

# Grace Notes

April 6, 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 6

- 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 7

- 8:45 am Grace in Motion Walkers
- 10:00 am Senior Basketball
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support
- 7:00 pm Chorale practice

#### Tuesday, April 8

- 9:00 am Organist rehearsal
- 9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny
- 9:30 am KnitWerks @ Panera
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Finance Committee
- 7:00 pm Chorale Board Mtg

#### Wednesday, April 9

- 10:00 am Yoga
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Organist Practice
- 5:00 pm Worship Committee
- 5:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball
- 5:00 pm Parents Night Out
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, April 10

- 10:00 am Senior Basketball
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:45 pm Basketball (Moore)

#### Friday, April 11

- 9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
- 9:00 am Organist rehearsal
- 3:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal

#### Saturday, April 12

- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Practice
- 3:00 pm Wedding

#### Sunday, April 13

##### Palm Sunday

- 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
- 4:00 pm Spring Fling
- 5:00 pm Book Study and Discussion



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### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 3/30/2025

In-person Worship Service:		
	8:30 am	32
	11:00 am	147
Online service:		
		70
Operating Funds Given	\$	6,367
Average receipts needed weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Given	\$	10,480
Organ Fund		9,740

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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Wilmington, North Carolina 28401  
910.763.5197; Fax 910.763.4108  
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.

### EASTER SUNDAY POTLUCK

APRIL 20, 2025

#### AFTER 11:00 SERVICE IN BULLOCK CENTER

Please come join us and bring your favorite Easter Dinner side. Nurture will furnish ham, fried chicken and beverages.

Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center, all the Sunday School classrooms and the choir room. Cutoff for signups is **April 15th**.

See you there!  
The Nurture Committee



### Volunteers Needed for Reception Desk Coverage in Welcome Center

Additional volunteers are needed to cover the desk in the Welcome Center during the week. Ideally we'd like to have full-day coverage, 9am – 5pm (broken into two 4-hours shifts), Monday through Friday each week. Training is provided. Leaders, please announce this need to your groups to help spread the word. Volunteers should contact Ginny or Emily if interested in helping with this valuable service.

### Welcome Emily Mills!

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is excited to introduce Emily Mills as our new part-time Administrative Assistant and welcomed addition to our dedicated team. After working in customer service and teaching preschool, Emily served the United Methodist Church for over 20 years, first as a Youth Director and then as a local Pastor. She is a 'word' person who loves to write and enjoys proofreading, two key qualities needed in this role to help with the creation of bulletins, inserts, newsletters and more. A people-person and trained Stephen Minister, she possesses a caring nature, active listening skills, and the ability to speak the truth in love. Emily and her husband James both grew up in Cary, NC and moved to Wilmington in 2017. They love being with their two daughters, Amanda and Rebecca, sons-in-law Matt and Jason, and most especially their five grandchildren. Please join us in welcoming her to the Grace family!



Prayer Requests

Family of Betsy C. Akerhielm James and Cathy Merritt  
Dot Ballard Bill Perks  
Joyce Blauvelt Sally Rasmussen  
Mary Brooks Debra Rowland  
Izzy Fagan Paul Sipson  
Kimberly Fagan Dan Walters  
Audra Florea Dean & Sue Windgassen  
Family of Joe Florea Laura Witherington  
Joanne Hamilton Grace UMC staff and volunteers  
Maria King Those whose lives are affected by  
Kathy Kipp natural disasters  
Family of Rick McDow War-torn countries

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



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

Reading Cart Update

The United Women of Faith (UWF, formerly UMW) has a Reading Cart located upstairs outside of the Bible and Travelers' classrooms. We are missing some books. If you have borrowed a book from the cart please write your first and last names and the date you checked it out on the card located inside the back cover of the book. Put the card in the blue file box on the cart. When you return the book please put the card back in the pocket inside the back cover. Due to the content of some books, only ADULTS may check out books from our cart. There is a chart on the cart listing the 5 categories of books.

April 13th 4-6pm —Spring Festival

Everyone is invited to come and join us for an afternoon of Easter activities to celebrate the season! We will have 5 separate indoor egg hunts by age groups. During the event we will be serving pizza starting at 4pm until we run out. In addition to egg hunts and food we will have games, face painting, and crafts for all to enjoy. We hope to see you there and please invite family and friends to join you!

We need volunteers for this event to help make it possible. We will need greeters, those willing to serve food, and assistance with crafts! If you feel called to volunteer please contact Kelsey Keenan at (910) 599-5290 or [Kelsey@gracedowntown.net](mailto:Kelsey@gracedowntown.net).

Any candy, plastic eggs, and small toy donations are appreciated and there will be a basket in the Welcome Center!

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**Spring Festival**  
**April 13th**  
**4-6pm**  
401 GRACE STREET  
WILMINGTON NC  
EASTER EGG HUNTS, PIZZA, CRAFTS, FACE PAINTING AND MORE!!

Indoor Easter Egg Hunts:  
0-2yrs @4:20 pm  
3-4 yrs @4:40pm  
Kindergarten & 1st grade @5pm  
2nd & 3rd grade @5:20pm  
4th & 5th grade @5:40pm  
\*\*\*Food will be served at 4pm for as long as supplies last \*\*\*

**Mother Hubbard's Cupboard** serves the hungry in the Wilmington area through distribution of emergency food. This service is provided without discrimination by volunteers in collaboration with community organizations and businesses with care to preserve the dignity of the individuals served.

In last week's Grace Notes, the totals were inadvertently submitted based on 2024. These are the totals are for 2025 as of April 2, 2025:

Total Households served year-to-date: 3,518  
Individuals year-to-date: 13,374  
New clients year-to-date: 454

Please consider for the month of April donating one 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.

Easter Lily Dedications

The Grace UMC bulletins contain envelopes today and will until April 13. Please fill out the form with these envelopes to honor or memorialize a person during worship on Resurrection Sunday, April 20, when the altar will be decorated with beautiful lilies. A list of all the dedications will be included in the bulletin that day.

A donation of \$5-\$10 per name is suggested. You may slip it into the envelope provided. After worship that Sunday, the lilies will be delivered to Grace Church members who are no longer able to attend church services. All donations and dedication information must be in the church office no later than Monday, April 14 so that the list of honorariums and memorials can be printed and inserted into the Easter Bulletin.



Parent's night out April 10th from 5-8 pm.

Drop your child off with the amazing Nursery staff here at Grace and enjoy a night to yourself! This month's "Parent Night Out" will be April 10 from 5-8 pm. We provide dinner for the cost of \$5 per child. Activities and entertainment for the kids from infancy through elementary age are planned. The last PNO for the season will be Thursday, May 8th.



**Palm Sunday**, April 13, 8:30 & 11:00 am and Spring Fling 4-6  
**Holy Thursday**, April 17, 7:00 pm  
**Good Friday**, April 18, 7:00 pm  
**Easter Sunday**, April 20, 8:30 & 11:00 am and Potluck following.  
**Easter Monday**, Office closed

