

Grace Notes

October 5, 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, October 5, One Service

9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Kids for Christ
10:00 am Chancel Choir

10:30 am Worship Service with Special Ministry Fair following

4:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, October 6

8:45 am Grace in Motion
10:00 am Senior Basketball
1:30 pm Caregivers Support
7:15 Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 7

9:00 am Organist Rehearsal
10:30 am UWF meeting
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Admin Council

Wednesday, October 8

10:00 am Yoga
1:00 pm Unsheltered Task Force
2:00 pm Organist Rehearsal
5:00 pm Worship Committee Mtg
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 9

9:30 am THE THIRD ACT
5:30 pm Bootcamp

Friday, October 10

8:45 am Grace In Motion walkers
9:00 am Organist Practice

Saturday, October 11

Potluck setup
12:00 pm The Welcome Table prep

Sunday, October 12

9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Kids for Christ
10:00 am Chancel Choir

10:30 am Worship Service with Commitment Sunday Potluck following

4:30 pm Youth Group

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering For 9/28/2025

In-person Worship Service		
	8:30 am	27
	11:00 am	141
	Online service	97
Operating Funds Received	\$	11,944
Average Receipts Needed Weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Funds Received	\$	385

Apportionments Paid September

September Financial Report

YTD Building Preservation Receipts	\$	34,751
YTD Building Preservation Expenditures	\$	62,736
Balance	\$	(27,985)
YTD Budget Receipts	\$	527,322
YTD Expenses (2025)	\$	640,966
Balance	\$	(113,644)
Organ Fund (YTD balance)	\$	11,384

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.



UWF MEETING FOR OCTOBER THIS WEEK

The October meeting for the United Women of Faith will be on Tuesday, October 7th at 10:30 a.m. Our speaker will be Kevin Blackburn from “Kids Making It”.

Several years ago, we had Kevin speak to UWF. He will be updating us on new projects and will bring items for sale that the kids have made. Please plan to attend our meeting and enjoy fellowship with each other! We hope to see you there!

Dianna Florea

Don't Miss the Ministry Fair Today!

After our one 45 minute worship service at 10:30 am, please attend the 2025 *Grace* Ministry Fair. This is an opportunity for each *Grace* member to see how *Grace* is reaching out in mission and ministry to do God's work on Earth. You will be able to ask questions of those involved in each ministry, and given the opportunity to sign up to use your time and talents.

There will be a photo opportunity for everyone to stop by and get their picture taken for the online Church directory. Please be sure we get your picture! Emily and Ginny will be on hand to answer questions about setting up REALM accounts. The Nurture Committee will be providing an extended coffee fellowship during the Fair. We hope to see you there!

Potluck Celebration next week—Please sign up!

Sunday, October 12 is Stewardship Sunday. Following our unified service from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., we will enjoy a congregational potluck luncheon in the gymnasium and given the opportunity to turn in commitment cards. A sign-up sheet for the potluck is located in the Welcome Center and Sunday School rooms. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Snack time for Sunset Park Elementary

Once again, it is time to collect supplies and snacks for Sunset Park. A new law that was recently passed prohibits us from giving free books to the students at school, but we are working on another way to get books to needy children – more on that later. We are accepting elementary and preschool books. Reading is so fundamental for a student's success. Below is the list of supplies and snacks we are also collecting. Thank you for all that you do.

Watercolor set	Box #2 pencils
Pencil box	Glue sticks
4 black dry erase markers	Disinfecting wet wipes
24 pk CRAYOLA crayons	Baby wipes for hands and face
Healthy snacks – granola bars, trail mix packets, crackers, etc	3 oz drink cups
	Pump style hand soap
	Paper towels

Amy (Brena Conley's niece)
Betty Arnette
Dot Ballard
Joyce Blauvelt
Lindsey Brown
Janice Fladd
Audra Florea
Joseph Huppmann
Courtney Finkbeiner, Col,
USAF, retired
Jimmy
Pastor Jack Jones
Maria King
Sherry Layton
Delaine Lester
Brian Lewis
Frank Licari
Judy Lovellette
Rich McKeon

Millie
Michael Phipps
Rod Roberts
Paul Sipson
Louise Thompson
Dan Walters
Donna Young

Grace UMC staff and volunteers
Grace UMC youth, children and their
leaders
All those whose lives are affected by
war and natural disasters

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

Prayer Requests



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

Hurricane Florence response

Grace UMC recently deployed another team to Columbus County as part of the North Carolina Annual Conference's response to Hurricane Florence.

Joe Beaman, John Chickering, Chris Furderer, and Chuck & Ginny McCarthy worked on a home in Bolton, NC. Photos are available in the Grace Enews.

The Third Act seminar will be Thursday, October 9, 9:30 –12

RSVPs are requested. For more information, contact , Karen Wrenn, ph. 410-615-4768. Refreshments provided! A wealth of information will be presented. Topics are listed below!

Maximizing Your Retirement Experience: Health and Wealth

THE THIRD ACT

Subject experts will present on the following topics:

Health (9:30 - 10:40)

- Maximizing and Maintaining Independence/Home Safety
- How to Get Help When Needed (Transportation, Caregiver Support, Care Management)
- Mental Health for a Fulfilling Life
- Hospice Care

Wealth (10:50 - 12:00)

- The Home: Organizing/Downsizing and Buy/Sell Strategies
- Medicare Options
- Reverse Mortgages
- Planning for the Future (Long Term Care, Wills and Trusts, and Funeral Planning)

Please feel free to attend one or both sections of the presentation

Welcome Table returns to Grace!

We are excited to announce the relaunch of Grace UMC Welcome Table serving Wilmington's food insecure individuals beginning Tuesday, October 14, 2025. Lunch will be served monthly from 1- 3 pm every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. We will be recruiting volunteers to assist with set-up - kitchen service - serving lunch - tear down. A sign-up link is in the Enews! Or call the office for help to sign up.

Grace UMC Welcome Table Co-chairs,
Don Bowers and Regina Milihran



Praying the Scriptures
Week Beginning Sunday, October 4, 2025

Centering Prayer: we worship the God
who provides for all our needs
Psalm of the Week: Psalm 137

Sun. 04	Lamentations 1:1-6 / 2 Timothy 1:1-14 / Luke 17:5-10
Mon. 05	2 Kings 21:1-18 / 1 Cor. 10:14--11:1 / Matt. 8:28-34
Tues. 06	2 Kings 22:1-13 / 1 Cor. 11:2, 17-22 / Matt. 9:1-8
Wed. 07	2 Kings 22:14--23:3 / 1 Cor 11:23-34 / Matt. 9:9-17
Thurs. 08	2 Kings 23:4-25 / 1 Cor. 12:1-11 / Matt. 9:18-26
Fri. 09	2 Kings 23:36--24:17 / 1 Cor. 12:12-26 / Matt. 9:27-34
Sat. 10	Jer. 35:1-19 / 1 Cor. 12:27--13:3 / Matt. 9:35--10:4

Youth Ministry News

Youth Ministry is in full swing this fall! We meet on Sunday evenings from 4:30–6:30 and we need volunteers to provide snack dinners at 5:30 on Sunday evenings for about 15 – 20 youth and adult volunteers. Some examples for snack dinners are spaghetti, tacos or pizza. If you can't make Sunday evenings please consider making a donation to the Youth Ministry snack dinner fund.

The young women of our Youth Ministry meet on Tuesday mornings at 7:00am for fellowship and prayer at different coffee shops on a rotating basis. We decide weekly which coffee shop and that information is distributed each week. It's a great way to start our day and bring a friend!

Thank you for all your love and support of our youth!

Gracie Williamson, Director of Youth Ministries

Hop on the Bus to Southport!

The next Young at Heart Bus trip will be on Saturday, October 18th to Southport and include a water ride and the Maritime Museum as well as shopping and lunch! Look for more details and a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. The day's activities kick off with departure at 9:30 am and return to Grace around 5pm. Talk to Karen Wrenn if you have questions, or email her at GKwrenn2151@att.net.

GUMC Annual Fall Festival is from 4-6 pm on Oct. 26th!

