

Grace Notes

April 30, 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 30

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

Monday, May 1

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 10:00 am Seniors League Basketball
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support
- 5:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball
- 7:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale

Tuesday, May 2

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Book Club
- 10:30 am UWF Bible Classroom
- 7:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball

Wednesday, May 3

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:15 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 4:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp (outside)
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 4

- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:40 pm Steering team
- 8:00 pm Basketball (Brian Moore)

Friday, May 5

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

Saturday, May 6

Sunday, May 7

Holy Communion

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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 4/23/2023

In-person Worship Service:	8:30 am	30
	11:00 am	170
Online Worship Service:		89
Operating Funds Given	\$	9,410
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	13,912
Building Preservation Given	\$	500

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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appears).



UWF to meet May 2, at 10:30am

The speaker will be Tommy Underwood from "Sleep in Heavenly Peace," a charity that makes beds for children who do not have beds. There is a need for 2500 beds in the area. The meeting will be held upstairs in the Bible Classroom in order to see the power point presentation. Men are invited.

THANK YOU!!

A huge thanks to everyone who helped in creating our Migrant Worker Bags. Maybe you sewed the bags, brought in supplies, donated money, assembled the bags, and/or prayed for the migrants who will be receiving the bags. UWF was able to deliver 30 bags at the Church United Women May Friendship Day Service. Women from many churches and denominations in the Wilmington area contribute bags that are then presented to the Telemon Corp. for distribution to migrant workers coming into NC.

We were informed that some workers arrive with nothing and are very appreciative of the toiletry items and bags which they use for their laundry. One of the workers told us how he and his parents were and are still migrant workers. However, Telemon worked with him and helped him get an education. Now he is an overseer in the fields of other workers. It is a blessing to be a part of this mission outreach. Again, many thanks for all your support.

UWF Mission Project for May

Collecting the following NEW items for "Operation Pretty Things:" lipstick & lip gloss, nail polish, eyeliner, eyeshadow, mascara, blush, makeup brushes and hand lotion. OPT is dedicated to loving and empowering victims of domestic violence. The collection bin will be located on the ledge near the elevator entrance on the first floor (Welcome Center). The church is always invited to donate to our monthly mission projects.

AED/CPR SEMINAR

Demonstrations and Instruction.

Learn how to help someone in an emergency situation.

Presented by: Chris Stenerson and Lisa Dawkins

TODAY!

**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

Prayer Requests

Tonna Bowen
 Marilyn Cooper
 Howard Finch
 Gary Godwin
 Kevin Hathcock
 Family of Bethany Scott,
 (daughter of Rebecca and
 Frank Lee)

Linda Raim
 Holly Ratcliffe
 Steve Shulse
 Crystal Smith
 Donna Tripp

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.

T-Shirts are here!!!

“Thank you to all who have purchased a t-shirts to help raise funds for our mission trip. If you ordered a shirt, please stop by the youth room upstairs during the Sunday school hour or see Jada Martinez to receive your shirt. We greatly appreciate your support”

Keeping Grace a beautiful place!

A general church grounds clean up will be conducted after the 11 am worship service today (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 meet 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 30 Psalm 119 33-64; Isaiah 45-48 [Isaiah and the messianic-king](#)

May 1 Psalm 119 65-96; Isaiah 49-51

May 2 Psalm 119 97-128; Isaiah 52-54 [Gospel Kingdom, Isaiah-and-the-suffering-servant-king/](#)

May 3 Psalm 119 129-152; Isaiah 55-57

May 4 Psalm 119; 153-176; Isaiah 58-60

May 5 Psalm 120; Isaiah 61-64

May 6 Psalm 121; Isaiah 65-66; [OT Overviews Isaiah 40-66](#)

Thank you

We have surely felt the love and care from our Grace family. Jack loved this congregation so much and is laughing and singing with all who are with him now! You food, cards and notes have eased our way these last weeks and with a grateful heart, we say “Thank you.”

Pat and Susan Thomas
 Holly Thomas Yang

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.



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 ginny@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.

May Birthdays

5/1 Chuck McCarthy
 Gary Atwell
 Frank Henry
 5/2 Ben Steelman
 5/4 Emma Walsh
 5/7 April Lester
 5/8 Wayne Blalock

5/11 Bob Hardyman
 Brooke Baldrige
 Jan Allen
 5/12 Debbie Cole
 Sally Barnes
 5/13 Marion Little
 Vicki Alexander
 Beth Stuber
 Sally Morgan

5/16 Barry Hartzell
 John Thompson
 5/17 David Russ
 5/18 Elizabeth Hyde
 Laurie Burrous
 5/19 Frances Walters
 5/24 Laura Patterson
 Ernie Allen

5/25 James Ross
 Gene Patton
 5/29 Valoree Shinn
 5/30 Jamie High