

Grace Notes

April 28, 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 28

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

Monday, April 29

9:00 am Grace In Motion
10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
4:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)
5:30 pm Basketball (youth)
7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale

Tuesday, April 30

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:00 am Bible Study
3:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Basketball (youth)

Wednesday, May 1

10:00 am Yoga
10:00 am Staff Meeting
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, May 2

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

Friday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 4

No activities scheduled

Sunday, May 5

Children/Youth Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
5:30 pm Anchor Meeting and potluck

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 4/21/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	32
11:00 am	152
online	82

Operating Funds Given	\$	7,405
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	15,634
Building Preservation Given	\$	830

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.

Harbor District UWF meeting May 18

The Harbor District Social Actions Coordinator, Mary Greene, has scheduled a presentation about domestic violence victim services here at Grace in the Bullock Activities Center.

This meeting will be held Saturday, May 18th from 10 am to 12 noon and is hosted by United Women In Faith.

Lori Kirkpatrick with Safechild is looking forward to presenting insight into their services as well as providing ways we may be able to help, both financially and/or hands on.

We realize this is time sensitive but are encouraging as many of you as possible to attend this event. This is a great opportunity for us to get together in fellowship and become more aware of the local domestic violence situation.

Registration is at 9:30 and light refreshments will be served by Grace United Women in Faith. We will meet in the Bullock Center. If you plan on attending or wish to help with the refreshments, please let me know, Dianna Florea, at dflorea68@aol.com or 910-398-8790, or text 937-307-3556. Thank you in advance.

Conference News

Keep up with all the news from the 2020 General Conference by visiting umnews.org.

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

Children and Youth Sunday next week

Next Sunday is Children/Youth Sunday at the 11 am service. Many of our young folks are excited to participate in various parts of the church service. Let's all show up for them in a big way. Thank you to all participating and attending!

Support Cards

Still planning to reaffirm your support to Grace Missions and Ministries and gifts to the '24 budget, but haven't yet filled out a card? They are available in the Welcome Center and Narthex.

Drop them in the white boxes, or mail them into the Church Office. —The Stewardship Committee

William Carter Ballard
 Dan Barnes
 Alan Broadwater
 Lindsey Brown
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 Maxine LeFever
 Kristi Midgett
 Bill Perks
 Tom Powers
 Dick Raim

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 Peggy Utterback
 Becky Whisnant
 Jeff Wilson
 Dean Windgassen
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 Stephanie Woodward
 Caregivers everywhere
 Unspoken, in our hearts
 War-torn Countries

Prayer Requests

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
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Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
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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.

UWF meeting Tuesday, May 7

The next United Women in Faith meeting will be Tuesday, May 7th at 10:30 am in the Bullock Activities Center. The speaker will be from "Safe Place," a local organization that focuses on prevention, advocacy and restoration assisting victims of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. They collect backpacks and toiletries. Please join us for coffee, snacks, fellowship and an interesting program.

"In His Steps" camp coming back in June

A FREE summer camp for RISING K through 12th grade girls will be offered again on June 22nd with the help of Grace UMC. This camp will be filled with learning some awesome dance moves and how to have fun in our joy in Christ. We hope you can help spread the word.

Founder Donna Smith said she wants to create a safe environment where all girls are appreciated no matter how they look, their size, economic status or how skilled they actually are at dance. Smith said the camps provide girls with a place to learn about self-worth and how to apply Biblical lessons to their lives.

The summer camps are led by volunteers who love teaching and spending time with the girls. Each camp includes dance and devotions about relevant issues the girls may be facing.

To check out more info about the camps and this ministry, go to their website at www.ihsdance.com, email at: info@ihsdance.com, call 704.650.4089 or log onto [facebook.com/ihsdance](https://www.facebook.com/ihsdance).

Migrant Worker Bags update!

Thanks to the generous donations that have been made for this mission project of UWF. We have received many items. However, the following items are still needed:

- Long sleeve shirts, men's or women's
- Dental Floss
- Disposable razors
- Hand or body lotion
- Shampoo
- Comb and brushes
- Deodorant

Deadline for items is **Sunday, May 5th**. Again, thank you for all of your many donations.

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

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard continues to distribute groceries twice a week to over 300 families per week. Volunteers take donations from Grace to MHC every Wednesday and Saturday. Look for the grocery cart near the elevator in the Welcome Center.

Our focus for April is:

- CANNED FRUIT
- SIDE STARCHES (such as Mac & Cheese, Rice-a-Roni, Hamburger Helper)
- TOILET PAPER is always welcome

The Food Bank provides the basics and private donations help provide enough to help families make it through a week and demand continues to rise during these tough financial times.