

Grace Notes

March 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, March 22

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
12:00 pm Spaghetti lunch for youth mission

Monday, March 23

9:00 am Grace in Motion
10:00 am Basketball Sr. league
7:15 pm Chorale practice
7:15 pm Basketball (Juice)

Tuesday, March 24

7:00 am Youth Bible Study
9:00 am Bible Study
9:00 am Organist practice
12:00 pm *Homeless Herald* news meeting
1:00 pm The Welcome Table
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Basketball (Juice)

Wednesday, March 25

10:00 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am Yoga
10:00 am UWF leadership
2:00 pm Organist Practice
5:00 pm Worship Committee
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 26

5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:45 pm Basketball

Friday, March 27

9:00 am Grace in Motion
9:00 am Organist Practice
4:00 pm Spring Festival set-up

Saturday, March 28

9:30 am Chancel Choir practice

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

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
4:00 pm Spring Festival

Grace Easter Blooms Project

The Grace altar this year is celebrating new life with a glorious display of Spring blooms representing how



nature is reborn every year from a bulb in the earth to blossoming flowers. Your bulletins contain envelopes for the "Grace Easter Blooms Project." If you find it in your heart to donate \$5.00 per person to honor or memorialize someone, please fill out the form and put it along with your donation into the envelope and place it in the offering plate or mail to the church office no later than **Monday, March 30**. A list of all the dedications will be included in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

If you have donated, please feel free to take a plant to members who are no longer able to attend church on Sundays or to a loved one. The proceeds this year will be donated to the Music Department's Handbell Project.

Make plans to participate in Holy Week

April 2 - Maundy Thursday—7pm Worship

April 3 - Good Friday—7pm Worship

April 5 - Resurrection Sunday—8:30 and 11am



In-person/Online Attendance & Offering

For 3/15/2026

	In-person	Worship Service	
	8:30 am		33
	11:00 am		184
	Online service		131
Operating Funds Received	\$		11,341
Average Receipts Needed Weekly	\$		17,100
Building Preservation Funds Received	\$		315

Apportionments Paid Through February

February Financial Report

YTD Budget Receipts	\$	164,186
YTD Expenses (2025)	\$	<u>121,088</u>
Balance	\$	43,098
YTD Bldg. Preserv. Receipts (corrected)	\$	47,128
YTD Bldg. Preserv. Expenditures	\$	39,734
Balance	\$	7,394
Organ Fund (balance)	\$	16,921
Handbell Fund	\$	11,265

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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website: gracedowntown.church

Use the QR code at right.



Or text: MyGift2Grace to 73256

Gifts may also be mailed to the address above.

EASTER

Easter Potluck after the 11 am worship service April 5

For the second year, Nurture is organizing a potluck after worship on Easter Sunday, April 5th. To help with this year's event, please see the signup sheets on the front desk OR sign up in your Sunday School class. (You may also email Faye Rubinson at jfrfwd@gmail.com).

In addition to covered dishes, we will need help with logistics (setup, getting food to tables, takedown and cleanup), so please let us know what you can contribute or the "Let Me Know What You Need" section on the signup sheet.

We hope to see you all there!

The Nurture Committee

Calling all recent graduates and graduates to be

If you or your children are graduating or have recently graduated, please send bio information to Ginny. Included are graduates of high school, community college or university. Please include course of study, parents or guardians, and plans if they are known. Each year we celebrate our graduates at a special service in June and list the information in the newsletter.

Email Ginny (ginny@gracedowntown.net) and Gracie (gracie@gracedowntown.net) with this information.

Prayer Requests

Family of Yvonne Allgood
(Marilee Tremlett)
Lindsey Brown
Bruce and Mary
Family of Jean Bullock
Larry Florea
Georgianne Haas
Joseph Huppmann
Frank Ipock
Jake (Mary Cole)
Sherry Layton
Delaine & Ray Lester
Brian Lewis
Frank Licari
Margaret (Jane Spicer)
Courtney Moeller
(Katie Voulgaris)

Lori Morris (Ann Ipock)
Beverly Pittman (Lisa Dawkins)
Jim Routh (friend of Don Cole)
Louise Thompson
Dan Walters
Frances Walters
Joanne Walters
Family of Sarah Snider Weeks

Grace staff and volunteers
The unsheltered
Those affected by war and those serving
Those affected by natural disasters



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

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

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

The Youth Spaghetti lunch is today (March 22) following the 11 am worship service. We hope all who bought a ticket are able to still participate. Tickets are also available at the door. All proceeds will go towards the summer mission trip to [Atlanta for M25](#).

MISSION NOTES

Pack Lunches for Good Shepherd

Thursday, April 2 at 1 pm, we will be packing 100 bag lunches for Good Shepherd Center. We will meet in the Bullock Center for packing and deliver later that day.

Work on Wilmington is April 2

Volunteers are needed and welcome. You can sign up in the Welcome Center, or just show up on April 2. WOW (Work on Wilmington) is an annual community-wide single day, volunteer service event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. WOW brings lasting impact on our community by tackling projects that nonprofits and schools often lack the resources to complete on their own.

This year's event is Saturday, April 18, 9am to 1pm.

Self sign up at www.wilmingtonchamber.org/work-on-wilmington

- Scroll down to "Volunteer for Work on Wilmington 2026"
- Click on the yellow line for the Application form
- In the "Volunteer Status" field select "Part of a Group"
- Two fields below that enter "Grace UMC" for the team name

Let's send a big team from Grace!

For more information, see the flyers around the church or 'contact Jane @ 336-263-7273 or Ellie @252-646-4060.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard update

929 households have received emergency food so far in March.

This month we will collect:

- Macaroni and Cheese for people with stoves
- Individual Size Snacks for people without stoves
- Small size hygiene items
- Bathroom Tissue is always welcome.

Lost and Found

A ring turned up in the parking lot. If it is yours, please call Ginny in the office with a description. Other found items are in a basket near the Welcome Center exit to the Sanctuary and Children's SS wing.

Hop into Volunteering this Easter





EASTER BASKETS

Bunnies, baskets, and BIG smiles!

We're collecting Easter basket donations to surprise the amazing kids in our shelter program.

We currently have 25 children in our shelter program, ranging in ages of 6 months - 18 years old.

All donations needed by March 27th!

Donations Needed:

- Grass Filler
- Chocolate Bunnies
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Bubbles
- Kids Water Bottles
- Small Stuffed Animals
- Candy
- Card Games
- Small Toys
- Journals/Notebooks
- Small \$ gift cards (teens)

All donations needed by March 27th!

Contact: admin@familypromiself.org



Don't have time to shop? We can do it for you! Simply go to the link at the Family Promise website and write "Easter basket" in the note/comment section and we will designate your donation for this project.

www.familypromiselowercapefearnc.org/donate?

Dinner Service for Family Promise

We have two nights the week of Easter where dinner assistance is needed for families in our emergency shelter. Community support during this time will help ensure families continue to receive warm, nourishing meals without disruption.

Tuesday, March 31st

Wednesday, April 1st

There are 3 options to help with Dinner Service:

Option #1 - Provide dinner: Volunteer(s) provide either a home-cooked meal or take-out and serve and dine together with our families OR **drop it off in our designated coolers on-site at our Day Shelter in New Hanover County from 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Option #2 - Sponsor Dinner: Make a donation at the website link above to sponsor dinner. Average nightly cost is \$50-\$75. **Please check Add Note/Comment and state "ES Dinner".*

Option #3 - Serve Dinner: Not able to provide food? No problem - we need extra hands to help serve dinner, fellowship with our families, and clean up afterwards.

****For instructions and location, check the Grace bulletin board or contact Jane Spicer at JaneSpicer25@gmail.com.**