

Grace Notes

October 19, 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 19

- 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
- 4:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, October 20

- 8:45 am Grace in Motion
- 10:00 am Senior Basketball
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support
- 5:00 pm Trustees Mtg. (Zoom)
- 7:15 Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 21

- 9:00 am Organist Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, October 22

- 10:00 am Yoga
- 10:00 am Staff
- 1:00 pm Lay Leadership Meeting
- 2:00 pm Organist Rehearsal
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 23

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

Friday, October 24

- 8:45 am Grace In Motion walkers
- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 4:00 pm Fall Festival set-up
- 4:30 pm Columbus County disaster team (overnight)

Saturday, October 25

- 9:00 am Chorale rehearsal and lunch
- 1:00 pm Welcome Table prep
- 3:00 pm Celebration of Life (nonmember)

Sunday, October 26

- 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 Fall Festival

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering For 10/12/2025

In-person Worship Service	10:30 am	158
	Online service	65
Operating Funds Received	\$	10,925
Average Receipts Needed Weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Funds Received	\$	640

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)
Organ Fund (YTD balance)	\$	11,429

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.



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.



Commitment Cards reminder

Good news! On October 12, we celebrated Commitment Sunday, recognizing that God is committed to us and God's beloved community, and it gave us a chance to commit to God and God's Church! So far we have received 44 commitment cards for 2026, totaling \$361,500. What a marvelous beginning! If you have not made a financial commitment to the mission and ministries of Grace for 2026, there is still time! You may turn in your commitment on any Sunday in October in the white boxes located in the Welcome Center and the Narthex, mail it to the church office at 401 Grace Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 (attn Ginny Peterson), or email Ginny directly at ginny@gracedowntown.net. We hope to receive your commitment to Grace and God's mission by the end of October as the Administrative Council continues to budget and plan for 2026 and beyond.

GUMC Annual Fall Festival is

Next weekend, 4-6 pm on Sunday, Oct. 26th!



Treat collections and a volunteer sign up for Fall Festival is located in the Welcome Center! Or contact Kelsey Keenan for more information, Kelsey@gracedowntown.net

Delaine Lester
 Brian Lewis
 Frank Licari
 Millie
 Nick and Brandi (friends of
 Nathan Burnette)
 Paul Sipson
 Louise Thompson
 Dan Walters
 Donna Young



Grace UMC staff and volunteers
 Grace UMC youth, children and their
 leaders
 All those whose lives are affected by
 war and natural disasters

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

Week Beginning Sunday, October 19, 2025

Centering Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.
Psalm of the Week: Psalm 62 : 5-12

Sun. 19 Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Corinthians 7:29-31 / Mark 1:14-20
Mon. 20 Ecclus. 4:20--5:7 / Rev. 7:1-8 / Luke 9:51-62
Tues. 21 Ecclus. 6:5-17 / Rev. 7:9-17 / Luke 10:1-16
Wed. 22 Ecclus. 7:4-14 / Rev. 8:1-13 / Luke 10:17-24
Thurs. 23 Ecclus. 10:1-18 / Rev. 9:1-12 / Luke 10:25-37
Fri. 24 Ecclus. 11:2-20 / Rev. 9:13-21 / Luke 10:38-42
Sat. 25 Ecclus. 15:9-20 / Rev. 10:1-11 / Luke 11:1-13

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard distributed emergency food to 886 households during the first two weeks of October. This month, Grace is collecting **CANNED MEATS (such as tuna and chicken)**. All sizes, as well as, individual pull tab cans are needed. Hygiene items and bathroom tissue are always welcome. Bins are in the Grace gym lobby. Thank you for any and all support!

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,

Mark your calendar! Details will be announced soon about a Bazaar the United Women of Faith will hold on Saturday, November 8. Look for more information in next week's communications and soon on Grace UMC's Facebook page and social media.

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. 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
4 black dry erase markers	Disinfecting wet wipes
24 pk CRAYOLA crayons	Baby wipes for hands and face
Healthy snacks – granola bars, trail mix packets, crackers, etc	3 oz drink cups
	Pump style hand soap
	Paper towels

- ☐ Would like to join Grace United Methodist Church
 - ☐ Need Grace UMC name tag(s)
- ☐ Change of address, phone number, or email.
 - ☐ Would like a Congregational visit

If any of the above apply, please check at least one box and drop in the collection plate.

Name: _____

Address:

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Additional Note or Prayer request: