

Grace Notes

April 16, 2023

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 16

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

Monday, April 17

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 10:00 am Seniors Basketball league
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support (LIB)
- 5:00 pm Basketball
- 7:00 pm Trustees

Tuesday, April 18

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Book Club
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Admin Council
- 7:00 pm Basketball

Wednesday, April 19

- 9:30 am UMW Leadership Team
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:00 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 4:00 pm Basketball
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 20

- 10:00 am Seniors Basketball league
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, April 21

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 9:00 am Organist practice
- 4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, April 22

- 10:00 am Wedding pictures and prep
- 4:00 pm Wedding O'Brien/Wilkins

Sunday, April 23

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:15 pm Nurture Meeting—Bible Classroom

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 4/09/2023

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	63
11:00 am	283

Online Worship Service:

154

Operating Funds Given	\$	11,302
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	13,912
Building Preservation Given	\$	1,065

Apportionments paid through March

March financial report

Building Preservation Fund receipts	\$20,054
Building Preservation Fund Expenses	\$29,565
Balance	(9,511)

Budget YTD receipts	\$187,505
Expenses YTD	\$168,765
Balance Receipts vs Expenses	\$ 18,740

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

The service will be available Sunday starting at **4:00 pm**

This is the link:

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

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AED/CPR SEMINAR

Demonstrations and Instruction.

Learn how to help someone in an emergency situation.

Presented by: Chris Stenerson and Lisa Dawkins

DATE CHANGE!!

**April 30, 2023: 9:45 am - 10:25 am
and 12:15 pm - 12:55 pm**

Please feel free to attend one or both of the seminars and bring a friend!

See you there!! Organized by the Nurture Committee

Basket for Baby Nathan

The Nurture Committee will place a beautiful baby basket in the Welcome Center to welcome one of the youngest additions to the Grace Church family, Nathan Harrison Upton, son of Kelsey Keenan and Brent Upton, who was born March 17. You are invited to place a useful baby item in the basket, which will be presented to the family in the next few weeks, likely on May 7.



Thank you and a Reminder about scheduling

Several groups have been really great at letting the Church office know when their activities and meetings get changed and cancelled. Sometimes by doing so, it opens up a possibility for another group to take the spot. THANKS!

Please continue to check the schedule and reserve space through Ginny before planning and advertising new and returning activities. If you know dates way in advance, go ahead and reserve it, even if you have to cancel later. We are happy to be a place that doesn't let the building sit empty during the week and shares space with nonprofits in the community.

Help! Ushers needed for 8:30 am service

Grace still needs two or more additional ushers to form a team for the 8:30 am services, starting immediately. If you are interested, please contact Bob High at rbhcch@gmail.com for details on how you may serve in this important role in the life of the Church.

Prayer Requests

Lynn Akerhielm
Betsy Akerhielm
Marilyn Cooper
Kris Florea
Sterling Foster
Gary Godwin
Laura Howard
Debbie and Tom Jones
Steve Shulse (son of Carolyn McAleese)

Crystal Smith
Family of Gordon Smith
Aaron Swaney
Donna Tripp

And those impacted by the closing of our local Salvation Army shelter.

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



Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETN1 Anthony Augustine, USN	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	LCpl. Seth Mack, USMC
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
Col. John Delaney, USA	SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
Ens. Elizabeth Downing, USN	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	Sgt. James Pritchett, USA
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	AB Michael Sloan, USAF
Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
SFC Letty Long, USA	Michael Tate, USA
SFC Woodrow Long, USA	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC



America's Favorite Songs A Patriotic Concert for All!

The Wilmington Choral Society continues its 72nd season with *America's Favorite Songs: A Patriotic Concert for All* on May 23 at 4:00 pm. This performance will be a tribute to America and our veterans. The chorus will also sing such notable tunes as "God Bless America", "Salute to the Armed Forces", "When the Saints Go Marching In", and of course, "The Star-Spangled Banner". You can also expect to hear "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", "Stars and Stripes Forever", "This Land is Your Land", and a choral rendition of "God Bless the USA".

Tickets can be purchased in a variety of ways. You may do so in person at the Wilson Center Box Office, located at 703 North Third St. in Wilmington NC, by phone at (910) 362-7999, or online at wilsoncentertickets.com/show/?id=63401

The Wilmington Choral Society is made up of men and women, including several of our Grace congregation members, who are dedicated to performing the best choral music.

Walk or run for a good cause!

HOPE RUN is taking place locally at Long Leaf Park on Sunday, 4/23/23 from 4-6:30pm, and virtually anytime between 4/1 and 4/23 benefitting Journey to Heal Ministries! Its mission is to help raise awareness and support for survivors during Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (#SAAM). Hope Run has partnered with It's Go Time and Fleet Feet of Wilmington to ensure a safe and fun event.

Grace Outreach has created a team named "Grace Sole Mates" to walk on April 23rd! If you would like to participate, visit the race registration website at www.runsignup.com/ithmhooperun, and email Karen or Sally at their emails: evans493@gmail.com; or sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com

Bible Book Club this week

Bible Book Club with Pastor Benny will resume Tuesday. It is never too late to start or join the class. Just start with the reading of the day and/or show up. There is no need to try to catch up.

April 16 Psalm 106; 2 Kings 18-19; [Kings vs. Prophets](#)

April 17 Psalm 107; 2 Kings 20-22

April 18 Psalm 108; 2 Kings 23-25

April 19 Psalm 109; Isaiah 1-4 [OT Overview](#)

April 20 Psalm 110; Isaiah 5-8

April 21 Psalm 111; Isaiah 9-12 [The Prophets](#)

April 22 Psalm 112; Isaiah 13-17 [Holiness](#)

April 23 Psalm 113; Isaiah 18-22 [Intro to Spiritual Beings; Jerusalem Has Fallen](#)

40 dresses! Cinderella's Closet helped 40 young ladies with their prom dresses!

On behalf of the Cinderella's Closet Committee, we want to thank everyone at Grace who helped to make our first Spring Prom Shopping Event in over three years a huge success! This year, we were able to provide over 40 young ladies in our community with a full prom outfit.



Over 50 volunteers from Grace and the Wilmington community came to help with our mission and allowed us to provide a safe and welcoming environment to shop for a prom dress. It was a huge blessing to be able to have our full event again and we cannot wait to help spread the love again next year because it's truly about more than just a dress – it's about showering these girls with the love and support of their community.
—Hope Inman

