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

All Sundays in August One 10:30 a.m. worship service

Join us for coffee & conversation 9:15 and 10:15 a.m.
Sunday morning small groups 9:15 a.m.
(Verify time with your leader)
Chancel Choir 10:00 a.m.

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

<u>In-person/Online Attendance & Offering</u> <u>For 8/3/2025</u>

In-person Worship Service

11:30 am 176 Online service 53 \$ 6,883

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/ 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.



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 or text 919-345-0615.



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. For those unable to attend we will have blessed tags available on the welcome center desk.

Betty Arnette
Dot Ballard
Joyce Blauvelt
Lindsey Brown
Allison Cockerell
Janice Fladd
Audra Florea
Jimmy
Tim Jones

Delaine Lester

Sherry Layton

Frank Licari

Rod Roberts

Gary Rowe

Millie

Maria King

Rya Paul Sipson Marianne Sorace Jen Stenerson Dan Walters Barry Zigler



Prayer Requests

Grace UMC staff and volunteers Grace UMC children and youth

leaders

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:



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 Taylor Folmar, USN Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC

E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF

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

Sgt. Andrew Ross, USMC Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC

Michael Tate, USA E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

Rain or Shine, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard lends a hand up!

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard distributes emergency food, rain or shine, on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. For the month of August we are collecting **JUICE BOXES** (such as Capris Suns, Kool-Aid Jammers and Juicy Juice). These are put in the bags for people who are walking instead of large heavy bottles. Thank you for your continued support. Go to motherhubbardsnc.com for directions on how to volunteer and how to make monetary donations to help purchase fresh food.

Epicurean Evening to benefit Methodist Home for Children (MHC) EPIC Evening for an EPIC Cause!

Please join us for an exciting opportunity to help our children! The Methodist Home for Children will again sponsor the Epicurean Evening fundraiser. This gala event will be held at the Burney Center at UNCW on Thursday, September 4, 2025. There will be a silent auction, tasting, and drinks at 5:30 pm followed by a program at 7 pm. The best chefs in Wilmington donate their time and their best dishes! Grace has been asked to sponsor at least one table at this event. The cost per ticket is \$200 per person. The proceeds from one table will support one child for one year! You may register and pay online or make a donation at WilmingtonEE.com or write a check to the Methodist Home for Children, 1041 Washington St, Raleigh, NC 27605-1259. (Indicate on your reservation that you are a member of Grace.) Please register and pay by August 25. Contact Cindy Henry at chenry@atmc.net or Regina Hawse <u>rhawse@mhfc.org</u> for additional information.

Important Facts about MHC in 2024

- 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

Coming in September

Community Connection Resource Fair
On September 19, 2025, Grace UMC will host a
Nonprofit Resource Fair.
Come and join us!

More information will be distributed soon.

Please Help Feed Your Chancel Choir!

On Saturday, September 6, the Grace Chancel Choir will gather for its 23rd Annual Chancel Choir Retreat, 8:30 a.m.—2:45 p.m.

During the retreat, the choir will begin preparing anthems for upcoming special Sundays (Reformation, All Saints, Christ the King, etc.) and the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The group will also participate in teaming activities, fun, and fellowship.

While music is food for the soul, and the Chancel Choir members love singing anthems to praise God and feed all the worshipers who hear them, the group typically shares in a lunch on retreat day. The members of the Chancel Choir are so very thankful for the support and encouragement from the Grace members who often ask, "What can we do for the choir?" You are invited to support the choir by providing a salad for lunch at 11:30 a.m. (in the Bullock Activity Center) on Saturday, September 6.

Access the link below for a form in SignUpGenius where you may select an item to provide for the choir's lunch on the day of the Chancel Choir Retreat. **The link will remain active until August 18.** All instructions are included on the sign-up form. If you have trouble accessing SignUpGenius, please email Susan Gardner at flutegirl38@msn.com or text or call 910.232.5495. Thank you for your consideration and your continued support!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4AACAB2DAAF58-57683482-gumc

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.

Young at Heart enjoys fun daytrip

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.

	□ 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: