

Grace Notes

April 5, 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

Resurrection Sunday, April 5

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Nurture Potluck
(no youth)



Monday, April 6

Office closed for Easter holiday

9:00 am Grace in Motion
10:00 am Basketball Sr. league
1:30 pm Caregivers
12:30 pm Basketball (Juice)
7:15 pm Chorale practice

Tuesday, April 7

7:00 am Youth Bible Study
9:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am UWF
12:00 pm Homeless Herald news meeting
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Admin Council

Wednesday, April 8

10:00 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am Yoga
2:00 pm Organist Practice
5:00 pm Worship Committee
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir
8:30 pm Basketball

Thursday, April 9

5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:45 pm Basketball

Friday, April 10

9:00 am Grace in Motion
9:00 am Organist Practice

Saturday, April 11

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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering

For 3/29/2026

	In-person	Worship Service	
	8:30 am	23	
	11:00 am	203	
	Online service	52	
Operating Funds Received	\$	11,814	
Average Receipts Needed Weekly	\$	17,100	
Building Preservation Funds Received	\$	120	

Apportionments Paid Through March

March Financial Report

YTD Budget Receipts	\$	227,704
YTD Expenses (2025)	\$	198,004
Balance	\$	29,700
YTD Bldg. Preserv. Receipts (corrected)	\$	58,894
YTD Bldg. Preserv. Expenditures	\$	198,004
Balance	\$	29,700
Organ Fund (balance)	\$	17,021
Handbell Fund (receipts)	\$	17,715

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.



Welcome Guest Singers!

Grace's Chancel Choir welcomes and thanks the choir guests who are singing G.F. Handel's Hallelujah from the oratorio, MESSIAH, this morning during the 11 a.m. worship service. Much appreciation to them for their extra time rehearsing with the Chancel Choir and practicing at home.

Don Bowers	Shaunte Stacy
Tee Dean	Katie Voulgaris
Olivia Riddle	George Willets
Judy Smith	Marynell Willets

Easter Potluck

Easter Potluck -Bullock Activity Center

Today after the 11 am worship service

For the second year, Nurture has organized a potluck after worship on Easter Sunday, April 5th. We hope to see you all there!

The Nurture Committee



THE HYMNS WE SING

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" is the most frequently sung Easter hymn across all Christian denominations worldwide. It is traditionally used as the processional hymn, as it is here at Grace. Written in 1739 by Charles Wesley, it first appeared in the Hymns and Sacred Poems collection. The composer of the tune dating back to the early 18th century is unknown.

Over the years, the hymn has undergone several adaptations with different versions and additional verses being added by various authors. Most notable is the addition, by editors in 1754, of the joyful "Alleluia" refrains that punctuate each line. These expressive melismatic phrases amplify the sense of exultation and capture the triumph of Easter morning.

Choir members are very familiar with the term melismatic and would explain it as singing one syllable while moving through a sequence of pitches. "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" continues to inspire congregations, expressing hope, renewal, and the victory of resurrection through both its words and its music. May it be so for you. He Is Risen!

Leslie Bergbower, Organist

Prayer Requests

Linda Bostick
 (Leigh Mabee's mother)
 Jeanne Brotman (Susan
 DiAnthony)
 Lindsey Brown
 Family of Georgeann Haas
 Ed Hickmon
 Joseph Huppmann
 A.C. English (Darlene
 Tyndall)
 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 dis-
 asters
 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

Grace UWF meeting will be April 7 at 10:30 am

Our United Women of Faith group will be listening to a representative from Brunswick County's Computers for Kids. Join us as we listen about a program designed to insure that all kids in Brunswick County have a fair chance at staying in school and doing well. Though this program is for Brunswick county students, as we know many will become adults living or working in Wilmington. Please be onboard to help see students succeed. Refreshments will be provided by Linda Raim and Mary Trout. We hope to see you Tuesday. Any questions, call Dianna (937) 307-3556.

Coming April 19th, a new 7-week sermon series

Overview: Explore God is a seven-week series designed to invite both believers and seekers to wrestle with life's biggest questions. Rather than offering easy answers, this series creates a space for honest exploration, curiosity, and wonder. Each week we'll engage Scripture, story, and the Spirit's guidance as we discover that God can handle our questions—and often meets us most powerfully through them.



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).

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.

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.

MISSION NOTES

Reminder, WOW is April 18

WOW (Work on Wilmington) is an annual community-wide single day, volunteer service event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Let's send a big team from Grace!

This year's event is Saturday, April 18, 9am to 1pm. Self sign up at www.wilmingtonchamber.org/work-on-wilmington

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

In April we are collecting:

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

Bathroom Tissue is always welcome.

Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to Eliie Buckingham on April 12, her birthday was inadvertently left off of the birthdays this month. If this happens to you, please contact Ginny to make sure we update it. We try to print them as close to the first of the month as possible. If you missed the list and need a reprint, let us know that as well.