

# Grace Notes

April 20, 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 20 Resurrection Day & Holy Communion

- 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

#### Monday, April 21 OFFICE CLOSED

- 10:00 am Senior Basketball
- 5:00 pm Trustees
- 7:00 pm Chorale rehearsal

#### Tuesday, April 22

- 9:00 am Organist rehearsal
- 9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

#### Wednesday, April 23

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

#### Thursday, April 24

- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 Basketball

#### Friday, April 25

- 9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
- 9:00 am Organist rehearsal
- 4:00 pm Cinderella's Closet

#### Saturday, April 26

#### Sunday, April 27

- 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
- 4:30 pm Youth

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Have a Blessed Easter! 🐣🐤🐥🐦🐧🐨🐩

### Realm phase 2 coming!

Since October, our giving database has been powered by a new version of our ACS software, called Realm. When a donation gets recorded, a digital gift is processed etc., it is all being entered into the giving feature of Realm.

Soon, we will ask that you consider setting up your own account, which will allow you to have access to your own giving record. This is where you could privately see your own donations that have been processed by us, including current gifts or past gifts. This would allow you to get a Year-To-Date giving statement at any time you might need it. It will also allow you to get your statement via email if you choose that option, or tell us you prefer to continue to want statements mailed to you.

The next part of implementation allows for an online directory. For the online directory to be available to you, members will need to set up an account and you would need to "opt in" for the directory to allow for your contact information to be shared.

Once accounts are set up, there will be an app available which will help groups manage their own communications, and easily talk among their own group members. Assistance will be available for this if you need it.

More communications will follow in the coming weeks. If you would like more information or would like to be part of the "Test Group" or a "Help Group" please let Ginny know (ginny@gracedowntown.net).

### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 4/13/2025

In-person Worship Service:		
	8:30 am	31
	11:00 am	176
Online service:		72
Operating Funds Given	\$	10,376
Average receipts needed weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Given	\$	945
Organ Fund Balance		9,815

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

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### On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

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

### Grace United Methodist Church

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website: [gracedowntown.church](http://gracedowntown.church)



Use the QR code at right.

Or text: MyGift2Grace to 73256

Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

### VOLUNTEERS TODAY

**USHERS:** 8:30 Darrell and Judy Davies  
11:00 Cindy Henry, Jarvis Simmons  
Mary Trout, Gary Rowe, Abigail Bickham

### TRUSTEES ON DUTY:

April Lester  
Dick Raim

**GREETERS:** Rob and Lynne Akerhielm and  
Waylon and Dianne Lynch

**ALTAR:** Nancy Zigler, Anne Lewis

### SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:

8:30 David Vaughan  
11:00 Rodney Lester

### Mother Hubbard's Cupboard update

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard serves the hungry in the Wilmington area through distribution of emergency food. On Saturday, April 12th, 199 households received food. A canned vegetable was included in each box/bag. Small pop-top cans are given to people without shelter. Standard sized cans are given to households with shelter.

Please consider for the month of April making a family donation of a 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.

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

James and Cathy Merritt  
Millie  
Bill Perks  
Sally Rasmussen  
Debra Rowland  
Paul Sipson  
Marianne Sorace  
Dan Walters  
Dean & Sue Windgassen  
Laura Witherington  
Grace UMC staff and volunteers  
Those whose lives are affected by  
war and natural disasters

Prayer Requests

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

If you have a prayer request, please contact  
Marilee Tremlett at [mtrem3@icloud.com](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).



Furniture Donations Given to 2SHARE

2Share continues to be a partner of repurposing furniture we are no longer using here at Grace. They picked up a blue love seat that was no longer needed, just this week. If you want to donate gently used items especially beds and other essential furniture to someone in need, 2Share will come to your location to pick them up and make sure they are delivered to a household that will use it. Following is some information about 2SHARE. For more information, find them on their website, <https://2shareinc.org/about-us/>



In 2024, 2SHARE delivered to 258 households, a 22% increase over 2023. The organization served some 800 adults and children bringing the total number of those served since inception to approximately 3500 people (nearly 2000 children). Half of the those served in 2024 were single parent households, mostly single moms or grandmoms. The average family size is slightly under 4. In 2024 2SHARE continued to see an increase in single adult referrals, representing 22% of all referrals this past year. Seniors, mostly singles, represented 13% of all referrals and 15% of households served.

Please help spread the word about this great resource in our community.



*On Palm Sunday the children sang to  
celebrate the triumphal  
entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.  
“Hosanna! Hosanna!”  
Thank you to all our young  
participants and Kelsey.  
Special thanks to director  
Mary Tyndall  
and her accompanist, Edna Mory.*

SPRING FLING A SUCCESS!

Last Sunday, April 13th, Grace UMC hosted a Spring Fling event. The youth assisted with games and crafts. The day was filled with an egg hunt for all ages, games, crafts, face painting, and a pizza dinner. Thank you to everyone involved that helped to make it a success for our congregants and members of the community.



- ☐ Would like to join Grace United Methodist Church.
- ☐ Need Grace UMC name tag(s).
- ☐ Change of address, phone number, or email.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_