

Grace Notes

September 28, 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 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 Social Graces
12:15 pm Family Fun Day— meet at the Park
4:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, September 29

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

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

10:00 am Yoga
2:00 pm Organist Rehearsal
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 2

5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:45 pm Basketball

Friday, October 3

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

Saturday, October 4

Ministry and Mission Fair set-up

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

Family Fun Day today!

Come and join us today, (09/28) at Northern Regional Park,
Picnic Shelter #2 after Church service. All families are
welcome to join with us and fellowship together. We will
provide Domino's pizza for lunch and those attending are
welcome to bring a side!

Don't Miss the Ministry Fair next Sunday!

Next **Sunday, October 5**, join us for one worship service at
10:30 am, for 45 minutes and then 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 assist using 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!

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering

For 9/21/2025

In-person Worship Service		
	8:30 am	26
	11:00 am	141
	Online service	44
Operating Funds Received	\$	5,857
Average Receipts Needed Weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Funds Received	\$	40

Apportionments Paid Through August

August financial report

YTD Building Preservation Receipts	\$	33,566
YTD Building Preservation Expenditures	\$	<u>60,199</u>
Balance	\$	(26,633)
YTD Budget Receipts	\$	480,752
YTD Expenses (2025)	\$	<u>574,042</u>
Balance	\$	(93,290)
Organ Fund (YTD balance)	\$	11,364

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg](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.



THE HYMNS WE SING

Joachim Neander (1650-1680) is the writer of the hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*. Born into a family with generations of preachers, Joachim was quite the troublemaker throughout his youth. At the age of 20, he and his college buddies decided to attend St. Martin's Church in Bremen for the sole purpose of ridiculing the parishioners. However, the sermon given by the visiting minister, the Rev. Theodore Under-Eyck, engaged his attention in such a profound way that a few years later he was the assistant pastor at that very same church.

Joachim loved to walk. His favorite spot was along the Dussel River which flowed through the Neander Valley, and was eventually named for him. As he strolled, he would compose hymns, singing them to the Lord. At the age of 30, the year he died, he wrote *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, while battling tuberculosis. The hymn is based on Psalms 103 and 150 and inspired by the beauty of the hills and rivers that he experienced on his walks through the German countryside. Let us joyfully worship God who is worthy of all our praise.

Leslie Bergbower, Organist

Potluck Celebration—Signup 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 is located in the Welcome Center and Sunday School rooms. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

- 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

Tim Jones

Maria King

Sherry Layton

Delaine Lester

Brian Lewis

Frank Licari

Judy Lovellette
- Rich McKeon

Millie

Michael Phipps

Dick Raim

Rod Roberts

Paul Sipson

Eric Smallwood

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

All those whose lives are affected by

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, 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

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

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

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 GKwrenn2125@att.net (corrected email).

Praying the Scriptures
Week Beginning Sunday, September 28, 2025

Centering Prayer: we worship the God who provides for all our needs

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 14

- Sun. 9/28

Mon. 9/29

Tues. 9/30

Wed. 10/1

Thurs. 10/2

Fri. 10/3

Sat. 10/4
- 2 Samuel 11:1-15 / Ephesians 3:14-21 / John 6:1-14

2 Kings 17:24-41 / 1 Cor. 7:25-31 / Matt. 6:25-34

2 Kings 18:9-25 / 1 Cor. 8:1-13 / Matt. 7:13-21

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

2 Kings 18:28-37 / 1 Cor. 9:1-15 / Matt. 7:22-29

2 Kings 19:1-20 / 1 Cor. 9:16-27 / Matt. 8:1-17

2 Kings 19:21-36 / 1 Cor. 10:1-13 / Matt. 8:18-27

October Birthdays

10/1	Susan DiAnthony	10/10	Cheryl High	10/16	Rodney Lester	10/24	Richard Crow
10/2	Mac Starke		Lucy Rowe		Susan Hickman		Olivia Walsh
	Claudia Burnette		Jim Holcomb	10/19	Ellie Wilson		Dick Raim
10/4	Janice Fladd	10/12	Jason Fuller	10/20	Lynn Akerhielm	10/27	Darlene Tyndall
	Jennifer Lewis		Chris Furderer	10/22	Rich Reichardt	10/28	Pat Patton
	Albert Tuttle	10/13	Cliff Tyndall		Gail Braun	10/29	Susan Gardner
10/5	Gabrielle Ross		Karen Wrenn		Mary Trout	10/30	Alan Broadwater
10/9	Judy DiMizio	10/14	Joanne Hamilton	10/23	MaryClaire Mintz		
	Michael Voulgaris	10/15	Lana Stanley				