

Grace Notes

August 17, 2025

Mission Statement

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

All Sundays in August One 10:30 a.m. worship service

Join us for coffee & conversation 9:15 and 10:15 a.m.
Sunday morning small groups 9:15 a.m.
(Verify time with your leader)
Chancel Choir 10:00 a.m.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, August 17

9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Kids for Christ
10:00 am Chancel Choir
10:30 am Worship Service

Monday, August 18

8:45 am Grace Walkers
10:00 am Senior Basketball
1:30 pm Caregivers Support
5:00 pm Trustees Mtg.
6:00 pm Coastal Bengals (if rained out)

Tuesday, August 19

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny
5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, August 20

10:00 am Yoga
10:00 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am UWF Leadership Team
2:00 pm Organist Rehearsal
7:00 pm Music introduction reading session
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 21

5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:45 pm Basketball

Friday, August 22

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:00 am Grace Walkers

Saturday, August 23

5:00 pm White Pants Gala (parking lot)

Sunday, August 24 (Backpack Blessing)

9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Kids for Christ
10:00 am Chancel Choir
10:30 am Worship Service

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering For 8/10/2025

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| In-person Worship Service | 10:30 am | 164 |
| | Online service | 62 |
| Operating Funds Received | \$ | 6,190 |
| Average Receipts Needed Weekly | \$ | 17,671 |
| Building Preservation Funds Received | \$ | 730 |

Apportionments Paid Through July

July financial report

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| YTD Building Preservation Receipts | \$ | 31,021 |
| YTD Building Preservation Expenditures | \$ | 41,402 |
| Balance | \$ | (10,381) |
| YTD Budget Receipts | \$ | 403,617 |
| YTD Expenses (2025) | \$ | 499,528 |
| Balance | \$ | (95,911) |

Organ Fund (YTD balance) \$ 11,199

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.



Epicurean Evening to benefit Methodist Home for Children (MHC) EPIC Evening for an EPIC Cause!

Please join us for an exciting opportunity to help our children! The Methodist Home for Children will again sponsor the Epicurean Evening fundraiser. This gala event will be held at the Burney Center at UNCW on Thursday, September 4, 2025. There will be a silent auction, tasting, and drinks at 5:30 pm followed by a program at 7 pm.

The best chefs in Wilmington donate their time and their best dishes! Grace has been asked to sponsor at least one table at this event. The cost per ticket is \$200 per person. The proceeds from one table will support one child for one year! You may register and pay online or make a donation at 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 register and pay by August 25. Contact Cindy Henry at chenry@atmc.net or Regina Hawse rhawse@mhfc.org for additional information.

Important Facts about MHC in 2024

- 1335 children and families were served 78 counties
- 100% of eligible students in group homes graduated high school and started community college
- 96% of children at risk of being removed from home were able to stay with parents/guardians



Blessing of the Backpacks -Aug. 24th @ 10:30

Join us for our annual back to school blessing. We invite students of all ages and any of those working in the education field to bring their bags to church. We are excited to bless you as the new school year begins!

Contact Kelsey Keenan with any questions. Her email is Kelsey@gracedowntown.net. For those unable to attend we will have blessed tags available on the Welcome Center desk.

Rya
Paul Sipson
Marianne Sorace
Jen Stenerson
Dan Walters

Grace UMC staff and volunteers
Grace UMC children and youth
leaders
Those whose lives are affected
by war and natural disasters

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

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| 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 |

9:00 am - 10:00 am

September 20, 2025

Bullock Activity Center

Rev. Dr. Jack Jones invites you to mark your calendar
for a Men's gathering, with breakfast provided.

Want to help?

A sign-up sheet to participate is at the Welcome Center desk.

Questions? Contact Pastor Jack at
jack@gracedowntown.net,
or give him a call at the church.
(910) 763-5197.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard update

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard distributes emergency food, rain or shine, on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. For the month of August we are collecting

JUICE BOXES (such as Capri Suns, Kool-Aid Jammers and Juicy Juice). These are put in the bags for people who are walking instead of large heavy bottles. Thank you for your continued support.

Go to motherhubbardsnc.com for directions on how to volunteer and how to make monetary donations to help purchase fresh food.

Please Help Feed Your Chancel Choir!

On Saturday, September 6, the Grace Chancel Choir will gather for its 23rd Annual Chancel Choir Retreat, 8:30 a.m.—2:45 p.m. During the retreat, the choir will begin preparing anthems for upcoming special Sundays (Reformation, All Saints, Christ the King, etc.) and the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The group will also participate in teaming activities, fun, and fellowship.

While music is food for the soul, and the Chancel Choir members love singing anthems to praise God and feed all the worshipers who hear them, the group typically shares in a lunch on retreat day. The members of the Chancel Choir are so very thankful for the encouragement from the Grace members who often ask, *"What can we do for the choir?"* You are invited to support the choir by providing a **salad** for lunch at **11:30 a.m. (in the Bullock Activity Center) on Saturday, September 6.**

Susan Gardner will be in the Welcome Center with a paper sign up sheet for those who are having trouble accessing the link below or navigating SignUP Genius to select an item to bring. **The link will remain active until August 18.** All instructions are included on the sign-up form. If you have trouble accessing SignUpGenius, please email Susan Gardner at flutegirl38@msn.com or text or call 910.232.5495. Thank you for your consideration and your continued support!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4AACAB2DAAF58-57683482-gumc>

Praying the Scriptures

Week Beginning Sunday, August 17, 2025

Centering Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Sunday, 17 Aug - Isaiah 5:1-7 / Hebrews 11:29-12:2 / Luke 12:49-56
Monday, 18 Aug - 2 Samuel 17:24--18:8 / Acts 22:30--23:11 / Mark 11:12-26
Tuesday, 19 Aug - 2 Samuel 18:9-18 / Acts 23:12-24 / Mark 11:27--12:12
Wednesday, 20 Aug - 2 Samuel 18:19-33 / Acts 23:23-35 / Mark 12:13-27
Thursday, 21 Aug - 2 Samuel 19:1-23 / Acts 24:1-23 / Mark 12:28-34
Friday, 22 Aug - 2 Samuel 19:24-43 / Acts 24:24--25:12 / Mark 12:35-44
Saturday, 23 Aug - 2 Samuel 23:1-7, 13-17 / Acts 25:13-27 / Mark 13:1-13

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

If any of the above apply, please check at least one box and drop in the collection plate.

Name: _____

Address:

Phone: _____ Email: _____