

# Grace Notes

April 3, 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 3 Holy Communion

##### Family Promise Week 1

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm No Youth Meetings



#### Monday, April 4

- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support (Library)
- 4:00 pm Chorale (BAC/gym)

#### Tuesday, April 5

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

#### Wednesday, April 6

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Bible Class)
- 4:00 pm Organ 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 7

- 10:30 am UMW
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

#### Friday, April 8

- 9:00 am Organist Practice

#### Saturday, April 9

##### Parking lot blocked off

- 2:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

#### Sunday, April 10

##### PALM SUNDAY

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt



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### FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER FLOWER CROSS



On Easter Sunday (Apr 17), we'll have the flower cross. Bring long stem flowers to put in the wire cross at the front of the sanctuary before each service. It transforms the rugged cross into a beautiful representation of the new life that breaks forth at Easter through Jesus.

### YOUTH EASTER EGG HUNT

On April 10th the Youth will be having an Easter egg hunt at 4:30 pm. For this, we will need individually wrapped candies (Peanut free preferred). A basket will be placed in the Welcome Center for donations through April 8th. On Easter Sunday we will be having a celebration during the Sunday school hour with snacks and games. Reminder, no Youth Meetings on April 3 due to Spring Break.

### MISSIONS COMMITTEE RESCHEDULED

The Grace UMC Missions Committee will meet Monday, April 11 at 2 pm in the Bible Study Room. All Missions Committee chairpersons/co-chairs are asked to attend.

Dear Grace Church,

Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, and cards during my recent surgery and recovery. I felt uplifted every day! As always, you are an "AMAZING GRACE."



Marsella Teachey

### HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

#### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 3/27/2022

In-person Worship Service:	8:30 am -	22
In-person Worship Service:	11:00 am -	165
Online Worship Service:		59

Operating Funds Given 3/9 - 3/16	\$ 10,911.00
Building Preservation Fund	\$ 560.00

#### February

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$ 91,984.20
Operating Expenses YTD	\$ 109,915.04
Balance receipt vs. expenses	\$ (17,930.84)

#### February

Building Preservation Fund 2022 YTD	\$ 6,961.00
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Building Preservation Fund 2022 Expenses	\$ 14,064.09
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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>

### EASTER LILIES MISSION ENVELOPES



Today, Grace UMC bulletins contain envelopes for donations to the Easter Lily Mission Project. Please fill out these envelopes to honor or memorialize a person during worship on Easter Sunday, April 17, when the altar will be decorated with beautiful lilies. A list of all the dedications will be included in the bulletin that day. A donation of \$5 or more per name is suggested. After worship on Easter, the lilies will be delivered to Grace Church members who are no longer able to attend church services.

All donations and dedication information must be in the church office no later than **Monday, April 11** so that the names can be printed in the Easter Bulletin.

### 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](mailto:catbeaman@gmail.com) or call 910-233-4007.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Susan Atwell	The family of Nikki Henninger (mother of daughter-in-law of Renate & David Cooper)
Russell Buskirk	
Mike Corleto	
Dale Cromartie	Mary Ridgeway
Leslie Ego	Sonya Rowe
Larry Florea	Melissa Sesi
Justin George	Will Sibley
Jeanne Hadaway	Nicolas Smith
Elaine Hubbard	Vicki Stanfield-Switzer
Megan Mabee	Tanner
Tom McCarthy & Judy	Tori Thornton and newborn son, Kaiser
Fred Merritt	
Mike (Mary Tyndall's brother)	Donna Tripp
Regina Milihram	Nancy Zigler
Jeffrey Morefield	
Edna Mory	

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](mailto:patricia@gracedowntown.net) or 910-470-6310

### UMW monthly meeting hosts Steve Stanfield-Switzer

UMW will meet on Thursday, April 7 at 10:30 in Bullock Activity Center. Steve Stanfield-Switzer will be our speaker. His topic is "How we see Jesus, How the world sees us." He is basing his talk on the seven miracles of Jesus and their challenge to us as his disciples.

As in years past, we are collecting items for the Migrant Worker bags through the middle of April. You may bring them to the meeting or drop them off in the bin in the Welcome Center. A list of items is included in the *Grace Notes* article at right.

### SPRING FAMILY PROMISE WEEKS 1&2 BEGIN TODAY

Grace's service to Family Promise in the spring is a 2-week stint of providing dinners! And for this year, that time is April 3-16. Due to the pandemic, the families continue to be housed at the Day Center off of Covil Ave, where we deliver meals to them. No transportation or overnight hosting is going on. If you can find a night during that time that you might be able to take a meal, order a meal or provide costs for a meal, please contact Jane Spicer for more details at [jdspicer@ec.rr.com](mailto:jdspicer@ec.rr.com) or 910 622-1211.

Family Promise has struggled with publicity and fundraising during the pandemic, as have all non-profits. They have 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

### MIGRANT WORKER KITS

The Migrant Worker Kits UMW ministry is an important phase of our outreach and provides bags to North Carolina migrant workers.

These drawstring bags are made from one yard of heavy fabric and contain personal toiletries for the workers.

Below is a list of items that are needed to fill the bags. You may have noticed the bin in the Welcome Center to place your items. We appreciate the donations that have already come in. If you have any questions, or to make a monetary donation, contact Dianna Florea at 910 398-8790.

Items needed are:

- Single package toothbrushes with container
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Soap and plastic soap container with lid
- New bath towel
- New washcloth
- Disposable razors
- Hand (body lotion)
- Shampoo
- Comb and hair brush
- Safety pins
- Band-aids (reg. Size strips)
- Metal nail file
- Deodorant

#### **IN ADDITION:**

We will be collecting buttoned, long-sleeved shirts this year. They can be used shirts so it is a great time to clean out your closets.

### April Birthdays

4/2 Haley Olinger	4/10 Linda Raim	4/17 April Brose	4/24 George Edwards
4/3 Julie Madison	4/11 Melissa Cline	Grace Holcomb	4/25 Dan Hickman
Johanna Hamilton	4/12 Aline Hartis	Elizabeth Littlejohn	4/26 Jennifer Powell
Lizzy Voulgaris	Dianne Lynch	Emily Moore	4/30 Ben Rasmussen
4/5 Anne West Dale	4/13 David Cooper	4/18 Mary Showers	Amanda Sanborn
Brenda Wolf	Brooke Stenerson	4/19 Nancy Purdy	Aubrey Rose
4/6 Susan Atwell	4/14 Natalie Humphrey	Marynell Ivey	
4/7 Doug Myers	4/15 Marie Dubel	4/21 Treva McKoy	
Doug Terhune	Linda Wengard	4/22 John Glasgow	
4/9 Jack Thomas		Sarah Fuller	

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_