

Grace Notes

March 15, 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 15

- 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 meeting– Be the Light

Monday, March 16

- 9:00 am Grace in Motion
- 10:00 am Basketball Sr. league
- 1:00 pm Caregivers Support
- 5:00 pm Trustees
- 7:15 pm Chorale practice
- 7:15 pm Basketball (Juice)

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

- 11:30 am Memorial Service
- 2:00 pm Neighbor 2 Neighbor
- 2:00 pm Organist Practice
- 5:00 pm Worship Committee
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 19

- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:45 pm Basketball

Friday, March 20

- 9:00 am Grace in Motion
- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 3:00 pm Cinderella's Closet

Saturday, March 21

- 8:30 am Chorale practice
- 9:00 am Cinderella's Closet

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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering

For 3/8/2026

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| | In-person | Worship Service | |
| | 8:30 am | 28 | |
| | 11:00 am | 145 | |
| | Online service | 62 | |
| Operating Funds Received | \$ | 8,046 | |
| Average Receipts Needed Weekly | \$ | 17,100 | |
| Building Preservation Funds Received | \$ | 315 | |

Apportionments Paid Through February

February Financial Report

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| YTD Budget Receipts | \$ | 164,186 |
| YTD Expenses (2025) | \$ | <u>121,088</u> |
| Balance | \$ | 43,098 |
| YTD Building Preservation Receipts | \$ | 7,394 |
| YTD Building Preservation Expenditures | \$ | 39,734 |
| Balance | \$ | (32,340) |
| Organ Fund (balance) | \$ | 16,821 |
| Handbell Fund | \$ | 7,015 |

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.

THE HYMNS WE SING- In March 1862, during the Civil War, twenty-eight-year old Reverend Joseph H. Gilmore, son of a New Hampshire governor, was doing supply work in a historic Philadelphia church. Because of the dark times, Gilmore selected as a sermon theme for a mid-week service the Twenty-Third Psalm. He had preached on this psalm several times before. However, this time was different as the words "He leadeth me" took hold of him like never before.

At a gathering at the home of his host, Gilmore, unable to focus on anything other than those words, wrote "He Leadeth Me! O blessed thought; O words with heavenly comfort fraught." When he finished there were four verses and a chorus. He handed it to his wife, resumed in the friendly conversation and thought no more about it.

Gilmore's wife, recognizing the beauty of his poem, sent it to a local newspaper where it was published. A few years later, composer and publisher of church music, William Bradbury, discovered the text and set it to music creating the hymn we know today.

This hymn continues to comfort and inspire countless people. As we sing "He Leadeth Me" this Sunday, March 15, may you be reminded that God's direction is constant and trustworthy, even through life's most challenging times.

Leslie Bergbower, Organist

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2026
Easter
Egg Hunt
March 29th
4-6pm
401 GRACE STREET
WILMINGTON NC
EASTER EGG HUNTS, PIZZA, CRAFTS, AND MORE!!

Indoor Easter Egg Hunts:

- 0-2yrs @4:20 pm
- 3-4 yrs @4:40pm
- Kindergarten & 1st grade @5pm
- 2nd & 3rd grade @5:20pm
- 4th & 5th grade @5:40pm

***Food will be served at 4pm for as long as supplies last ***

All families are welcome!
Bring a neighbor!

Prayer Requests

Yvonne Allgood (Marilee Tremlett)
 Gail Braun
 Lindsey Brown
 Family of Jean Bullock
 Wendy Cupps (Gail Braun)
 Janice Fladd
 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)
 Mackenna Schindler and newborn twins (Linda Furderer)
 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:

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| 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 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! See below, all proceeds will go towards the summer mission trip to [Atlanta for M25](#).

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

Cinderella's Closet still needs volunteers for 2026 shopping events

Our 10-year anniversary prom shopping events are scheduled for **March 20th-21st** and **April 17th-18th**.

We are almost at full capacity for our March event and are still in need of volunteers for all positions - Fairy Godmothers, Dress Rackers, Greeters and especially, Seamstresses. For anyone with any kind of experience with sewing, we only provide very minor alterations like adjusting straps, fixing zippers, and sewing hems on easy fabrics. Any level of ability is welcomed and appreciated!



If you would like to sign up for a volunteer spot, please contact Hope Inman at CinderellasClosetILM@gmail.com. As a reminder, we are still taking donations of modern, new or gently used dresses, shoes, and accessories. We also will take new (in the package) makeup. Donations can be dropped off in the Welcome Center.

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 we will pair you up with a member of the Committee who will show you the ropes. Just text Faye Rubinson at 301-919-1234.

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

March Mother Hubbard's Cupboard requests

1781 households received emergency food in February. This month we will collect:

- Macaroni and Cheese for people with stoves
- Individual Size Snacks for people without stoves

Bathroom Tissue and small size hygiene items are always welcome.

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GULP!
It's spaghetti
SUNDAY MARCH 22ND
FOLLOWING THE 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE
 \$10 A TICKET AND DONATIONS ACCEPTED
 ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP

More Youth News

MARCH 3RD COFFEE BIBLE STUDY @7
MARCH 8TH & MARCH 10TH NO YOUTH EVENTS (OUT OF TOWN)
MARCH 15TH BE THE LIGHT EVENT MEET AT CHURCH AT 4:30PM
MARCH 17TH COFFEE BIBLE STUDY @7
MARCH 22ND SUNDAY SCHOOL & SPAGHETTI LUNCH
MARCH 24TH COFFEE BIBLE STUDY @7
MARCH 29TH SUNDAY SCHOOL BUT NO YOUTH