

Grace Notes

September 21, 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, September 21

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 Group

Monday, September 22

8:45 am Grace in Motion
10:00 am Senior Basketball
7:15 Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 23

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

Wednesday, September 24

10:00 am Yoga
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:30 pm Lay Leadership (zoom)
2:00 pm Organist Rehearsal
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 25

5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:45 pm Basketball

Friday, September 26

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

Saturday, September 27

Sunday, September 28

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
12:15 pm Family Fun Day
12:15 pm Social Graces Kick-off
4:30 pm Youth

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 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, monthly. We will be recruiting volunteers to assist with set-up - kitchen service - serving lunch - tear down. We will be posting links to sign-up with additional details soon!

Grace UMC Welcome Table Co-chairs are Don Bowers and Regina Miliham



Grace members helped make the Epic evening EPIC!

Much appreciation and gratitude to all Grace members who attended the Epic Evening fundraiser for the Methodist Home for Children and to all of those members who contributed to MHC. It's exciting to report that \$225,000 was raised that one night! Now with this amount Wilmington can support 225 children for one year. This is indeed special! Again thank you for supporting this important ministry. —Cindy Henry

Note, check out the Grace Facebook page for pictures.

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering For 9/17/2025

In-person Worship Service	8:30 am	26
	11:00 am	151
	Online service	74
Operating Funds Received	\$	14,737
Average Receipts Needed Weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Funds Received	\$	180

Apportionments Paid Through August

August financial report

YTD Building Preservation Receipts	\$	33,566
YTD Building Preservation Expenditures	\$	60,199
Balance	\$	(26,633)
YTD Budget Receipts	\$	480,752
YTD Expenses (2025)	\$	574,042
Balance	\$	(93,290)
Organ Fund (YTD balance)	\$	11,299

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.



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 after Sunday worship. 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 GKwrenn2125@gmail.com

Social Graces kick-off next Sunday

If you want to participate in the Fall Social Graces, please fill out the insert today to register! Tomorrow is the day they will start organizing the groups and they need your registration forms to put everything together. You can turn it in via the collection plate. Or, if you have questions, contact Joanne Hamilton: jhamilton14@msn.com.

Potluck Celebration—Sign up sheets are now available

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. A sign-up sheet for the potluck will be available in the Welcome Center and Sunday School rooms beginning this weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Amy (Brena Conley's niece)

Betty Arnette

Dot Ballard

Joyce Blauvelt

Lindsey Brown

Allison Cockerell

Janice Fladd

Audra Florea

Joseph Huppmann

Courtney Finkbeiner, Col, USAF, retired

Jimmy

Pastor Jack Jones

Tim Jones

Maria King

Sherry Layton

Delaine Lester

Brian Lewis

Frank Licari

Rich McKeon

Millie

Larry Phipps

Dick Raim

Rod Roberts

Gary Rowe

Rya

Paul Sipson

Eric Smallwood

Louise Thompson

Dan Walters


Donna Young

Unspoken, in our hearts

Grace UMC staff and volunteers

Grace UMC youth, children and their leaders

Prayer Requests



Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN

PO1 Sean Baker, USN

Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA

LCpl. John Capwell, USMC

Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC

Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN

E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN

E6 William Chase Dubel, USA

E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF

E3 Taylor Folmar, USN

Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC

SFC Woodrow Long, USA

Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF

SFC Letty Long, USA

Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC

SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF

Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA

SSgt. James Pritchett, USA

CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN

SSgt. Andrew Ross, USMC

Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC

Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC

Michael Tate, USA

E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

The Third Act seminar will be Thursday, October 9

RSVPs are requested. For more information, contact [Karen Wrenn](#). Refreshments provided! A wealth of information will be presented. Topics are listed below!

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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

Thursday, October 9th, 2025

9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Grace United Methodist Church

401 Grace St.

Wilmington, NC

RSVP to thethirdactnc@gmail.com

Refreshments will be provided

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard's September Focus

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard distributes emergency food, rain or shine, on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. While they try to provide bathroom tissue, the need for food is so great they are reserving their money for healthy food only. For the month of September we are collecting BATHROOM TISSUE and HYGIENE ITEMS (travel and regular sizes: soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes and toothpaste). Healthy canned/boxed food donations are always welcome.

Praying the Scriptures

Week Beginning Sunday, September 21, 2025

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

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 145 10-18

Sun. 9/21

2 Kings 4:42-44 / Ephesians 3:14-21/ Luke 9:10-7

Mon. 9/22

2 Kings 5:1-19 / 1 Cor. 4:8-21 / Matt. 5:21-26

Tues. 9/23

2 Kings 5:19-27 / 1 Cor. 5:1-8 / Matt. 5:27-37

Wed. 9/24

2 Kings 6:1-23 / 1 Cor. 5:9--6:8 / Matt. 5:38-48

Thurs. 9/25

2 Kings 9:1-16 / 1 Cor. 6:12-20 / Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18

Fri. 9/26


2 Kings 9:17-37 / 1 Cor. 7:1-9 / Matt. 6:7-15

Sat. 9/27

2 Kings 11:1-20a / 1 Cor. 7:10-24 / Matt. 6:19-24

GUMC Mission team help a Florence survivor in Riegelwood

Seven years after Hurricane Florence inundated Cape Fear, Grace UMC joined the North Carolina Annual Conference in deploying a mission team to Columbus County. John & Margaret Chickering, Chris Furderer, Waylon Lynch, and



Gene Powell spent the day working on a home in Riegelwood, NC. The Conference has posted a summary of the weekend on its website. The Grace UMC team is featured in both the video and photos.

John Chickering is assessing interest in deploying on September 27th (9:00 – 4:00). Minimum age is 18. Please contact him by email: john@chickering.net if you can join the team or have questions.

☐ 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: _____

Additional Note or Prayer request: _____