



## Prayer Requests

Remember: Prayer Vigil daily at 12:00 noon

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Family of Bob Amos	Eddie Jones
Family of Earl Ashe	Family of Bill Kearney
Heather Barham	Maria King
Chris Beahan	Ann Lassiter
Louise Berry	Brian Long
Julie Bishop	Megan Long
Ann Booth	Joan Madren
Brice Borowicz	Brookie Maycher
Robert Bowen	Troy McMahon
George Braun	Heather Meyer
Marilyn Brown	Howard Mitchell
Caleb	Helen Morgan
Misty Chidester	Carolyn Pope
Erin Cissel	Jeffrey Powers
Greg & April Colburn	James Pritchett
Dale Cromartie	Mike & Gail St. Germain
Clarke Cummings	Barbara Schlagowsky
Dot Drew	Daniel Simmons
Family of Alice Edwards	Family of Ellen Solomon
Kaye Gibbs	Diane Steele
Sid Goode	Frank Steele
Janice Gurganus	Jim Teachey
Hank	Tommy Walker
Norman Harris	Kay Warren
David Hash	Family of Ruby Williams
Alex Herd	Scott Wilson
Dick Hull	Christopher Wright

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

Maj. Jeffery Bernard, USA  
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC  
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC  
Maj. Tim Collins, USMC  
Col. John Delaney, USA  
E2 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN  
E5 William Chase Dubel, USA  
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF  
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN  
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC  
Maj. Jason T. Hill, USAF  
Cpl. Chase Krieg, USMC  
SFC Letty Long, USA  
SFC Woodrow Long, USA  
Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC  
CDR Nicholas Madren, USN  
PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA  
SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF  
Pvt. Steven Patterson  
SPC James F. Pritchett, USA  
LCDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN  
Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF  
Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC  
AB Michael Sloan, USAF  
Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC  
Michael Tate, USA  
E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

Also, please pray for:

- The demise of the coronavirus pandemic
- All medical personnel
- All those working with the public
- 12 noon Prayer Explosion

If you have a prayer request, please contact **Sandy Smith** at [sandysmithgrace@gmail.com](mailto:sandysmithgrace@gmail.com) or 910-233-0310.

## A Letter from Bishop Ward

Dear friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you all in the name of Jesus Christ.

As we approach Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, we yearn for gathering in the ways we have been accustomed. This pandemic year has called us into new ways of connecting, celebrating, and comforting one another.

The number of people directly impacted by COVID-19 continues to rise in dangerous ways. We urge your continued attention to the well-advised guidelines established by Governor Cooper.

Indoor gatherings are now advised to be less than ten persons in order to protect spreading of the virus. Our churches are religious bodies and could claim legal exemption from the Governor's guidelines. However, our love for our neighbors and our concern for their well-being leads us to urge restraint in gatherings.

The chilly weather today is a reminder that gathering outdoors will be more difficult in the months of winter. Virtual gatherings are a gift to us in this time, in order to do no harm.

We Methodists continue to embrace the mission of supporting public health, a part of the founding identity created by John Wesley and other of our forebears. We guard the health of our neighbor by doing simple but essential things: wearing masks, practicing physical distancing, and washing hands with vigilance.

Resources abound on [nccumc.org](http://nccumc.org) and conference staff and district superintendents are eager to support your ministry in any helpful way.

May Christ be with us all in these weeks of gratitude, hope, peace, joy, and love,



Bishop Hope Morgan Ward

### Heartfelt Thanks and Looking Ahead

Grace provided meals for two Family Promise families during the week of November 15-21. Meals were delivered to the Day House, which is where they are living these days due to the pandemic. Delicious meals were delivered by the following generous folks: Beka Vaughn, Nancy Bray (St Paul's Episcopal), Jane Spicer, Jessica Wilson, Katie Mintz, Khrystye Haselden (Katie's sister!).

Grace's next opportunity to feed the families will be the week of Valentine's Day, February 14-21. So grab your Valentine and sign up to bring some happiness to these families who find themselves homeless! You will feel so good and they will really appreciate it!

Contact Jane Spicer to reserve a date and for more information. [jdspicer@ec.rr.com](mailto:jdspicer@ec.rr.com) or 910-622-1211

### Catching Up on Missions at Grace

**From Mother Hubbard's Cupboard: To Members of Grace United Methodist Church:**

We offer profound thanks for your generous ongoing gifts of donations for diabetics. We are especially appreciative of this during this pandemic! It will help us to continue to provide food for low-income families in the Wilmington area. We are serving over 250 families each week! With Sincere Appreciation, Marie Cooke, Board Member

So how can you help? So happy you asked! Our partners are providing some great stuff, but we are unable to buy in bulk due to COVID restrictions at the stores. So there are some items always in need. Marie Cooke (marievcooke@gmail.com) has committed to being at the Cupboard on the 4th Fridays of every month from 11 am - 1 pm for donation drop offs at the 4th street door. If you can buy some of the seemingly always almost out items below or organize a food drive with people who are able to help - we will be sure the food makes it to those of our neighbors who continue to struggle to put healthy food on their tables.

- . brown rice
- . regular oatmeal
- . juice boxes
- . water
- . mac and cheese/rice-a-roni
- . toilet tissue
- . whole grain cereals
- . canned legume beans (navy, kidney, black)
- . healthy low sodium soups
- . bar soap

**ALSO.....**

- Please spread the word and send interested, healthy under 55 volunteers to our website:  
motherhubbardsnc.org
- Those who prefer may drop donations off at Grace UMC where they will also be picked up weekly.
- **Needed:** Paper bags with handles (grocery store type) in good condition. Plastic bags are not being used to hand out food at present.

### December Birthdays

12/1 Reagan Phillips	12/9 Kim Olinger	12/19 Harper Fiddler	Avery Phillips
12/3 Ron Downing	12/11 Jean Starke	12/20 Debbie Hartzell	12/27 Jane Phipps
Vic McKoy	12/12 Bev Holcomb	12/22 Zackary Edwards	Sam Gorham
Linda Graham	12/15 Nolan Layton	Debbie Earley	12/28 Nancy Zigler
12/4 Jennifer Wright	Sydney Ahlers	12/23 Jean Ballard	Braden Lester
12/5 Carol Gardner	12/16 Rob Ross	12/24 Manaline Gibson	Michele Jones
Cindee Stetson	12/18 Joan Cunningham	12/25 Jim Conley	12/30 Grant Cline
12/6 Rebecca Lee	Tommy Dail	Judy Heath	12/31 Meg Guthrie
12/8 Jennifer Rasmussen	Maggie Cissel	12/26 Dick Hyde	Judy Smith