

Grace Notes

January 4, 2025

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, January 4

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Kids for Christ
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
4:30 pm Youth mtg.

Monday, January 5

9:00 am Grace in Motion
1:00 pm Caregivers Support
7:15 pm Basketball (Juice team)

Tuesday, January 6

9:00 am Bible Study
9:00 am Organist Rehearsal
10:30 am UWF
5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, January 7

10:00 am Yoga
10:00 am Staff Mtg
2:00 pm Organ Practice
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 8

5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:45 pm Basketball

Friday, January 9

9:00 am Grace in Motion
4:00 pm Night to Shine shopping event

Saturday, January 10

9:00 am Night to Shine shopping event

Sunday December 11

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Kids for Christ
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
4:30 pm Youth mtg. & Spaghetti Dinner (5pm)

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering

For 12/28/2025

In-person Worship Service		
	8:30 am	21
	11:00 am	147
	Online service	62
Operating Funds Received	\$	18,311
Average Receipts Needed Weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Funds Received	\$	40,160

Apportionments Paid Through November

November Financial Report

YTD Building Preservation Receipts	\$	37,906
YTD Building Preservation Expenditures	\$	80,221
Balance	\$	(42,315)
YTD Budget Receipts	\$	639,524
YTD Expenses (2025)	\$	761,904
Balance	\$	(122,380)
Organ Fund (balance)	\$	13,971

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

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

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Use the QR code at right.

Or text: MyGift2Grace to 73256
Gifts may also be mailed to the address above.



Cinderella's Closet Call for Volunteers

Our 10th annual Cinderella's Closet Prom Shopping events are scheduled for March 20-21st and April 17-18th. This year, we are asking for help with the tasks leading up to the event such as setting up our rooms, contacting schools, taking appointments, among other things. Most of these activities can be done from home. If you would like to help, please contact Hope Inman at 646-202-3520 or email cinderellasclosetilm@gmail.com.

Looking forward: Special Activities and Dates

January 1 & 2 New Year's Day holiday, office closed

January 11 Youth Spaghetti Supper 5-7

January 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

Email Ginny at Ginny@gracedowntown.net to add your special Grace event.

ACH draft information and financial info for 2026

We will be changing banks at the first ACH draft of 2026.

If you have a ACH monthly draft donation to Grace coming out, you likely will see a receipt change on your bank statement in January. We also might need to reach out for a new voided check.

Statements: We plan to BOTH mail and email end-of-year statements in January. If you prefer not to receive by email, please let Ginny know by calling the office or emailing Ginny@gracedowntown.net.

Helping Those in Need

Thank you for helping Mother Hubbard's Cupboard give emergency food to 1,430 households during the first three weeks of December. We will continue to collect healthy nonperishable food items in standard size cans/boxes and pop top individual size cans:

- ◆ SOUP,
- ◆ MAC AND CHEESE,
- ◆ FRUIT

Bathroom Tissue is always welcome.

The United Methodist Women in Faith meet Tues.

The UWF will meet Tuesday, January 6th at 10:30am in the Bullock Center (church gym).

Refreshments will be served. Our speaker will be from The Domestic Violence Center. Join us as we listen to the important work being done to break the cycle of violence that affects too many. The Center has asked for a donation of socks (various sizes for adults or children) and/or pre-packaged snacks.

We are also collecting blankets/throws, hats, and gloves for the needy children of Sunset Park. We don't expect everyone to bring all of the items, these are just what was mentioned. Thank you.

Communion Server Link

If you are able to help with Communion, please sign up by scanning this QR Code to see the dates available on the sign up form. We need you!



Prayer Requests

Family of Betty Arnette
 Family of Dot Ballard
 Joyce Blauvelt
 Lindsey Brown
 Joan Camarigg
 (Susan DiAnthony)
 Family of Eric Holloway
 (Rasmussen family)
 Joseph Huppmann
 Pastor Jack Jones
 Sherry Layton
 Delaine & Ray Lester
 Brian Lewis
 Frank Licari
 Courtney Moeller

Paul Sipson
 Kerri Hyatt-Springs
 Louise Thompson
 Judah Traylor
 Dan Walters
 Joanne Walters
 Family of Dean Windgassen



Grace staff and volunteers
 Those whose lives are affected
 by war and natural disasters
 & for a blessed New Year for all!

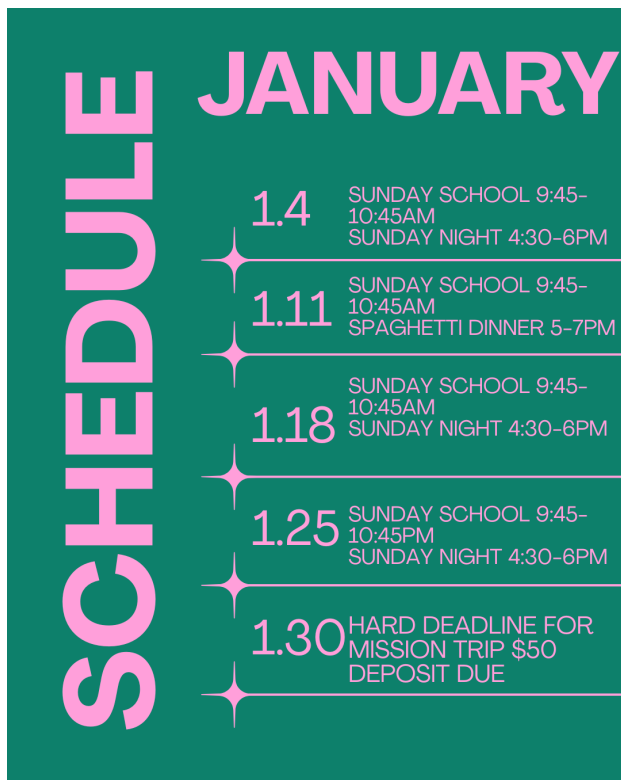
*If you have a prayer request, please contact
 Marilee Tremlett at mtrem3@icloud.com.*

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN	Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF
PO1 Sean Baker, USN	SFC Letty Long, USA
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	SSgt. James Pritchett, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	SSgt. Andrew Ross, USMC
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	Michael Tate, USA
SFC Woodrow Long, USA	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

Youth Spaghetti Dinner and schedule

The Youth will be selling tickets soon for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on January 11. Tickets will be \$10 and can be purchased beforehand or at the door. All proceeds will go towards our summer mission trip to Atlanta for M25.



Safety Changes In Process

Final Reminder: Trustees will be making some changes regarding the access to Grace as we look for ways to improve safety of our members and staff. These changes have been approved by the Trustees and Admin. Council.

Along those lines, the following changes will be made:

- To aid in providing a safer worship service, a sign has been placed on the doors at the back of the sanctuary that say "For safety reasons, these doors will be locked shortly after services begin. Please enter through the Welcome Center doors on 4th St. This is being done to reduce the likelihood of someone entering the sanctuary intending harm. Entry into Grace will be limited to the doors into the Welcome Center where a Trustee on Duty will be able to see who wishes to enter Grace and unlock those doors.

We apologize if this may inconvenience some folks from time to time, but strongly feel this move is in the best interest and safety for all at Grace.

- The code to enter Grace at the choir entrance will be changed. Too many people and vendors have this code making this access unsecure.

Jerry Cribbs will provide anyone connected with the choir the new code. If you have a need to enter through the choir door, please fill out the request form below and submit it to the office for approval/processing. Final call before we make the change. The goal for these changes is to improve safety for all.

Charlie Carrico
 Chairperson, Trustees

Request for access code / choir entrance

Request made by (please print): _____

Contact info (cell phone # or email address where new code can be sent): _____

Reason for needed access code: _____