Zoom

7:00 pm – Lydia Group

Thursday, October 9th

12:00 Noon – "Pray In Place"

4:30 pm - 5:45 pm – Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm – Outreach Committee Meeting

Friday, October 10th

Office Closed

Saturday, October 11th

8:30 am – Men's Breakfast

Faith Build – Habitat

10:00 am – Meadows Presbyterian Women Event

Sunday, October 12th

9:15 am – Choir Rehearsal
9:15 am – 10:15 am – Youth and Adult Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship Service
1:00 pm – CROP Walk
4:00 pm – Youth Group Gathering

Monday, October 13th

5:00 pm – B&G Committee Meeting
5:15 pm – 9:30 pm – Men's Bible Study
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm – Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm – Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 14th

11:45 am – MS Society Meeting
6:30 pm – CE Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 15th

11:00 am – Prayer Shawl Group
12:00 pm – Men's Bible Study via Zoom
7:00 pm – Nominating Committee Meeting
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 16th

12:00 Noon – "Pray In Place"
3:30 pm – Finance Committee Meeting
4:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 17th

Meadows Office Closed

Saturday, October 18th

No events planned

Sunday, October 19th

9:15 am – Choir Rehearsal
9:15 am – 10:15 am – Youth and Adult Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship Service
4:00 pm – Youth Group Meeting

Monday, October 20th

12:15 pm – Faith Circle
5:15 pm – 9:30 pm – Men's Bible Study
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm – Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, October 21st

6:00 pm – Hope Circle

Wednesday, October 22nd

12:00 pm – Men's Bible Study via Zoom

1:30 pm – Schola Welcomes a Violinist in Sanctuary

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 23rd

12:00 Noon – “Pray In Place”

4:30 pm - 5:45 pm – Choir Practice

Friday, October 24th

Meadows Office Closed

Saturday, October 25th

No activities planned

Sunday, October 26th

9:15 am – Choir Rehearsal

9:15 am – 10:15 am – Youth and Adult Sunday School

10:30 am — Worship Service

6:00 pm – Youth Bonfire at the Kindricks

Monday, October 27th

5:15 pm – 9:30 pm – Men's Bible Study

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm – Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, October 28th

5:00 pm – Salvation Army

Wednesday, October 29th

12:00 pm – Men's Bible Study via Zoom

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 30th

12:00 Noon – “Pray In Place”

4:30 pm - 5:45 pm – Choir Practice

Friday, October 31st

Meadows Office Closed

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm – Neighborhood Trunk or Treat Event

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Peggy Beattie	10/1	Cheryl Pearson	10/18
Elizabeth Mollica	10/2	Kitty Pettit	10/18
Roni Fernandez	10/3	Linda Weaver	10/18
Maggie Gangloff	10/3	Dianne Burris	10/19
Linda Powell	10/7	Alice Ray	10/19
Connie Pond	10/8	Karen Zimmerman	10/20
Kendall Pearson	10/12	Joe Burris	10/21
Whitley Rotgin	10/12	Diane Parlette	10/22
Caroline Fernandez	10/14	Cindy Frazier-Mina	10/25
Owen Saunders	10/14	Ann Laing	10/29
Bill Stackhouse	10/14	Nancy Richey	10/29
Polly Talbott	10/14	Kaye Lauffenburger	10/30
		Pat Sandburg	10/31
		Dick Swisher	10/31

