Grace Notes

September 14, 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, September 14

(Return to normal worship schedule)

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

Monday, September 15

8:45 am Grace in Motion

10:00 am Senior Basketball

1:30 pm Caregivers support

5:00pm Trustees

7:15 Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 16

9:00 am Organist Rehearsal

9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny

5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, September 17

10:00 am Yoga

10:00 am Staff Meeting

10:00 am UWF Leadership Team

1:00 pm Unsheltered Task Force

2:00 pm Organist Rehearsal

6:15 pm Grace Ringers

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 18

5:00 pm Parent's Night Out

5:30 pm Bootcamp

6:00 pm Endowment Comm. Mtg.

6:45 pm Basketball

Friday, September 19

9:00 am Organist Practice

9:00 am Community Resource Fair

Saturday, September 20 Sunday, September 21

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

Welcome Table returns to Grace!

We are excited to announce the relaunch of Grace UMC Welcome Table serving Wilmington's food insecure individuals beginning Tuesday, October 14, 2025. Lunch will be served from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, monthly. We will be recruiting volunteers to assist with



set-up - kitchen service - serving lunch - tear down. We will be posting links to sign-up with additional details soon!

Grace UMC Welcome Table Co-chairs are Don Bowers and Regina Milihram

Potluck Celebration—Sign up sheets are now available

Sunday, October 12 is Stewardship Sunday. Following our unified service from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m, we will enjoy a congregational potluck luncheon in the gymnasium. A signup sheet for the potluck will be available in the Welcome Center and Sunday School rooms beginning this weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone!

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering For 9/7/2025

In-person Worship Service

8:30 am 27 11:00 am 196 Online service 77

Operating Funds Received \$ 8,896 Average Receipts Needed Weekly \$ 17,671 Building Preservation Funds Received \$ 600

Apportionments Paid Through August

August financial report

33,566 YTD Building Preservation Receipts YTD Building Preservation Expenditures \$ <u>60,199</u> Balance \$ (26,633)YTD Budget Receipts 480,752 \$ YTD Expenses (2025) \$ 574,042 Balance \$ (93,290)Organ Fund (YTD balance) 11,299

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.



POSTPONED

Men's Breakfast—previously scheduled for September 20, 2025 Bullock Activity Center

Please keep Rev. Dr. Jack Jones in your prayers as he continues his progress in rehab.

Fall Fellowship – Back for Good(ies)

The Nurture Committee welcomes everyone back for the Fall. By popular request, our beverage offerings will once again be accompanied by light snacks.

We hope to involve more of the congregation in putting together our Fellowship hours by pairing members with Nurture "veterans." If you are interested, please check the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center and contact Faye Rubinson (email jfrfwd@gmail.com OR text to 301-919-1234) to let her know which Sunday (or Sundays) you might be able to pitch in with coffee, food, flowers, etc. We look forward to seeing you!

Your Nurture Committee

Chancel Choir Expresses Appreciation!

A sincere thank you to the many hands that helped with lunch at last week's Chancel Choir Retreat! We are blessed to have had Darlene Tyndall, Beth Stuber, Michelle Jones, Judy Smith and Janice Fladd to help set up, serve and clean up. We all enjoyed the variety of delicious salads, bread and cookies provided by the loving hearts of our congregation. Your support and generosity are most appreciated!

Amanda (friend of Phipps)
Amy (Brena Conley's niece)
Betty Arnette
Dot Ballard
Joyce Blauvelt
Lindsey Brown

Allison Cockerell Janice Fladd Audra Florea

Family of Kenneth Forrester (Gracie Williamson) Joseph Huppmann Pastor Jack Jones

Tim Jones Maria King Sherry Layton Delaine Lester Brian Lewis

Frank Licari

Rich McKeon Millie

Larry Phipps
Dick Raim
Rod Roberts
Gary Rowe
Laila Russo-Attebury

Rya
Paul Sipson
Eric Smallwood
Marianne Sorace
Dan Walters

Donna Young

Unspoken, in our hearts

All those whose lives are affected by war and natural disasters

you have a prayer request please

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

Prayer Requests



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

Pastor Jamie invites you for a Prayer Walk!

Meet outside of Grace UMC this Sunday afternoon at 4:30 for a time to open our hearts to God and notice our neighborhood in new ways. This is a gentle time to move our bodies and listen for God's voice. We'll begin together at 4:30 as Pastor Jamie offers a few instructions and a handout. If you'd like, bring



headphones to listen to a short podcast that will be shared. From there, you may walk alone or in pairs. We will reconvene at 5:15 to close in reflection and prayer together.

Praying the Scriptures

Week Beginning Sunday, September 14, 2025

Centering Prayer: Guard me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings. Psalm of the Week: Psalm 17:1-8, 15

 Sun. 9/14
 Genesis 32:22-31 / Romans 9:1-5 / Matt. 14:13–21

 Mon. 9/15
 1 Kings 21:1-16 / 1 Cor. 1:1-19 / Matt. 4:1-11

 Tues. 9/16
 1 Kings 21:17-29 / 1 Cor. 1:20-31 / Matt. 4:12-17

 Wed. 9/17
 1 Kings 22:1-28 / 1 Cor. 2:1-13 / Matt. 4:18-25

 Thurs. 9/18
 1 Kings 22:29-45 / 1 Cor. 2:14--3:15 / Matt. 5:1-10

 Fri. 9/19
 2 Kings 1:2-17 / 1 Cor. 3:16-23 / Matt. 5:11-16

 Sat. 9/20
 2 Kings 2:1-18 / 1 Cor. 4:1-7 / Matt. 5:17-20



WEALTH

Maximizing Your Retirement Experience: Health and Wealth

THE THIRD ACT

Subject experts will present on the following topics:

Health (9:30 - 10:40)

- Maximizing and Maintaining Independence/Home Safety
- How to Get Help When Needed (Transportation, Caregiver Support, Care Management)
- Mental Health for a Fulfilling Life
- Hospice Care

Wealth (10:50 - 12:00)

- The Home: Organizing/Downsizing and Buy/Sell Strategies
- Medicare Options
- Reverse Mortgages
- Planning for the Future (Long Term Care, Wills and Trusts, and Funeral Planning)
- *Please feel free to attend one or both sections of the presentation*

Thursday, October 9th, 2025 9:30 AM-12:00 PM Grace United Methodist Church 401 Grace St. Wilmington, NC

RSVP to thethirdactnc@gmail.com Refreshments will be provided

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard's September focus

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard distributes emergency food, rain or shine, on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. They try to provide bathroom tissue. However, the need for food is so great they are reserving their money for healthy food only. For the month of September we are collecting BATHROOM TISSUE and HYGIENE ITEMS (travel and regular sizes: soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes and toothpaste). Healthy canned/boxed food donations are always welcome.

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□ Would	like a Congregational visit
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