



Grace Notes

November 23, 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 23

- 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 Meetings

Monday, November 24

- 8:45 am Grace in Motion
- 10:00 am Senior Basketball
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 7:15 pm S/A Sectional CC

Tuesday, November 25

- 7:00 am Young Women Bible Study
- 9:00 am Organist Rehearsal
- 1:00 pm The Welcome Table
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, November 26

- 10:00 am Yoga
- 2:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, November 27

THANKSGIVING DAY

Office closed, Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 28

Office Closed for Thanksgiving holidays

Saturday, November 29

Kitchen in use (Anchor)

Sunday, November 30

- 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
- No youth Meetings

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering

For 11/16/2025

In-person Worship Service

8:30 am	33
11:00 am	170
Online service	55

Operating Funds Received	\$	16,508
Average Receipts Needed Weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Funds Received	\$	140

Apportionments Paid Through October

October Financial Report

YTD Building Preservation Receipts	\$	36,226
YTD Building Preservation Expenditures	\$	62,736
Balance	\$	(26,510)
YTD Budget Receipts	\$	574,312
YTD Expenses (2025)	\$	697,054
Balance	\$	(122,742)
Organ Fund (YTD balance)	\$	11,826

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.



Looking forward: Special Activities and Dates

Today, Thanksgiving Altar and Christ the King Sunday

Angel Tree tags now available in Welcome Center

Thursday, November 27 and 28 Office Closed for
Thanksgiving holidays

Sunday, November 30 First Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 2 #GivingTuesday

Sunday, December 7, 11 am Children sing in worship with
flute and piano

12:15 pm Children's Ministry Christmas Party

Monday, December 8 Angel Tree gifts deadline

Sunday, December 14 10:30 am *What Sweeter Music*
Cantata, Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 21 Poinsettias in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 24 - Communion services at
5 & 7 pm; Office closes at 12:00 noon

December 25 & 26- Christmas Day and office closure

December 25 Christmas meal (Warming Shelter friends)

December 29 Office closed

December 30 Normal office hours

December 31 New Year's Eve, office closes at 12:00 noon

January 1 & 2 New Year's Day holiday, office closed

Email Ginny at Ginny@gracedowntown.net to add your
special event to our calendars.



Grace United Methodist Church Chancel Choir

What Sweeter Music:
Lessons and Carols

Composed by John Leavitt
Accompanied by Chamber Orchestra

Sunday, December 14
10:30 am, Sanctuary

Prayer Requests

Family of Betty Arnette
Dot Ballard
Joyce Blauvelt
Lindsey Brown
Joan Camarigg
Janice Fladd
Audra Florea
Eric Holloway (Jennifer Rasmussen's father)
Joseph Huppmann
Jasmine
Pastor Jack Jones
Maria King
Brad Large
Sherry Layton
Delaine Lester

Brian Lewis
Frank Licari
Family of Marilyn (friend of Belinda Mayhew)
Billie Jean Millard
Jamie Pittman
Paul Sipson
Louise Thompson
Dan Walters
Debra Walters
Dean & Sue Windgassen
Grace Staff and Volunteers
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
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
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

Youth Happenings

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!

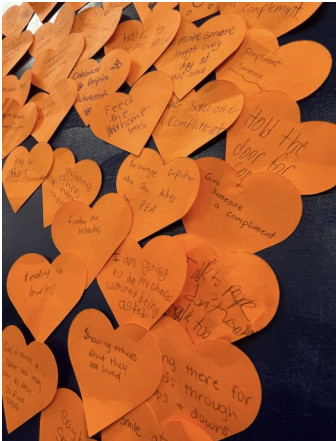
This year gifts collected are supporting The Good Shepherd families and other children in need.



Shown above and at right are from the Evening of Gratitude in cooperation with Be The Light which is a part of our Harrelson Center partnership.

The Youth joined with 9 other churches of all denominations and over 215 children total.

Below are some photos of the Hickory UMC youth mission our youth hosted. Thank you to those who helped welcome that group!



Advent Worship Music provided by Grace UMC Children

The Grace children have been enjoying making music during the Kids for Christ music time. They have been worshipping through singing, playing the handbells and percussion.

The children will be providing music during the Dec. 7th 11:00 am service. Susan Gardner will be accompanying on the flute and Edna Mory on the piano. Rehearsal and worship information is listed below. If you have questions, email Mary Tyndall at mary@gracedowntown.net or Kelsey Keenan at kelsey@gracedowntown.net.

- *Regular Kids for Christ-Sundays at 10:00 am.
- *Nov. 30th-10:00 am in the sanctuary-Children rehearse with flute and piano.
- *Dec. 7th-Rehearsal at 10:00 am in the sanctuary with flute and piano.
- *Dec. 7th-Children sing during the 11:00 am worship service.

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!



Lighting of the Advent Wreath 2025

If you would like to participate in 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