

Grace Notes

April 17, 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, April 17

EASTER

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

Monday, April 18

OFFICE CLOSED for Easter Holiday

- 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 19

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 11:00 am Rotary Club
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Admin Council

Wednesday, April 20

- 10:00 am Staff meeting
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 4:30 pm Worship Committee
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics practice
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 21

- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, April 22

- 4:00 pm Organist Practice

Sunday, April 23

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm Youth Meetings
- 5:10 pm Stance on LGBTQ+ Matters

No Yoga until further notice

Did You Know?

On May 3, 1886, a resolution to purchase property at 4th and Mulberry Street was passed by the church members. Before February 1887, a debate among members was held and the name of the church was changed from First Methodist Episcopal Church, South to Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, South. On May 12, 1887, the corner stone was laid. The church was dedicated on Dec. 7, 1890. The city then honored the church by changing the name of Mulberry Street to Grace Street.

In 1947, a group of Boy Scouts approaching the church for their meeting smelled smoke. They quickly gave the alarm. As the sun rose the next morning, the extent of the fire was seen. The Sunday School building still stood but the SS auditorium, the chapel, and the Sanctuary lay in ashes. Once again members faced the challenge of rebuilding. On January 18, 1950, the laying of the cornerstone was held for our current sanctuary. Grace Methodist Church began a new era with a new name. The service marking the completion was held on December 24, 1950, on its 153rd anniversary. Grace will celebrate its 225th anniversary on Dec. 24, 2022.

Update on Flooring Project

Due to unexpected delays in the shipping of our materials, the flooring is now expected to arrive by the middle of May. In the meantime, we could use a few people to cut in the painting along the ceiling. Preferably someone not likely to fall off a ladder!

If you are interested, send me an email at: gumctrustees1@gmail.com. Thanks!

HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 4/10/2022

In-person Worship Service:	8:30 am -	30
In-person Worship Service:	11:00 am -	201
Online Worship Service:		225

Operating Funds Given 4/7- 4/12	\$	16,427
Building Preservation Fund	\$	940

March

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$	153,850
Operating Expenses YTD	\$	171,718
Balance receipt vs. expenses	\$	(17,868)

March

Building Preservation Receipts 2022 YTD	\$	12,818
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Building Preservation Fund 2022 Expenses	\$	32,840
	\$	(20,021)

Apportionments are paid through February

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>

Study On UM Stance on LGBTQ Matters

The United Methodist Church is reviewing its stand on ordination of LGBTQ+ persons and performing marriages for same gender persons. We'll offer a study on this matter this spring, beginning late April.

This study, led by Tal, will explore the scriptures that speak overtly to this matter. We'll see why Christians read these passages in differing ways. The goal of this study is not to tell you what to think, but to give you tools to clarify your own thinking. Be advised that this class will deal with adult topics.

We will also look at the leading proposal being brought before General Conference regarding these matters. What decisions will each church have to make? When will they have to make them?

This study will encompass five sessions, each about an hour in length. It will be offered both on Sunday evenings and Tuesday mornings.

Sunday evening sessions will be offered at 5:10 pm on April 24, May 1, May 15, May 22, and May 29. (Note: we will skip May 8 for Mother's Day.) Childcare will be provided by the Children's Ministry as they meet on Sundays during this time.

Tuesday morning sessions will meet at 9:30 am on April 26, May 3, May 17, May 24, and May 31. (Note we skip May 10.) No childcare will be offered for the Tuesday sessions.

This cumulative series builds across the five sessions. The expectation is that participants will discuss these matters while respecting one another's viewpoints.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Susan Atwell	Jeffrey Morefield
Russell Buskirk	Steven Powers
Mike Corleto	Sonya Rowe
Dale Cromartie	Melissa Sesi
Leslie Ego	Will Sibley
AC English	Nicolas Smith
Patrick Gallagher	Tanner
Justin George	Tori Thornton and newborn
Family and friends of	son, Kaiser
Jeanne Hadaway	
Elaine Hubbard	
Megan Mabee	
Tom McCarthy & Judy	
Charlie McCarthy	
Mike (Mary Tyndall's brother)	

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	LCpl. Seth Mack, USMC
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	CDR Nicholas Madren, USN
Maj. Tim Collins, 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
Cpl. Chase Krieg, USMC	Michael Tate, USA
SFC Letty Long, USA	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC
SFC Woodrow Long, USA	

If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Patricia at patricia@gracedowntown.net or 910-470-6310



Anyone hold Best Buy Tech Accounts?

If you have a "TotalTech" membership at Best Buy, and you are agreeable to helping Grace save a little money, please contact Trustee Marvin Evans at gumtrustees1@gmail.com. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS!

Thank you to all who provided linens and furniture to help Philip Chryst and the Anchor Church set up bedrooms in their most recent apartment at the Abbey on the corner of Church and Fourth Streets, providing affordable housing to our Wilmington neighbors. You also helped provide bath and bedroom linens for a new resident in one of their existing properties.

Please continue to bring shelf stable groceries and juice to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard to help those in need. For more info, call Duckie at (919) 741-3037.

Family Promise Giving Day!

Family Promise has scheduled an upcoming Giving Day for Family Promise on April 28th. This is a campaign to raise awareness and support for families battling homelessness. They are asking supporters to give an hour, whether an hour of time volunteering, an hour's salary, or an hour raising awareness about the crisis of family homelessness!

To volunteer, call the office at 910 769-4730, to donate go to their website, or mail funds to: Family Promise of the Lower Cape Fear, 20 N. 4th Street, Suite 440, Wilmington, NC 28401. Thanks for your support of these families! —Jane

Memorials and Honorariums

Giving a memorial or honorarium to the church is a special recognition. When giving a gift, we ask that you include information helpful to the committee. If your gift is in memory, please add a note with your name and address, the amount given, who the gift is in memory of, the name and address of a family member to receive an acknowledgment card, and where the gift is to be designated. If the gift is in honor, please add a note with your name and address, the amount given, who is being honored and their address so they may receive an acknowledgment and where the gift is to be designated.

All donors receive a note of appreciation if the committee has the correct information. Gifts may be donated to a number of areas: memorial fund (to be used at the discretion of the committee), budget, music ministry, children and youth, preservation fund, memorial garden, missions, handyman ministry, etc. Thank you for your continued support of GUMC by remembering someone with special recognition.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP HELPERS

After our initial requests, we have had a few people step up to serve in new ways. Thank you to Mary and Jarvis Simmons for providing our communion bread and grape juice! Thank you to Vivian Carter and Judy Siebold who are co-chairing the Funeral and Memorial team and thank you as well to Rodney Lester for agreeing to be our Sound System coordinator. Still needed are:

- **Worship Vice-Chair** – This person will attend the Worship Committee meetings, lead meetings in absence of the Chair, and assume the responsibilities of Chair in 2023.
- **Greeter Coordinator** – This person will recruit and schedule greeters for the 8:30 and 11:00 services and keep the office informed of the greeters' schedules.

If you're interested in learning more about these opportunities, please contact Catherine Beaman at catbeaman@gmail.com or call 910-233-4007.

- 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: _____