Grace Notes

October 12, 2025

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, October 12, One Service Commitment to Christ and His Church

9:15 am Sunday School

10:00 am Kids for Christ

10:00 am Chancel Choir

10:30 am Worship Service with Potluck immediately following

4:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, October 13

8:45 am Grace in Motion

10:00 am Senior Basketball

6:30 pm SPRC mtg.

7:15 Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 14

9:00 am Organist Rehearsal

1:00 pm The Welcome Table

5:30 pm Bootcamp

6:30 pm Finance Committee

7:00 pm Chorale Board

Wednesday, October 15

10:00 am Yoga

10:00 am Staff

10:00 am UWF leadership team

2:00 pm Organist Rehearsal

6:15 pm Grace Ringers

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 16

5:00 pm Parent Night Out

5:30 pm Bootcamp

6:45 pm Basketball

Friday, October 17

8:45 am Grace In Motion walkers

9:00 am Organist Practice

Saturday, October 18

9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal

9:30 am Young at Heart bus trip

Sunday, October 19

8:30 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Kids for Christ

10:30 am Chancel Choir11:00 am Worship Service

4:30 pm Youth Group

Commitment Sunday Reminder

Commitment Sunday is this Sunday, October 12, when we will all worship together again at one service at 10:30 am. Everyone is invited to attend a potluck lunch immediately following the service, in the Bullock Activity Center, as we celebrate what our abundant God has done and is doing in our community. We ask every household in our church to prayerfully consider their financial commitment for the 2026 ministry year.

Commitment cards will be available at this shared meal and as you discern, we hope to receive your commitment to Grace and God's mission by the end of October. You may turn in your commitment on this day, any Sunday, or mail it to the church office at 401 Grace Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. Together, let us celebrate the ways God will use our collective gifts to do far more than we could ever imagine.

<u>In-person/Online Attendance & Offering</u> <u>For 10/5/2025</u>

In-person Worship Service

Organ Fund (YTD balance)

10:30 am 169 Online service 53

Operating Funds Received \$ 16,444 Average Receipts Needed Weekly \$ 17,671 Building Preservation Funds Received \$ 390

Apportionments Paid September

September Financial Report

YTD Building Preservation Receipts \$ 34,751
YTD Building Preservation Expenditures \$ 62,736
Balance \$ (27,985)
YTD Budget Receipts \$ 527,322
YTD Expenses (2025) \$ 640,966
Balance \$ (113,644)

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.



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Lighting of the Advent Wreath 2025

If you would like to participate this year's lighting of the Advent wreath, please scan the QR code or click the link in our enews! Benny will contact you with the reading and other directions pertaining to your date chosen.

Please note there is only one combined service on Dec. 14th.

Thank you!

Anne Matney



SCAN ME

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard— October Focus

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard distributes emergency food, rain or shine, on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. This month, the collection focus is on canned meats, such as tuna, chicken, ham and other meat items. Both large sizes and individual pull tab cans are needed. Healthy canned/boxed food donations and hygiene items are also always welcome. Bins are in the Grace gym lobby.

Thank you for any and all support! We have several helpers and folks who give every month and we appreciate you all!

Amy (Brena Conley's niece)
Betty Arnette
Billy (friend of Lisa Dawkins)
Dot Ballard
Joyce Blauvelt
Lindsey Brown
Terry Burke
Janice Fladd
Audra Florea

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Joseph Huppmann
Courtney Finkbeiner, Col,

USAF, retired Jimmy Pastor Jack Jones

Maria King Sherry Layton Delaine Lester Brian Lewis Frank Licari

Millie

Donna Young

Nick and Brandi (friends of Nathan Burnette) Paul Sipson Louise Thompson Dan Walters



Grace UMC staff and volunteers Grace UMC youth, children and their leaders

All those whose lives are affected by war and natural disasters

If you have a prayer request, please contact Marilee Tremlett at mtrem3@icloud.com.

Prayer Requests

ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN PO1 Sean Baker, USN Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA LCpl. John Capwell, USMC Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN E6 William Chase Dubel, USA E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF E3 Taylor Folmar, USN Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC

SFC Woodrow Long, USA

Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF SFC Letty Long, USA

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

SFC Letty Long, USA
Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF
Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA

SSgt. James Pritchett, USA CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN SSgt. Andrew Ross, USMC Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC

Michael Tate, USA E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

Praying the Scriptures Week Beginning Sunday, October 12, 2025

Centering Prayer: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name Psalm of the Week: Psalm 66: 1-12

Sun. 12 Jeremiah 29:1,4-7 / 2 Timothy 2:8-15 / Luke 17:11-19

Mon. Micah 7:1-7 / Acts 26:1-23 / Luke 8:26-39

Tues. 14 Jonah 1:1-17a / Acts 26:24--27:8 / Luke 8:40-56

Wed. 15 Jonah 1:17--2:10 / Acts 27:9-26 / Luke 9:1-17

Thurs. 16 Jonah 3:1--4:11 / Acts 27:27-44 / Luke 9:18-27

Fri. 17 Ecclus. 1:1-10, 18-27 / Acts 28:1-16 / Luke 9:28-36

Sat. 18 Ecclus. 3:17-31 / Acts 28:17-31 / Luke 9:37-50

GUMC Annual Fall Festival is 4-6 pm on Oct. 26th!



Treat collections and a sign up for Fall Festival is located in the Welcome Center!

Also, don't miss Parent Night Out this Thursday.

Bring your littles in for a fun night at Grace. Drop off begins at 5pm. RSVP with Kelsey Keenan or contact her for more information. Activities and entertainment for the kids from infancy through elementary age are planned. \$5 buys dinner. Kelsey's email is Kelsey@gracedowntown.net

Welcome Table returns to Grace this Tuesday!

We are excited to announce the relaunch of Grace UMC Welcome Table serving Wilmington's food insecure individuals beginning Tuesday, October 14, 2025. Lunch will be served monthly from 1-3 pm every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. We will be recruiting volunteers to assist with set-up



- kitchen service - serving lunch - tear down. A sign-up link is in the Enews! Or call the office for help to sign up.

Co-chairs, Don Bowers and Regina Milihram



...And now the results from our altar survey conducted at the worship fair:

The favorite altar design, getting 61% of your votes was the Thanksgiving Altar followed by our Christmas Poinsettias altar with 30% of the votes. 67% of you said your least favorite altar was bare. Thank you to everyone who participated in our survey. If you would like to continue seeing the beautiful altar designs, please consider becoming part of our altar guild and offering a little of your time to keeping it looking fabulous.

 $Jennifer\ Lewis,\ Altar\ Guild\ Chair,\ \underline{jenjennylewis1@gmail.com}$

Hop on the Bus to Southport!

Snack time for Sunset Park Elementary

Once again, it is time to collect supplies and snacks for Sunset Park. A new law that was recently passed prohibits us from giving free books to the students at school, but we are working on another way to get books to needy children – more on that later. We are accepting elementary and preschool books. Reading is so fundamental for a student's success. Below is the list of supplies and snacks we are also collecting. Thank you for all that you do.

Watercolor set Box #2 pencils
Pencil box Glue sticks

24 pk CRAYOLA crayons Baby wipes for hands and face

Healthy snacks - granola bars, 3 oz drink cups

trail mix packets, Pump style hand soap

crackers, etc Paper towels