

Grace Notes

July 20, 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, July 20

- 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

Monday, July 21

- 8:45 am Grace Walkers
- 10:00 am Senior Basketball
- 1:30 pm Duke Reflection Group
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Group

Tuesday, July 22

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny
- 9:00 am Accessibility Training for the Blind
- 10:00 am Camp Impact
- 1:00 pm Student Organ Practice
- 1:00 pm Access of Wilmington
- 2:45 pm Student Organ Practice
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, July 23

- 9:00 am Accessibility Training for the Blind
- 10:00 am Yoga
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Camp Impact
- 1:30 pm Lay Leadership (online)
- 2:00 pm Organist Rehearsal
- 6:15 pm Cantata Score Notations (Bible CR)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 24

- 10:00 am Camp Impact
- 10:00 am UWF Bible Study (library)
- 2:00 pm Student Organ Practice
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

Friday, July 25

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Grace Walkers
- 10:00 am Camp Impact
- 1:15 pm Martha Hayes Organ Practice

Saturday, July 26

Young at Heart Bus Trip (see details at right)

Sunday, July 27

- 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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering For 7/13/2025

In-person Worship Service:	8:30 am	21
	11:00 am	155
	Online service	68
Operating Funds Received	\$	5,168
Average Receipts Needed Weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Funds Received	\$	570
Apportionments Paid Through June		

June financial report

YTD Building Preservation Receipts	\$	29,001
YTD Building Preservation Expenditures	\$	40,252
Balance	\$	(11,251)
YTD Budget Receipts	\$	361,277
YTD Expenses (2025)	\$	423,183
Balance	\$	(61,906)

Organ Fund \$ 10,544

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg)
[UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg)

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Use the QR code at right.

Or text: MyGift2Grace to 73256



Young At Heart Bus Trip this Saturday

Join in for a fun trip to Elizabethtown and the Cape Fear Winery, planned for July 26th. The bus is full, but it's not too late to come along! The rest will carpool.

9:30 Depart from Grace

10:30-12 Tour Elizabethtown-shopping, art gallery,
12 noon Board the bus for Cape Fear Winery for lunch and wine tasting.

3pm departure, returning to Grace at 4 pm.

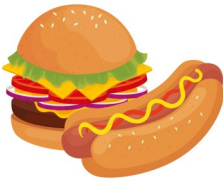
Look for a sign up sheet soon in the Welcome Center. Questions? Email Karen Wrenn: gkwrenn2151@gmail.com

“And Who Is My Neighbor?”

(Luke 10:29)

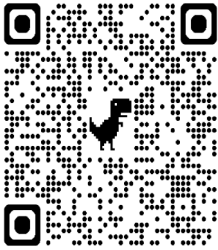
On Sunday, August 3, Grace UMC will host a **Community Potluck Picnic** in the Bullock Center after our 10:30am worship. The folks from The Anchor and our neighborhood have all been invited!

Hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, condiments and beverages will be furnished and the Chancel Choir will provide desserts. We ask that everyone bring a favorite dish to share to feed 10-12 people. Sign-up sheets will be in the Choir Room, Welcome Center and all the Sunday School Classrooms. Let's gather and show hospitality to our neighbors!



Communion Servers needed

Being a communion server is an opportunity to serve God and the congregation in a meaningful and impactful manner. It requires dedication, reverence, and a heart for service. For those who feel called to this role, it serves as a reminder of the privilege and responsibility of handling one of the most sacred rituals in Christian worship. We need individuals who will commit to assisting with Communion at least one Sunday per year. (assuming enough people volunteer!) An electronic form is available to make volunteering easy. Just scan this QR code at right. If you have questions or have trouble accessing the form, contact Lennie Collins at lennie.collins88@gmail.com or text 919-345-0615.



Prayer Requests

Betty Arnette
Dot Ballard
Joyce Blauvelt
Gail Braun
Lindsey Brown
Allison Cockerell
Rosemary Coronel
Janice Fladd
Audra Florea
Jimmy
Tim Jones
Maria King
Sherry Layton
Frank Licari
Billie Lyndon
Millie

Rya
Paul Sipson
Marianne Sorace
Dan Walters
Laura Witherington

Grace UMC staff and volunteers
Grace UMC children and youth
leaders
Those whose lives are affected
by war and natural disasters

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	Sgt. 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

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



Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard Update

Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard distributes emergency food, rain or shine, on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. The week of July 6th, 388 households received healthy canned and boxed food, and bathroom tissue as well as fresh meat, milk, produce, bread and desserts. Donated pet food and hygiene items were also available. Thank you for your continued support.

This month we are collecting **CANNED BEANS**: small pop-top cans for people who have no way to cook and standard sized cans for people with a stove. Go to motherhubbardsnc.com for directions on how to volunteer and how to make monetary donations to help purchase fresh food.

Save the Date!

Men’s Breakfast

9:00 am - 10:00 am
September 20, 2025
Bullock Activity Center

Rev. Dr. Jack Jones invites you to mark your calendar for a Men’s gathering, with breakfast provided. Look for more details in August. Questions? Contact Pastor Jack at jack@gracedowntown.net, or give him a call at the church. (910) 763-5197.

June VBS at Grace

It’s already been a busy summer at Grace! In late June, we held our annual Vacation Bible School, with the theme this year of “Yee Haw! Celebrating God’s Greatest Gift!” The children learned about God’s Greatest Gift through music, Bible stories, crafts, and movement. Members of the community and children at Grace participated in this weekend VBS. The weekend culminated with the children singing during the June 29th Sunday service, followed by a party. Please see our Grace Facebook page for more pictures. Also, our Youth Mission Trip has returned from mission service in the Asheville area. Watch for pictures and a wrap-up of that trip in next week’s news and on our slides in the Welcome Center.



- ☐ 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

Please check at least one box and drop in collection plate.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____