

Grace Notes

April 13, 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, April 13

PALM SUNDAY

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Confirmation Class
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm—6:00 Spring Fling and Egg Hunt
- 5:00 pm Book Study and Discussion



Monday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 15

- 9:00 am Organist rehearsal
- 9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 7:00 pm Stripping of the Altar rehearsal

Wednesday, April 16

- 10:00 am Yoga
- 10:00 am UWF Leadership
- 10:00 am Staff
- 2:00 pm Organist Practice
- 5:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 17

- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday service

Friday, April 18

- 9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
- 9:00 am Organist rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Good Friday service

Saturday, April 19

Sunday, April 20

Resurrection Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Confirmation Class
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Easter Potluck

VOLUNTEERS TODAY

LITURGISTS: 8:30 Monica Oakes

11:00 Gary Atwell

USHERS: 8:30 Faye Rubison

11:00 Brian Lewis, Bettye Broadwater
Mark Holcomb, Bev Holcomb

TRUSTEES ON DUTY:

April Lester
Dick Raim

GREETERS: Steve and Vicki Stanfield-Switzer

ALTAR: Nancy Zigler, Anne Lewis

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:

8:30 Chris Stenerson
11:00 Tom Guthrie

Last Chance for Easter Lily Dedications

Easter Lily dedication forms and envelopes are available in the Welcome Center. If you want to dedicate an Easter Lily to a loved one, please fill out the form for Resurrection Sunday, April 20, when the altar will be decorated with beautiful lilies. A list of all the dedications will be included in the bulletin that day. A donation of \$5-\$10 *per name or line* is suggested. You may slip it into the envelope provided. All donations and dedication information must be in the church office no later than Monday, April 14 so that the list of honorariums and memorials can be printed and inserted into the Easter Bulletin.



In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 4/06/2025

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 26
11:00 am 190

Online service:

70

Operating Funds Given \$ 13,075
Average receipts needed weekly \$ 17,671
Building Preservation Given \$ 60
Organ Fund 9,740

Apportionments paid through March

March financial report

Building YTD Preserv. Fund Rcpts. \$ 23,916
Building YTD Preserv. Fund Exp. \$ 8,303
Balance \$ 15,613

Budget YTD Receipts \$ 211,400
Expenses YTD (2025) \$ 206,124
\$ 5,276

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

Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

The Hymns We Sing

The Hymns We Sing focuses on a long serving classic of Palm Sunday, *All Glory, Laud and Honor*. The hymn is based on Matthew 21:1-11 and the occasion of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Let's travel back to the 9th century. Theodulf was appointed Bishop of Orleans by Charlemagne, and all was well in the Holy Roman Empire until Charlemagne died. Louis the Pious became the emperor. Louis was a very paranoid man. He was afraid of plots to overthrow him and Theodulf came into his line of fire. Theodulf was removed from his position and placed under arrest. While Theodulf was imprisoned in the cloisters of Angers, France in 820 he wrote 78 verses (39 couplets) of *Gloria, laud et honor*. It is asserted that Louis heard Theodulf sing his composition and was so inspired he released him and ordered the hymn to be sung thereafter on every Palm Sunday.

Melchior Teschner wrote the tune we know and sing today in 1613. J.S. Bach was so impressed by Teschner's work that he used it in his St. John Passion.

May our sweet hosannas ring out this Palm Sunday!
—Leslie Bergbower, Organist

Easter Cross

You are invited to bring stemmed flowers for our Resurrection Day services next Sunday, and we will use them to adorn our Easter cross.



Prayer Requests

Dot Ballard
Joyce Blauvelt
Mary Brooks
Nathan Burnette
Brena Conley
Izzy Fagan
Kimberly Fagan
Audra Florea
Family of Joe Florea
Steven Groves
Maria King
June Knox
Billie Lyndon

James and Cathy Merritt
Millie
Bill Perks
Sally Rasmussen
Debra Rowland
Paul Sipson
Dan Walters
Dean & Sue Windgassen
Laura Witherington
Grace UMC staff and volunteers
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	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

EASTER SUNDAY POTLUCK

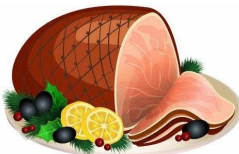
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AFTER 11:00 SERVICE IN BULLOCK CENTER

Please come join us and bring your favorite Easter Dinner side. Nurture will furnish ham, fried chicken and beverages.

Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center, all the Sunday School classrooms and the choir room. Cutoff for signups is April 15th.

See you there!
The Nurture Committee



Mother Hubbard's Cupboard serves the hungry in the Wilmington area through distribution of emergency food. This service is provided without discrimination by volunteers in collaboration with community organizations and businesses with care to preserve the dignity of the individuals served.

Total Households served year-to-date: 3,518
Individuals year-to-date: 13,374
New clients year-to-date: 454

Please consider for the month of April donating one canned vegetable, such as collards, beets, green beans, etc. Place your donation in the grocery cart near the elevator in the Welcome Center. Volunteers take donations to MHC on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays.

Volunteers Needed for Reception Desk Coverage in Welcome Center

Additional volunteers are needed to cover the desk in the Welcome Center during the week. Ideally we'd like to have full-day coverage, 9am – 5pm (broken into two 4-hours shifts), Monday through Friday each week. Training is provided. Leaders, please announce this need to your groups to help spread the word. Volunteers should contact Ginny or Emily if interested in helping with this valuable service. Some new volunteers have already signed up. Thank you!

Welcome Emily Mills!

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is excited to introduce Emily Mills as our new part-time Administrative Assistant and welcomed addition to our dedicated team. After working in customer service and teaching preschool, Emily served the United Methodist Church for over 20 years, first as a Youth Director and then as a local Pastor. She is a 'word' person who loves to write and enjoys proofreading, two key qualities needed in this role to help with the creation of bulletins, inserts, newsletters and more. A people-person and trained Stephen Minister, she possesses a caring nature, active listening skills, and the ability to speak the truth in love. Emily and her husband James both grew up in Cary, NC and moved to Wilmington in 2017. They love being with their two daughters, Amanda and Rebecca, sons-in-law Matt and Jason, and most especially their five grandchildren. Please join us in welcoming her to the Grace family!



Spring Festival & Egg Hunt Today!



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Spring Festival
April 13th
4-6pm
401 GRACE STREET
WILMINGTON NC

EASTER EGG HUNTS, PIZZA, CRAFTS, FACE PAINTING, AND MORE!!

Indoor Easter Egg Hunts:
0-2yrs @4:20 pm
3-4 yrs @4:40pm
Kindergarten & 1st grade @5pm
2nd & 3rd grade @5:20pm
4th & 5th grade @5:40pm

***Food will be served at 4pm for as long as supplies last ***

THIS WEEK!

Holy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm
Good Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday, April 20, 8:30 & 11:00 am and Potluck following.
Easter Monday, Office closed

