

Grace Notes

April 19, 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 19

New Members joining

- 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

Monday, April 20

- 9:00 am Grace in Motion
- 10:00 am Basketball Sr. league
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support
- 5:00 pm Trustees Meeting
- 7:15 pm Chorale practice
- 7:15 pm Basketball

Tuesday, April 21

- 7:00 am Youth Bible Study
- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 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 Basketball

Wednesday, April 22

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:00 am Yoga
- 2:00 pm Organist Practice
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
- 8:30 pm Basketball

Thursday, April 23

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

Friday, April 24

- 8:45 Grace In Motion
- 9:00 am Organist practice

Saturday, April 25

Sunday, April 26

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Kids4Christ
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:15 pm Family Fun Day
- 4:30 pm Youth



Grace UMC's Schulmerich Handbell Donation Goal Achieved!

We reached our goal for acquiring 3-octaves of new Schulmerich thanks to the dedication and loving generosity of Grace

UMC's members and friends. This achievement ensures that Grace Ringers will have access to high-quality handbells to ring for practice sessions and upcoming worship services. With the donation goal met, the members of Grace Ringers joyfully look forward to ringing the new handbells!

Because of the strong church family involvement and support for the music ministries of Grace UMC, the new Schulmerich handbells will enhance the Grace Ringers' ability to help provide meaningful worship experiences, fostering a deeper connection with one another and God, the Father and Jesus, the Son.

Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God Alone the Glory!)

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering

For 4/12/2026

In-person Worship Service		
8:30 am	30	
11:00 am	162	
Online service	52	
Operating Funds Received	\$	31,795
Average Receipts Needed Weekly	\$	17,100
Building Preservation Funds Received	\$	560

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

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.



EXPLORE GOD series starts Sunday

This week: Does Life Have Meaning?

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
 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
 Family of Dan Walters (Hope Inman)

Grace staff and volunteers
 The unsheltered
 All those affected by war and natural disasters
 All 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
L.Cpl. 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	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Upcoming Music events

30-member Chester UMC Choir

Chester UMC Choir (with approximately 30 members) will present a free 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 love offering will be accepted for the Warming Shelter & The Anchor.

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

East Carolina Chamber Singers Concert

Held at First Presbyterian Church

Mon., May 11, 7 p.m.

“One of the finest university choirs you will hear,” -Jerry Cribbs

Divine Grace Women's Group April Social

When: Thursday, April 23rd at 6:00

Where: Johnny Luke's Restaurant

5500 Market Street

Please RSVP Mary Tyndall at mary@gracedowntown.net by Tuesday, April 21st.



Migrant Worker Bags due soon

If you or your group members are collecting items for the Migrant Worker Bags or would like to contribute, the deadline is the end of April.

For more information, contact a UWF member, or read the fliers around the Sunday School Rooms. There is also an attachment to this week's Enews and a post on our Grace Facebook page with a list.

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.

Important Youth Announcement

If you are a youth attending M25 or a parent of a youth attending M25 we will be meeting **April 19th @3:30pm** before youth Sunday 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

Thank you for helping Mother Hubbard's Cupboard give healthy food to 1,906 households in March.

In April we are collecting:

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

Welcome Table this Tuesday (April 21), Sign up is online

Thanks to many volunteers, the Welcome Table ministry continues. There will be a make up lunch this Tuesday and then the normal fourth Tuesday the following week. 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/>.

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.



The Real Homeless Herald features the Welcome Table

The Real Homeless Herald meets every Tuesday at 12 noon at Grace UMC, usually in the basement. Check out this month's issue available at the Grace Welcome Desk and as an attachment to this week's Grace E-news. This collaboration between the Anchor and Hope Recovery features many of our unsheltered friends as contributors.