

Grace Notes

April 14, 2024

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 14

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 2:00 pm Service for Charles Palmer
- 4:00 pm WAVES

Monday, April 15

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion
- 10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support
- 4:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)
- 4:00 pm Lay Leadership Team
- 5:30 pm Basketball (youth)
- 6:30 pm SPRC
- 7:00 pm Trustees

Tuesday, April 16

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Admin Council
- 6:30 pm Basketball (youth)

Wednesday, April 17

- 9:30 am UWF leadership team
- 10:00 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics BB
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18

- 10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, April 19

- 9:00 am Grace in Motion
- 9:00 am Organist Practice

Sunday, April 21

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 PM WAVES

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 4/07/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	23
11:00 am	158
online	52

Operating Funds Given	\$	9,175
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	15,634
Building Preservation Given	\$	265

Apportionments paid through March

March financial report

Building YTD Preservation Fund Receipts	\$	22,161
Building YTD Preservation Fund Expenses	\$	46
Balance	\$	22,115

Budget YTD Receipts	\$	215,958
Expenses YTD (2024)	\$	191,936
Balance Receipts vs Expenses	\$	24,022

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg>

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Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

Let's Take A Trip

We have a wonderful 14-passenger bus that is ready to travel. Would you be interested in planning some new adventures for all to enjoy? Many churches and subdivisions have groups that take day trips. Our church needs some fun outings like this. If someone would find this job interesting please let me know at: dtyndall@bellsouth.net.

We are also interested in having more drivers available. To drive, there is just a quick test showing ability to back up and turn around, then information gets submitted to the church insurance. We will start with day trips that won't keep our drivers too busy. Thanks to those who already drive for us!

Please consider one of these positions and contact me with any questions. Let's put our bus on the road and have some fun!
—Darlene Tyndall

Hope Run coming up!

Join a team of Grace and friends to participate in the Hope Run. Proceeds support Journey to Heal Ministries and survivors of sexual abuse in our community.

You can help raise awareness and support survivors in your community as you walk or run with us at Long Leaf Park on April 21st at 5pm, or virtually in your own community anytime and anywhere between April 1st - April 21st! Our team name is Grace UMC. More information is on the bulletin board at Grace or contact Karen Evans at: evans493@gmail.com.

Sunset Park Prayer Partners news

Thank you to all who have supported Sunset Park Elementary this year! The Prayer Partners are looking for a new coordinator for next year's program. Karen and Marvin Evans will be moving to Virginia. Contact her at evans493@gmail.com for more details and check out the bulletin board for a thank you from the school's teachers.

Summer Mission Trip

This summer our youth have the opportunity to serve on a mission trip in Gatlinburg Tennessee. We are so excited for this trip as we continue to learn what it's like to serve others. We are currently looking for individuals or Sunday school classes that would like to help sponsor us on our trip to help make this trip possible. Come see us at our youth table in the Welcome Center to talk and learn more about it. We truly appreciate all the generosity showed to the future of Grace UMC. — Jada Martinez

New Landscaping

Thanks to a grant from the Cape Fear Garden Club and the landscaping company, Bloomin' Crazy, our church grounds have been refreshed with many new azaleas and other flowers and shrubs. Take a look around, especially on Grace Street, as you leave Sunday. Much appreciation goes to Karen Evans who has been coordinating the efforts.

Prayer Requests

William Carter Ballard	Mac Starke
Dan Barnes	Carolyn Stokley
Alan Broadwater	Trayce
Lindsey Brown	Peggy Utterback
Kitty Eure	Becky Whisnant
Family of Eleanor Gerganous	Jeff Wilson
Martin Ginocchio	Dean Windgassen
Maxine LeFever	Anne Wolling
Kristi Midgett	Stephanie Woodward
Family of Charles Palmer	Caregivers everywhere
Bill Perks	Unspoken, in our hearts
Tom Powers	War-torn Countries

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN	Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA	SFC Letty Long, USA
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
Col. John Delaney, USA	SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	SSgt. James Pritchett, USA
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
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.

Service for Charles Palmer today at 2 pm

Our heartfelt sympathies continue to be with Maureen and the family of Grace member, Charles Cecil Palmer, who died on March 24, 2024. His service will be held in the Sanctuary today, April 14 at 2 p.m. The obituary with more information can be found at the [Andrews Mortuary website](#).

Showing the Love of Christ through Grace

Since the beginning of the year, we have taken some moments to highlight some of our Mission work here at Grace. We experienced firsthand the excitement around the Warming Shelter, and witnessed an outpouring of support from the greater Wilmington community to show Christ's love to some of our area's most needy. We also heard about our continued efforts at Sunset Park Elementary School. Although we are meeting an immediate call from the school for children's books, it is certain other in-person opportunities are on the horizon.

It is important to note a true measure of Stewardship is our willingness to give of our time and efforts to such Missions, and we are most thankful to all the people who make these Missions so impactful, by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. Let's take this opportunity to reflect on our call to Mission by considering the Gifting Cards (shown below), and offering ourselves for our ongoing efforts.

Please give your prayerful consideration. We will be collecting responses (see below) during our worship services on **Sunday, April 21**. If you are not able to attend this service, please note the white gift boxes and extra forms will be kept in the Welcome Center and Narthex to receive responses.

We praise God for all that He has and will provide for us, and ask His continued blessings on Grace United Methodist Church.

The Stewardship Team

Time to help with Migrant Worker Bags

As many of you know, it is time of year for UWF to make and assemble the Migrant Worker bags. This ministry is an important phase of our outreach and they are given to North Carolina migrant workers. These bags are made from one yard of heavy fabric with a draw string and contain personal toiletries for the workers. Below you will find a list of items that are needed. We also can take donations and do the shopping for you. Thank you in advance for your help and contributions to this worthy mission.

IMPORTANT: Please use REGULAR size products, not travel sized. Put items in the box marked migrant workers in the Welcome Center. We are also collecting long sleeved shirts. They can be always be used, so it is a great time to clean out closets.

- 1 yard lengths (any standard width) of heavy fabric
- Single package toothbrushes with container
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Soap and soap dish with cover
- New bath towel and washcloth
- Disposable razors
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Hand (body) cream or lotion
- Comb and brush
- Safety pins
- Band-aids
- Metal nail file

Any questions, please contact Dianna Florea at: 910 398-8790.

Thank you from Cinderella's Closet!

The Cinderella's Closet committee would like to thank all Grace members for their support during this prom shopping season. Being able to easily hold our events on the second floor has been a real blessing for us and allowed us to offer two shopping event weekends to the community. Also a big thanks to all the members who volunteered and supported us at the gala as well. We want to share with you a note (box below) from one mother of a girl who attended the March event - it is because of Grace that we are able to serve the community and help families with these important life events so thank you! —Hope Inman

"Thank you for such an incredible experience for my daughter, Emma Negron. From the beautiful selection of dresses to our amazing "fairy godmother" to the fantastic seamstresses who altered her dress to perfection, every part of the process was a GIFT!

The past year and half have been full of pain for us, first with losing my husband unexpectedly in July 2022, followed by my breast cancer diagnosis in June 2023. I've felt very guilty that my daughter has had to grow up way too fast due to these events and has missed out on many of the highlights of her high school years. When she saw this dress, it brought back some of that childhood innocence again for her. She had so much fun going to the homeschool CHEW prom with friends, and you all literally made her feel like a princess. What you are doing MATTERS! It blessed our family in ways money can never buy. Thank you."

Offering Support

I would like to offer my time in support of Grace UMC's mission for:

- Sunset Park Elementary School
- Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
- Warming Shelter
- Cinderella's Closet
- Other _____

Name: _____

Best Contact: _____

I also reaffirm my support to GUMC's mission work via my gifts to the '24 general budget. Per week / month / or year: _____
(Circle One)