

Grace Notes

April 27, 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 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

Monday, April 28

- 8:45 am Grace In Motion
- 10:00 am Senior Basketball
- 5:00 pm Trustees
- 7:00 pm Chorale rehearsal

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

- 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, May 1

- 10:00 am Senior Basketball
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 Basketball

Friday, May 2

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

Saturday, May 3

Sunday, May 4

- 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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 4/20/2025

In-person Worship Service:		
	8:30 am	76
	11:00 am	269
Online service:		106
Operating Funds Given	\$	8,185
Average receipts needed weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Given	\$	120
Organ Fund Balance		9,915

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](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.

EASTER LUNCH

Thank you for attending the Easter meal on Sunday. We wanted to thank all of you for your participation, the great food and for helping with the cleanup afterward. It was wonderful to be together and celebrate a very special day.

Judy and Darlene
Co-chairs

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard update

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard serves the hungry in the Wilmington area through distribution of emergency food. During the week of April 20th over 300 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.

Divine Grace Women's Group May Social:

When: Thursday, May 22nd, 6:00 pm

Where: La Costa Mexican Restaurant
5622 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403



Please RSVP to mary@gracedowntown.net by May 20th to secure an accurate headcount for the restaurant. See you then!

Calling all Graduates

If you or your children are graduating or have recently graduated, please let Ginny in the office know. This includes graduates of high school, community college and university and up.

Ginny can be reached at Ginny@gracedowntown.net. Include course of study, parents or guardians, and plans if they are known. Each year we celebrate our graduates at a special service in June.

Dot Ballard

Joyce Blauvelt

Mary Brooks

Nathan Burnette

Brena Conley

Kimberly Fagan

Audra Florea

Family of Joe Florea

Jimmy

Maria King

Frank Licari

James and Cathy Merritt

Millie

Bill Perks

Sally Rasmussen

Debra Rowland

Rya

Paul Sipson

Marianne Sorace

Louise Thompson

Marilee Tremlett, on the death of her life partner, Richard

Dan Walters

Dean & Sue Windgassen

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

PO1 Sean Baker, USN

Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA

LCpl. John Capwell, USMC

Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC

Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN

E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN

E6 William Chase Dubel, USA

E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF

E3 Taylor Folmar, USN

Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC

SFC Woodrow Long, USA

Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF

SFC Letty Long, USA

Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC

SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF

Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA

SSgt. James Pritchett, USA

CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN

Sgt. Andrew Ross, USMC


Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC

Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC

Michael Tate, USA


E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

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



Furniture Donations Given to 2SHARE

2Share continues to be a partner in repurposing furniture we are no longer using here at Grace. Just last week, they picked up a blue love seat that was no longer needed. 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.

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 is received or a digital gift is processed etc., it is entered digitally 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 Grace, 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).

May Birthdays			
5/1 Gary Atwell Chuck McCarthy Kaelyn Oakes	5/11 Bob Hardyman Brooke Baldridge	5/16 Barry Hartzell John Thompson	5/25 Kevin Layne James Ross
5/2 Ben Steelman Abigail Bickham	5/12 Debbie Cole Sally Barnes Frank Henry	5/17 David Russ	Gene Patton
5/4 Emma Walsh	5/13 Marion Little Vicki Alexander	5/18 Laurie Burrous	5/29 Valoree Shinn
5/7 April Lester	Beth Stuber Sally Morgan	5/19 Frances Walters	5/30 Jamie High
		5/24 Laura Patterson Ernie Allen	

Please check at least one box.

☐ 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: