

Grace Notes

April 23, 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 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
- 4:00 pm WAVES

Monday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 25

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

Wednesday, April 26

- 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 27

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

Friday, April 28

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 9:00 am Organist practice

Saturday, April 29

Sunday, April 30

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am AED/CPR seminar
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:15 pm AED/CPR Seminar
- 12:15 pm Spring Clean-up day

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 4/16/2023

In-person Worship Service:	8:30 am	15
	11:00 am	152
Online Worship Service:		82
Operating Funds Given	\$	14,178
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	13,912
Building Preservation Given	\$	1,025

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

**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



Thank you!

Coastal BUDS would like to send a huge thanks to the entire Grace community for sharing your space with us these past 12 weeks for the Down to Cook program. In total, 25 individuals with Down syndrome and their families got to see the love and generosity of Grace UMC. Thank you!



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.



Prayer Requests

Lynn Akerhielm	Crystal Smith
Marilyn Cooper	Family of Gordon Smith
Howard Finch	Aaron Swaney
Kris Florea	Donna Tripp
Sterling Foster	
Gary Godwin	<i>And those impacted by the</i>
Frank and Rebecca Lee	<i>closing of our local Salvation</i>
Linda Raim	<i>Army shelter.</i>
Laura Howard	
Linda Pfister	
Steve Shulse (son of Carolyn McAleese)	

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



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



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 Sunday, **May 21** 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.



Keeping Grace a beautiful place!

A general church grounds clean up will be conducted after the 11 am worship service on 4/30. Outreach will provide drinks and pizza for the kids but volunteers will also be welcome!

Karen Evans & Sally Barnes

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

April 24 Psalm 114; Isaiah 23-27; [Elohim](#)

April 25 Psalm 115; Isaiah 28-30; [Divine Council](#)

April 26 Psalm 116; Isaiah 31-35; [Angels and Cherubim](#)

April 27 Psalm 117; Isaiah 36-38; [Angel of the Lord](#)

April 28 Psalm 118; Isaiah 39-41 [The Satan and Demons](#)

April 29 Psalm 119; Isaiah 42-44; [The New Humanity](#)

April 30 Psalm 120; Isaiah 45-48

Help! Ushers needed

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 rshcch@gmail.com for details on how you may serve in this important role in the life of the Church.

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, you can 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.

Attention all Graduates and Parents of Graduates!

Grace United Methodist Church plans to recognize our 2022-2023 graduates at an upcoming worship service (to be decided). We need your help with the collection of the names and schools of graduates and we invite all to be present in worship that Sunday. If you are a graduate, parent or caregiver of a graduate or graduates, during the 2022-2023 school year (December or June) receiving a HS diploma, a two- or four-year degree, or higher, please reply to gabby@gracedowntown.net to let us know! Please include each student's name, email, school and program of study, and graduation date. We ask that you send us this information **as soon as possible**, but no later than noon on **Tuesday, May 16**. Thank you for making this a special day in the life of the church.