

Grace Notes

March 29, 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 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

Monday, March 30

9:00 am Grace in Motion

10:00 am Basketball Sr. league

7:15 pm Chorale practice

7:15 pm Basketball (Juice)

Tuesday, March 31

7:00 am Youth Bible Study

9:00 am Bible Study

9:00 am Organist practice

12:00 pm *Homeless Herald* news meeting

5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, April 1

10:00 am Staff Meeting

10:00 am Yoga

2:00 pm Organist Practice

6:15 pm Grace Ringers

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 2

1:00 pm Good Shepherd lunch packing

5:30 pm Bootcamp

6:45 pm Basketball

7:00 pm Worship, Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 3

9:00 am Grace in Motion

9:00 am Organist Practice

7:00 pm Worship, Good Friday

Saturday, April 4

9:30 am Chancel Choir practice

Sunday, April 5

RESURRECTION 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

*****Easter Potluck*****

(immediately following 11 am worship)

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering

For 3/22/2026

In-person Worship Service

8:30 am 24

11:00 am 177

Online service 68

Operating Funds Received \$ 15,929

Average Receipts Needed Weekly \$ 17,100

Building Preservation Funds Received \$ 415

Apportionments Paid Through February

February Financial Report

YTD Budget Receipts \$ 164,186

YTD Expenses (2025) \$ 121,088

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 \$ 12,015

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

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

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

Easter Potluck

Easter Potluck -Bullock Activity Center 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




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.



Hey, there, Easter Bunnies...

The Fair Trade Mission (on the left, as you enter the sanctuary from the Welcome Center) has delicious, organic chocolate bars, coffee and tea for your Easter celebration. As always, thanks for your 'eggsellent' support! Small Co-op  farmers of the world.

Prayer Requests

Linda Bostick
 Lindsey Brown
 Family of Georgeann Haas
 Joseph Huppmann
 Frank Ipock
 Jake (Mary Cole)
 Sherry Layton
 Delaine & Ray Lester
 Brian Lewis
 Frank Licari
 Margaret (Jane Spicer)
 Family of Billie Jean Millard
 Courtney Moeller (Katie Voulgaris)
 Lori Morris (Ann Ipock)
 Amanda Newell

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

 Grace staff and volunteers
 The unsheltered
 All those affected by war and natural disasters
 Military personnel



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

April 7th UWF features BC Computers and Kids

The next United Women of Faith meeting will be April 7. Our speaker is from Brunswick County Computers and Kids, an organization that helps provide computers for children from low income homes. Refreshments will be provided by Linda Raim and Mary Trout. We hope to see you Tuesday. Any questions, call Dianna (937) 307-3556.

Cinderella's Closet 2026 Prom Shopping Events

Our March prom shopping event on the weekend of March 20-21st was a huge success! We were able to help 43 girls find dresses for prom as well as shoes, accessories and assist with alterations. This was our busiest event in all 10 years that we have been serving the community and we want to thank Grace UMC for all of your support for our mission. Our season is not over yet and there are still opportunities to volunteer for our second and final event in April. We are also still accepting donations through April 16th and are especially in need of accessories and new makeup as these items get scooped up during every event. For questions on how to donate or volunteer, please email cinderellasclosetilm@gmail.com. Also, please follow us on Facebook, Cinderella's Closet Wilmington, to see pictures of our recent event.

Scholarship opportunities

In addition to the scholarships that Grace UMC offers, scholarships are also available from the UMC General Board of High Education and Ministry <https://www.gbhem.org/scholarships/> **Deadline is March 31, 2026.**

The Scholarship Committee of Grace will open applications sometime in April. Look for more information in Grace Notes soon.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt!



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 ***






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. Volunteers are needed and welcome. You can sign up in the Welcome Center, or just show up on April 2.

CORRECTION-WOW is April 18

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

As of March 21st you have helped Mother Hubbard's Cupboard provide healthy emergency food to 1420 households.

In April we are collecting:

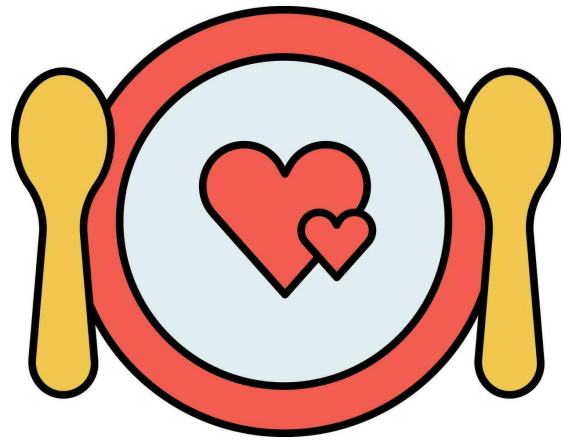
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE in plastic jars
- DRY PASTA
- CANNED CHICKEN
- SMALL HYGIENE ITEMS

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



Dinner Service for Family Promise

We have two nights the week of Easter where dinner assistance is needed for families in the Family Promise 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. **(3511 Frog Pond PI, Unit 101, Wilmington, NC 28403)**

Option #2 - Sponsor Dinner: Make a donation at the website link below 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 further instructions, check the Grace bulletin board or contact Jane Spicer at JaneSpicer25@gmail.com.

Or learn more at the website:

www.familypromiselowercapefearnc.org/donate?

There is also an opportunity to make Easter Baskets

On Tuesday, March 31 from 3:30—5p

Also at **3511 Frog Pond PI, Unit 101, Wilmington**

April Birthdays

4/2	Haley Olinger	4/10	Linda Raim	4/17	Grace Holcomb	4/22	Sarah Fuller
4/3	Lizzy Voulgaris	4/12	Dianne Lynch		Elizabeth Littlejohn	4/25	Dan Hickman
4/5	Anne West Dale	4/13	Brooke Stenerson		Emily Moore	4/26	Jennifer Powell
	Brenda Wolf	4/14	Natalie Humphrey	4/18	Mary Simmons	4/30	Ben Rasmussen
4/6	Susan Atwell	4/15	Linda Wengard	4/19	Marynell Ivey Willets		Amanda Sanborn
4/7	Doug Myers			4/21	Treva McKoy		