

Grace Notes

April 12, 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, April 12

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
4:30 pm Youth

Monday, April 13

9:00 am Grace in Motion
10:00 am Basketball Sr. league
6:30 pm SPRC
7:15 pm Chorale practice
7:15 pm Basketball

Tuesday, April 14

7:00 am Youth Bible Study
9:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm *Homeless Herald* news meeting
1:00 pm The Welcome Table
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Finance

Wednesday, April 15

10:00 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am Yoga
10:00 am UWF leadership meets
1:00 pm Neighbor2Neighbor
2:00 pm Organist Practice
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir
8:30 pm Basketball

Thursday, April 16

5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:45 pm Basketball
5:00 pm Parent Night Out

Friday, April 17

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

Saturday, April 18

9:00 am Cinderella's Closet

Sunday, April 19

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Kids4Christ
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
3:30 pm Youth mission trip meeting
4:30 pm Youth

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering

For 4/5/2026

	In-person	Worship Service	
	8:30 am	51	
	11:00 am	296	
	Online service	162	
Operating Funds Received	\$	16,609	
Average Receipts Needed Weekly	\$	17,100	
Building Preservation Funds Received	\$	860	

Apportionments Paid Through March

March Financial Report

YTD Budget Receipts	\$	227,704
YTD Expenses (2025)	\$	198,004
Balance	\$	29,700
YTD Bldg. Preserv. Receipts	\$	58,894
YTD Bldg. Preserv. Expenditures	\$	42,142
Balance	\$	16,752
Organ Fund (balance)	\$	17,021
Handbell Fund (receipts)	\$	18,600

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.



Save the Date and sign up! Men's Breakfast

Rev. Dr. Jack Jones invites all men to breakfast on Saturday, May 9 from 9-10 in the Activity Center. Please sign up in the Welcome Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 30-member Chester UMC choir

Chester UMC Choir (with approximately 30 members) will present a free (donations will be accepted for the Warming Shelter & The Anchor) concert at **Grace UMC, Thursday, June 11, 6 p.m., in the sanctuary.** A meal will be provided for all in attendance and the choirs.

A Flute Concert (free) to be presented by Jonathan Oldham (grandson of Libby & Larry Oldham) on Friday, August 14, 7 p.m., at Grace UMC. Jonathan graduated as a flute performance major from Middle Tennessee University.

Communion Server Link

If you are able to help with Communion, please sign up by scanning this QR Code to see the available dates on the sign up form. We need you! Thank you.



Does life have meaning?

Is there a God?

If God is good, why is there suffering?

These questions are as old as humanity itself. People of faith and doubt alike have wrestled with them for generations—and we will too in a new sermon series beginning April 19: *Explore God*.

Explore God is a seven-week series designed for both believers and seekers to engage life's biggest questions. Rather than offering easy answers, it creates space for honest exploration, curiosity, and wonder. Each week, we'll encounter Scripture, story, and the Spirit's guidance, trusting that God can handle our questions—and often meets us most deeply within them.

Prayer Requests

Linda Bostick (Leigh Mabee's mother)
Jeanne Brotman (Susan DiAnthony)
Lindsey Brown
Family of Jean Bullock
A.C. English (Darlene Tyndall)
Ed Hickmon
Joseph Huppmann
Frank Ipock
Sherry Layton
Delaine & Ray Lester
Brian Lewis
Frank Licari
Family of Billie Jean Millard
Courtney Moeller (Katie Voulgaris)
Lori Morris (Ann Ipock)
Amanda Newell

Beverly Pittman (Lisa Dawkins)
Nancy Pritchett
Louise Thompson
Dan Walters
Joanne Walters
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
CWO 3 Harrison James, USMC	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC
SFC Woodrow Long, USA	

March 23, 2026

Dear Grace Staff and Volunteers,

My sister and I were comforted by the wonderful service Wednesday, March 18, in memory of our mother Jean Bullock. It's hard to lose a parent, and even if you are prepared, one never really is. Your compassion and flair for even the slightest detail was unsurpassed.

Leslie Bergbower, numerous folks have complimented to me your mastery of the organ and especially for the uplifting prelude pieces you played. Jerry Cribbs, your solos were absolutely beautiful! Thank you both for sharing your enormous talent in such a meaningful way that day.

The sanctuary was beautiful, joyful and reverent. Thank you Funeral Committee Judy Siebold and Judy Smith and the volunteers for "setting the stage." Also, thank you Ginny Peterson and Emily Mills for the pretty design and layout of the service bulletin.

Larry Florea, I love my aqua prayer shawl!

Thank you Pastors Benny Oakes, Jamie Thompson and former Grace Pastor Patricia DiGiuseppe, for your comforting words and scripture. We are very thankful Patricia was able to spend quality time with mom for several weeks before her passing, sharing their faith and love for our Lord.

The grand finale was the Reception! The Nurture Committee certainly set the mood for a joyful gathering. Thank you Judy Smith and Faye Rubinson; and yes, Darlene Tyndall- as you and I discussed, Jean was watching and we believe she approved. I know many volunteers helped with this undertaking from start to finish and we appreciate all of you.

The food was delicious, especially the deviled eggs with smoked paprika and I'm glad I got a couple before they ran out. The flowers were absolutely gorgeous. The friends were relaxed, remembering Miss Jean and many stories both in and out of church. The slideshow of her earlier years was full of smiles. She and daddy gave so much of themselves to Grace and reaped far more rewards from the people who are the church.

Their Sunday School Class was a force for prayer and good fun and quickly became their lifelong friends. Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who made this a true celebration of mom and her life well lived.

Love,

Nancy (Nan) Bullock

Cheryl Bullock Hartsoe

Easter at Grace! He is Risen!



MISSION NOTES

Reminder, WOW is April 18

This year's event is Saturday, April 18, 8am to noon. This time has changed from previous announcements. WOW (Work on Wilmington) is an annual community-wide single day, volunteer service event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to those who have signed up. If you have questions, call Jane Carrico at [336-263-7273](tel:336-263-7273).

Important Youth Announcement

If you are a youth attending M25 or a parent of a youth attending M25 we will be meeting before youth Sunday **April 19th @3:30pm** for a Q&A and information session!

If you can not attend please let me know ASAP so we can find a time to meet with youth and parent(s).

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard update

In April we are collecting:

- VEGETABLES (new addition)
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE in plastic jars
- DRY PASTA
- CANNED CHICKEN
- SMALL HYGIENE ITEMS

Bathroom Tissue is always welcome.

Welcome Table this Tuesday (April 14), Sign up is online

Thanks to many volunteers, The Welcome Table ministry continues every second and fourth Tuesday. A delicious hot meal is cooked for anyone in our community. We can always use help.

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545AEA722ABFCC43-59018522-welcome/147619617#/> (set up and clean up)

Or, sign up at the Grace website at <https://gracedowntown.church/>.