

# Grace Notes

July 24, 2022

## Mission Statement

To draw people to Christ,  
nourish their spirits, and  
prepare them for service to God,  
the Church, and the world.

### OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

#### Sunday, July 24

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service

#### Monday, July 25

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)

#### Tuesday, July 26

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 10:30 am Funeral Coord. Mtg (LIB)
- 11:30 am Rotary Club
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

#### Wednesday, July 27

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:15 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, July 28

- 1:00 pm Sprinkler work
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

#### Friday, July 29

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 9:00 am Organist practice
- 2:00 pm Bereavement Comm.

#### Saturday, July 30

#### Sunday, July 31

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service

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### **Epicurean Evening to benefit Methodist Home for Children**

For the first time in three years, The Methodist Home for Children will hold the Epicurean Evening fundraiser. This gala event will be held at the Burney Center at UNCW on Thursday, September 8, 2022.

There will be a silent auction, tasting, and drinks at 5:30 PM followed by a program at 7 PM. If you have attended previously, you know that the best chefs in Wilmington present their best dishes! Grace has been asked to sponsor at least one table at this event. The cost per ticket is \$150 per person or \$300 per couple. Many of you know the featured speaker Sam Highsmith who attended Hoggard High School, then became a coach and principal.

The proceeds from one table will support one child for one year! You may register and pay online at [wilmingtonee.com](http://wilmingtonee.com) or write a check to the Methodist Home for Children, 1041 Washington St, Raleigh, NC 27605-1259. (Indicate on your reservation that you are a member of Grace.) Please contact Cindy Henry at [chenry@atmc.net](mailto:chenry@atmc.net) for additional information.

### **Pipe Organ Review**

The July meeting of the Administrative Council discussed the summary report concerning the Grace UMC Moeller Pipe Organ. The August meeting will conduct a vote on the future of maintaining the pipe organ or several other possibilities--one of which is to disconnect the pipes and only have an electronic organ to be used for church functions. Please contact the board members to voice your opinion as to the future of our pipe organ. —Tom Jones

### **In-person/Online Attendance & Offering For July 17**

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| In-person Worship Service: |           |
| 8:30 am                    | 24        |
| 11:00 am                   | 161       |
| Online Worship Service:    |           |
|                            | 103       |
| Operating Funds Given      |           |
|                            | \$ 13,989 |
| Building Preservation      |           |
|                            | \$ 1,180  |

### **June**

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Operating Funds Given YTD | \$ 292,703  |
| Operating Expenses YTD    | \$ 345,374  |
| Balance                   | \$ (52,671) |

### **June**

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Annual Bld. Preserv. Receipts  | \$ 22,305  |
| Annual Bld. Preserv. Fund Exp. | \$ 26,602  |
| Balance                        | \$ (4,297) |

Apportionments are paid through June.

### **On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue**

The service will be available Sunday starting at **4:00 pm**

This is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg>

### **Grace United Methodist Church**

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Give through Paypal at our website Square or by using this QR Code (point your phone camera at the box and click on the link that appears).



### **Patricia may be retired but our Prayer Team isn't!**

Marilee Tremlett, one of our many great Welcome Desk volunteers, is now coordinating the prayer requests as well, and will continue to do so at least until a new Associate Pastor is hired.

Please send all prayer requests to Marilee at [mtrem3@icloud.com](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com). This is a separate email address to be used only for prayer requests. Marilee has other email accounts with a similar address, so be sure to send your requests only to the "icloud.com" email address.

When you send a request to Marilee, be sure to let her know if you want it to go only to the Prayer Team or if you want it also to be printed in Grace Notes on Sunday.

Our policy is to leave names on Grace Notes for 3 Sundays and then remove them. If you want a name to be in Grace Notes longer, just let Marilee know. People can be put back on the list multiple times. The names on the Military List will stay on until we are notified to take them off, when their service or deployment has ended.

It is a privilege for us to be able to pray for you and your family and friends. Thank you for sharing those with us.

### **Thank You to Dianne**

A sincere thank you to Dianne Lynch for making a lovely lace trimmed tablecloth to fit the table used in Memorial Services and also in Communion Services. She made a pall with lace to cover the urn which is very pretty as well. All of us at Grace appreciate her generosity.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Ava Kathryn Alban             | Sandie and Ron Moore and family of Kay Hall |
| Margaret Batchelor            | Sarah O'Brien                               |
| Family of Barbara Bloom       | Chris Powers                                |
| Celeste                       | Sherri Schultz                              |
| Camben McCarty                | Karen Schwartz                              |
| Mike Conelly                  | Aaron Swaney                                |
| Marie Dubel                   |   |
| Larry Florea                  |   |
| Amelia Gifford                |   |
| Betty Hinson                  |   |
| Carl Humphrey                 |   |
| Family of Garrett Kelly       |   |
| Judy Lovellette (Ginny's mom) |   |
| Barbara Jackson's daughter    |   |

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ETN1 Anthony Augustine, USN | LCpl. Seth Mack, USMC       |
| LCpl. John Capwell, USMC    | CDR Nicholas Madren, USN    |
| Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC      | PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA  |
| Col. John Delaney, USA      | SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF    |
| Ens. Elizabeth Downing, USN | Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA  |
| E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN  | Sgt. James Pritchett, USA   |
| E6 William Chase Dubel, USA | CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN  |
| E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF      | Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF  |
| E3 Taylor Folmar, USN       | Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC |
| Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC     | AB Michael Sloan, USAF      |
| Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF    | Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC |
| SFC Letty Long, USA         | Michael Tate, USA           |
| SFC Woodrow Long, USA       | E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC        |
| Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC  |                             |



If you have a prayer request, please contact Marilee Tremlett at [mtrem3@icloud.com](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).

### VBS, Youth and UMW Diaper Drive and Service Opp

UMW still needs volunteers to wrap diapers at their warehouse located at 915 S. 16th Street, Wilmington.

Tentative dates are  
 Wednesday, July 27, 12:00-2:00 and  
 Monday, August 1, 12:00-2:00.

To sign up for either of these days, please contact Marie Allison at [alli7173@hotmail.com](mailto:alli7173@hotmail.com).

There is still time to contribute to the Diaper Drive—the collection continues through the end of the month.

### Fellowship Time sign-ups needed

Congregation members—please sign up to host Fellowship Time for July 24, July 31, August 7, August 14, and August 21

There are cookies in the refrigerator you can use, there are directions on the cabinet as to how to prepare the coffee, and you can ask Carole Ellis or Darlene Tyndall how to work the machine. This does not take much of your time, but it is a place for Grace families to meet and socialize after the early service and before the later service. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

### Family Promise week coming up

Grace continues to help families who are homeless through our Family Promise program. We have an upcoming time of service on Monday, August 1 through Thursday, August 4. We provide dinner and hospitality from 5:30-7pm each night. The families are staying at the apartments owned by the program. On a rotational basis, churches bring meals to the Day Center there and sit and eat with them, hopefully feeding their bodies and souls at the same time! You may do this alone or find a friend or two or your Sunday School class to help out! Contact Jane Spicer if you want to help: Jane Spicer @ [jdspicer@ec.rr.com](mailto:jdspicer@ec.rr.com) Ph. 910 622-1211. If you would like to help with other Family Promise opportunities, please contact Cicily at 910-769-4730 for more information.



### Beauty of Grace installation

The Beauty of Grace brick fundraiser is awaiting our first delivery. Please consider placing your engraved brick order in memory or honor of a loved one soon. It's easy. Visit [polarengraving.com](http://polarengraving.com)/graceunitedmethodistchurch or pick up a brochure in the Welcome Center.

### Pastor's Report —19 July 2022, (Originally written for Administrative Council)

#### Thoughts of a new pastor in the first 19 days...

Within a month of beginning at Grace Church, I have adopted the pastoral posture of listening, while committing to the call of an ordained elder: Word, Order, Sacrament, and Service. This work—proclaiming God's Word, ordering the life of the local church, duly administering the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion, and serving the world around us—flows from the ontology of the Church which has its foundation in Christ.



This Christ-centered foundation has its beginning in relationship... relationship with God (Worship/Witness), relationship with the community outside of Grace (Outreach), and relationship within Grace (Nurture). As we work on our relationship with God (Worship), we are simultaneously working on our relationships with those outside of Grace (Outreach), as well as working on our relationships with those inside of Grace (Nurture). The acronym WON describes the focus of the mission of the United Methodist Church, the Great Commission, which is taken from Matthew 28:19-20, as Jesus says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

As commissioned disciples our work is simple to say, and more difficult in practice. Its biblical basis comes from the Greatest Commandments, as we hear Jesus tell a lawyer and us, "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matt 22:37-40)

Through the administrative organization of Grace Church (Administrative Council, Finance Team, Trustees, SPRC, and Nominations and Leadership Development) and the work of our church through Worship, Outreach, and Nurture, I look forward to this new season of life together, as Jesus Christ transforms us and the world around us.

Peace,

Pastor Benny

**Graduation Baskets starting to fill, thank you**

It is the custom at Grace to celebrate the graduation of our high school seniors with a gift basket of items to help them start their college life. This year we have two graduates, Preston Olinger, who will attend NC State and Colin Tucker Tuttle who will attend University of Alabama.

The Nurture Committee has placed baskets decorated with school colors in the Welcome Center. Some suggested items are towels, shower caddy, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, school supplies, microwave popcorn, gift cards (i.e. Walmart, Target, gas cards), or anything else you think would be helpful. If you are interested in donating, please do so soon so they can be delivered. Thank you for helping to encourage our graduates. We will present the baskets soon.

**Altar Flowers**

Please consider signing up to give flowers in memory or honor of someone. There is a flower chart in the Welcome Center to sign up. You may also call or email Ginny in the church office to reserve a date.



The cost is \$45 per side. Checks should be made payable to Grace UMC, with "altar flowers" written on the memo line. If you are attending an in-person service, place your check in the offering plate, or the check may be mailed to the office. You will be contacted about the dedication the week prior to your selected date if you haven't already indicated for whom it is dedicated. Thank you!

**TRUSTEES REQUESTS**

**Anyone have a bagger attachment?**

The trustees are looking for a twin bagger attachment for a 42-in John Deere riding lawn mower. If you know of anyone who has a used one for sale or to donate, please get in touch with Marvin Evans at gumtrustees1@gmail.com. We thank you in advance.

**Safety and Security team members needed**

We are searching for volunteers to jumpstart our safety and security committee. If you have expertise in emergency medical response, security assessment, safety and security preparedness, or critical medical emergency response, please consider joining this committee. If you are interested, please send an email to Marvin Evans at gumtrustees1@gmail.com. We will then contact you to schedule a meeting of all participants. Thank you for your interest and willingness to help!

**Patricia's Retirement and new email**

Patricia has retired as of June 30, 2022. If you have a pastoral need, please email Grace's new pastor, Benny Oakes, at benny@gracedowntown.net or call the church office at 910-763-5197.

Patricia's personal email is patriciacox00@gmail.com. (that is zero zero)

God bless you!

- Would like to join Grace United Methodist Church.**
  - Need Grace UMC name tag(s).**
  - Change of address, phone number, or email.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_