

Grace Notes

November 2, 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, November 2/Daylight Savings ends
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY/Holy Communion

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
5:00 pm Youth Evening of Gratitude (Bus to WOO)

Monday, November 3

8:45 am Grace in Motion
10:00 am Senior Basketball
1:30 pm Caregivers Support
7:15 pm Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 4 ELECTION DAY

7:00 am Youth Women Bible Study
9:00 am Organist Rehearsal
9:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am UWF meeting
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Admin Council

Wednesday, November 5

10:00 am Staff
10:00 am **No Yoga**
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 6

5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:45 pm Basketball
7:00 pm Soprano/Alto practice

Friday, November 7

Hickory Youth team arrives
8:45 am Grace In Motion walkers
9:00 am Organist Practice
1:00 pm Bazaar drop off and set up

Saturday, November 8

9:00 am UWF Bazaar

Sunday, November 9

YOUTH SUNDAY

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
Youth And Hickory Mission team lunch

UWF Church Bazaar to be held on November 8

UWF is excited to announce we will be having a bazaar on Saturday, November 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Leftover items from the sale will be available on Sunday before and after church.

If you would like to sell your items, ½ tables will be available for \$10.00 and full tables will be available for \$20.00. You are welcome to bring your own tables for display.

Donations for items to sell at the bazaar, can include baked goods, dishes, decorations, crafts, plants, jewelry, etc. NO clothing or large furniture will be accepted. Please bring your items to church on Friday from 1:00 to 3:00. If this time does not work for you, let me know. If possible, please mark your items with a price. We will try to accommodate you.

Of course, we want you to shop also! Pass the word around to friends, family, and neighbors. Feel free to post on your neighborhood Facebook pages.

Any questions? Call or Text Dianna Florea (937-307-3556). Thank you for your support!

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering For 10/26/2025

In-person Worship Service
8:30 am 23
11:00 am 147
Online service 53
Operating Funds Received \$ 7,442
Average Receipts Needed Weekly \$ 17,671
Building Preservation Funds Received \$ 140

Apportionments Paid Through October

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) \$ 11,639

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.



Thank You SPRC!

As we come to the close of October, Pastor and Staff Appreciation Month, we would like to express our appreciation to the Staff/Parish Relations Commit-



tee. Throughout this month, the SPRC has generously provided the staff with thoughtful food and small gifts that have brightened our day.

The kindness and support we have received means a great deal to us, and it's gestures like these that remind us how fortunate we are to be a part of such a caring church family. Thank you, SPRC, for your thoughtfulness and for lifting our spirits.

With gratitude,
Grace UMC Staff

Communion Server Link

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



Charge Conference

There will be a Charge Conference on Nov. 10, at 6:15pm, here at Grace UMC, along with The Anchor.

Prayer Requests

Betty Arnette
Billy (friend of Lisa Dawkins)
Dot Ballard
Joyce Blauvelt
Lindsey Brown
Family of Terry Burke (the Reichardts)
Janice Fladd
Audra Florea
Eric Holloway (Jennifer Rasmussen's father)
Joseph Huppmann
Pastor Jack Jones
Maria King
Family of Rev. Joshua Knutsen
Sherry Layton
Delaine Lester

Brian Lewis
Frank Licari
Billie Jean Millard
Paul Sipson
Louise Thompson
Dan Walters
Dean Windgassen (Brena Conley's brother in law)
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



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

Praying the Scriptures
Week Beginning Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025

Centering Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ,
have mercy on me.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 149

Sun 11-2 Daniel 7 1-3,15-18/Ephesians 1:11-23 / Luke 6: 20-31
Mon 11-3 Ecclus. 38:24-34 Rev. 14:1-13 Luke 12:49-59
Tues 11-4 Ecclus. 43:1-22 Rev. 14:14--15:8 Luke 13:1-9
Wed 11-5 Ecclus. 43:23-33 Rev. 16:1-11 Luke 13:10-17
Thu 11-6 Ecclus. 44:1-15 Rev. 16:12-21 Luke 13:18-30
Fri 11-7 Ecclus. 50:1, 11-24 Rev. 17:1-18 Luke 13:31-35
Sat 11-1 Ecclus. 51:1-12 Rev. 18:1-14 Luke 14:1-11

The Welcome Table spreads love through meals

Grateful to share that The Welcome Table successfully completed our second hot meal with dessert! Serving over 60 patrons in less than 90 minutes, during increment weather! Pastors and Community members enjoyed conversing and a hot meal with the patrons. We had twelve Grace members volunteering to prepare and serve; several enjoyed the hot meal too. The spirit of reciprocity was also evident, as a few patrons enthusiastically assisted with clean-up. We continue to witness fostering of social connections! Grace and joy abound! Please consider using the links in the Enews to volunteer!



—Regina Milihram and Don Bowers

Yoga cancelled this Wednesday

There will be no Yoga this Wednesday, Nov 5th. Our fearless yoga leader, Alie, will be out of town. We will resume on Nov 12th. —Bob and Cheryl High

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



Let's Welcome Hickory UMC Youth!

Grace Youth Director, Gracie Williamson, will help host Hickory UMC youth here at Grace the weekend of November 7. You might recall that back in the summer, Hickory UMC hosted our youth, and now we'd like to give back.

There are several ways to get involved, in particular, help and donations for breakfasts on Saturday and especially Sunday, which will be Youth Sunday!

If you would like to help, contact Gracie for more information. She can be reached at Gracie@gracedowntown or by text at 828-200-2073.

Youth Happenings



NOVEMBER
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SUNDAY 2ND	TUESDAY 4TH
EVENING OF GRATITUDE 5-7PM MEET AT CHURCH AND TAKE BUS 5810 OLEANDER DR. WILMINGTON	WOMENS BIBLE STUDY @7am LOCATION: Bespoke
SATURDAY 8TH	SUNDAY 9TH
OUTREACH WITH HICKORY FUMC DINNER, DEVOTION, GAMES TO FOLLOW SEE ATTACHED AGENDA	YOUTH SUNDAY WITH HICKORY FUMC SEE ATTACHED AGENDA NO SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH
TUESDAY 11TH	SUNDAY 16TH
WOMENS BIBLE STUDY @7am LOCATION: Three Friends Coffee	SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45am EVERY SUNDAY SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH 4:30-6pm
TUESDAY 18TH	SUNDAY 23RD
WOMENS BIBLE STUDY @7am LOCATION: Spill Coffee CO	SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45am SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH 4:30-6:30pm
TUESDAY 25th	SUNDAY 30th
WOMENS BIBLE STUDY @7am LOCATION: Luna Caffee Roasters	no youth, happy thanksgiving

Vision

No Children in our
community should be
without toys

Mission

For the month of December please bring gently used/new toys, wrapping paper, gift bags
whatever! On the 14th we will pack these and on the 21st we will deliver them!

DECEMBER

Vision and
Mission Focus