

# Grace Notes

August 10, 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, August 10

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Kids for Christ  
10:00 am Chancel Choir  
10:30 am Worship Service

#### Monday, August 11

8:45 am Grace Walkers  
10:00 am Senior Basketball  
6:30 pm SPRC

#### Tuesday, August 12

9:00 am Organist Practice  
9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny  
9:30 am Knitwerx (Panera)  
5:30 pm Bootcamp  
6:30 pm Finance  
7:00 pm Chorale Board Mtg.

#### Wednesday, August 13

10:00 am Yoga  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organist Rehearsal  
5:00 pm Worship Committee  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, August 14

10:00 am UWF Bible Study (library)  
5:30 pm Bootcamp  
6:45 pm Basketball

#### Friday, August 15

9:00 am Organist Practice  
9:00 am Grace Walkers

#### Saturday, August 16

#### Sunday, August 17

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Kids for Christ  
10:00 am Chancel Choir  
10:30 am Worship Service

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### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering For 8/3/2025

#### In-person Worship Service

11:30 am 176  
Online service 53

Operating Funds Received \$ 6,883  
Average Receipts Needed Weekly \$ 17,671  
Building Preservation Funds Received \$ 675

#### Apportionments Paid Through July

#### July financial report

YTD Building Preservation Receipts \$ 31,021  
YTD Building Preservation Expenditures \$ 41,402  
Balance \$ (10,381)  
YTD Budget Receipts \$ 403,617  
YTD Expenses (2025) \$ 499,528  
Balance \$ (95,911)

Organ Fund (YTD balance) \$ 11,074

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)

#### Grace United Methodist Church

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Use the QR code at right.

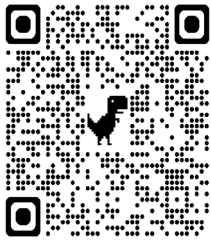
Or text: MyGift2Grace to 73256  
Gifts may also be mailed to the  
address above.



### 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 below. If you have questions or have trouble accessing the form, contact Lennie Collins at

[lennie.collins88@gmail.com](mailto:lennie.collins88@gmail.com) or text 919-345-0615.



### Invitation to the Practice of Praying the Scriptures

#### Week Beginning Sunday, August 10, 2025

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

#### Psalm of the Week: Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Sunday, 8/10- Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 / Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 / Luke 12:32-40  
Monday, 8/11 - 2 Samuel 13:23-39 / Acts 20:17-38 / Mark 9:42-50  
Tuesday, 8/12- 2 Samuel 14:1-20 / Acts 21:1-14 / Mark 10:1-16  
Wednesday, 8/13- 2 Samuel 14:21-33 / Acts 21:15-26 / Mark 10:17-31  
Thursday, 8/14 - 2 Samuel 15:1-18 / Acts 21:27-36 / Mark 10:32-45  
Friday, 8/15 - 2 Samuel 15:19-37 / Acts 21:37-22:16 / Mark 10:46-52  
Saturday, 8/16 - 2 Samuel 16:1-23 / Acts 22:17-29 / Mark 11:1-11

On Behalf of the entire congregation, a very special thank you goes out to the Grace UMC benefactor for replacing 43 of the old windows in the Education Wing. These windows are built to a very high standard and will last for many years to come. The new windows not only look fantastic, but they will also greatly help with our heating and cooling costs.  
Thank you for your generosity.  
Charlie Carrico, Trustee Chairperson

### Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, Aug. 24th @ 10:30

Join us for our annual back to school blessing. We invite students of all ages and any of those working in the education field to bring their bags to church. We are excited to bless you as the new school year begins!

Contact Kelsey Keenan with any questions. Her email is [Kelsey@gracedowntown.net](mailto:Kelsey@gracedowntown.net). For those unable to attend we will have blessed tags available on the welcome center desk.

Rya  
Paul Sipson  
Marianne Sorace  
Jen Stenerson  
Dan Walters  
Barry Zigler

***If you have a prayer request, please contact  
Marilee Tremlett at [mtrem3@icloud.com](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).***

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

Go to [motherhubbardsnc.com](http://motherhubbardsnc.com) for directions on how to volunteer and how to make monetary donations to help purchase fresh food.

- 1335 children and their families were served in 78 counties
- 100% of eligible students in group homes graduated high school and started community college
- 96% of children at risk of being removed from home were able to stay with parents/guardians

More information will be distributed soon.

The day started with a walk around Elizabethtown. We found a farmers market and some of us bought delicious fresh peaches. We arrived at the Cape Fear Winery in time for lunch in the Cork Room and then a delightful tour of the Winery by their general manager. We were amazed by all the original artwork, pictures, etc by famous people. What a collection this owner had! Then it was time to go to the distillery area where bourbon, rum and whiskey were made. What a process! Our last stop was to the tasting room and gift shop! Some of us purchased goodies to take home. As we left for our return, we waved goodbye to all the animals. We hope you join us for our next adventure! Look for pictures on the Grace Facebook page or Enews. If you aren't receiving Enews, contact the office.

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