

Grace Notes

February 22, 2026

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, February 22

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am New to Grace— meets in Welcome Center
10:00 am Kids for Christ
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
4:30 pm Youth meetings

Monday, February 23

9:00 am Grace in Motion
7:15 pm Chorale practice
7:15 pm Basketball

Tuesday, February 24

7:00 am Youth Bible Study (Periwink)
9:00 am Organist practice
9:00 am Bible Class
1:00 pm The Welcome Table
5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, February 25

10:45 am Staff meeting offsite
10:00 am Yoga
1:00 pm Grace Lay Leadership
2:00 pm Organist practice
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 26

5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:45 pm Basketball

Friday, February 27

9:00 am Grace in Motion
9:00 am Organist Rehearsal

Saturday, February 28

1:00 pm Memorial—Vicki Stanfield-Switzer

Sunday, March 1

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am New to Grace— meets in Welcome Center
10:00 am Kids for Christ
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
4:30 pm Youth meeting

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering

For 2/15/2026

	In-person	Worship Service	
	8:30 am		28
	11:00 am		157
	Online service		53
Operating Funds Received	\$		30,050
Average Receipts Needed Weekly	\$		17,100
Building Preservation Funds Received	\$		1,670

Apportionments Paid Through January

January Financial Report

YTD Budget Receipts	\$	85,533
YTD Expenses (2025)	\$	<u>61,913</u>
Balance	\$	23,620
YTD Building Preservation Receipts	\$	2,475
YTD Building Preservation Expenditures	\$	<u>0</u>
Balance	\$	2,475

Organ Fund (balance) \$ 16,721

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.

Friends,

We're excited to share that Empty Bowls is back on March 13th, and tickets are officially on sale!

We would love to personally invite you to be part of this meaningful community event that supports both Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and Good Shepherd Center. Empty Bowls brings together local artists, restaurants, and neighbors to support those experiencing food insecurity right here in Wilmington.

If you have already purchased a ticket or want to add something more, you can also preorder this year's Empty Bowls t-shirt and apron—perfect keepsakes from the event and great gift ideas, too.

Your participation helps make a real impact, providing nourishment and care to neighbors in need. We hope you'll join us for another special day of community coming together for a powerful cause.

More information and ticket reservations on the website:

<https://www.goodshepherdwilmington.org/2026/01/empty-bowls-2026/>

New to Grace UMC? Let's Get to Know Each Other!

Are you new to Grace UMC or thinking about becoming a member? Join Pastor Benny and others who are new to Grace for a relaxed, welcoming series of "get to know you" sessions. Together we'll learn more about Grace UMC's mission and ministries, explore the basics of United Methodist beliefs and practices, and build meaningful connections.

When: Sundays beginning today, February 22, 9:45 a.m. (continuing for the next two Sundays)

Where: Welcome Center

If you're interested, please email Emily at emily@gracedowntown.net or call the church office, (910) 763-5197. You can come to any or all three sessions with different topics.

Family Fun Day today, 2/22

NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher

We'll be heading to the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher next Sunday for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. We'll meet there at 2:15pm for our 2:30 pm reservation. We're looking forward to a wonderful time together. We hope your family can join us! Contact Kelsey Keenan at (910) 599-5290 or kelsey@gracedowntown.net.

Prayer Requests

Allgood, Yvonne
(Marilee Tremlett)
Lindsey Brown
Joan Camarigg
(Susan DiAnthony)
Wendy Cupps (Gail Braun)
Joseph Huppmann
Jake (Mary Cole)
Sherry Layton
Delaine & Ray Lester
Brian Lewis
Frank Licari
Margaret (Jane Spicer)
Courtney Moeller
(Katie Voulgaris)
Amanda Newell (Marie Allison)
Beverly Pittman (Lisa Dawkins)
Jim Routh (friend of Don Cole)

MacKenna Schindler
(Linda Furderer)
Paul Sipson
Kerri Hyatt-Springs
Family of Vicki Stanfield-Switzer
Louise Thompson
Dan Walters
Joanne Walters
Sarah Snider Weeks
Linda Wengerd
Grace staff and volunteers
The unsheltered
Those affected by war and natural
disasters



*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 HAPPENINGS

The Youth Spaghetti lunch will be Sunday, March 22, following the 11 am worship service. We hope all who bought a ticket are able to still participate and more folks as well!

All proceeds will go towards our summer mission trip to [Atlanta for M25](#).



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.

Sunset Park Book Collection Is Ongoing

Please be on the lookout for new or used books for elementary students and preschoolers. Our book giveaway will be in the spring. You can place them in the mezzanine area above the Welcome Center or in the Missions closet across from the nursery. Thank you! —Missions Committee

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!



Warming Shelter update

The Warming Shelter opened for 20 nights this cold season. Between January 24th and February 4, this year's longest stretch of opening, the Warming Shelter served a whopping 3600 meals.

Grace Trustees and Warming Shelter volunteers have made some improvements to the way we are managing the hosting of the Warming Shelter, and our facilities, but recognize that there is still more improvements that can be done. We appreciate the sacrifices many of you have made in order for this effort to continue. Make no mistake, lives are being saved and changed from this ministry. More changes will be addressed for the coming year. Thank you especially for those who have come to see and volunteer directly with time and donations.

It is still possibly that the Warming Shelter could open again before the end of this season. We will post an update and a way to sign up, if that occurs. Thank you for your support, guidance, questions and input!

Welcome Table this Tuesday, February 24

Thanks to many volunteers, Welcome Table is going strong. Sign up to help. We are most in need of:

Kitchen help: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545AEA722ABFCC43-59031181-welcome/147619617#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545AEA722ABFCC43-59031181-welcome/147619617#/)

Table and Chair set up: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545AEA722ABFCC43-59018522-welcome/147619617#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545AEA722ABFCC43-59018522-welcome/147619617#/)

Questions? Contact Regina or Don at thewelcometable@gracedowntown.net

Want To Help With Weekly Fellowship??

You don't have to be a member of the Nurture Committee to help with weekly fellowship.

We are always looking for people who would like to help, and will pair you up with a member of the Committee who will show you the ropes. Just text Faye Rubinson at 301-919-1234 OR email her at jfrfwd@gmail.com.

In addition to being a service to the Grace community, it is a great way to meet everyone! Hope to hear from you soon. —Nurture Committee

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Update

For February we are collecting healthy nonperishable food items in standard size cans/plastic jars and pop top single serving cans: (No glass containers, please.)

- CANNED MEAT
- PEANUT BUTTER

Bathroom Tissue and Hygiene Items (standard and travel sizes) are always welcome. The collection shopping basket is now in the closet near the elevator.

The Cupboard needs volunteers to stock shelves on Thursdays. If you are interested please call Grace Church office and ask for Ginny.