

Grace Notes

April 7, 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 7

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

Monday, April 8

9:00 am Grace In Motion
10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
4:00 pm Basketball (Lionsheart)
5:30 pm Basketball (youth)
6:30 pm SPRC

Tuesday, April 9

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am Knitwerks@Panera
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Finance
6:30 pm Basketball (youth)
7:30 pm Chorale Board

Wednesday, April 10

10:00 am Staff Mtg.
10:00 am Yoga
4:00 pm Basketball (Lionsheart)
4:00 pm Organist Practice
4:00 pm Worship Committee
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 11

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

Friday, April 12

9:00 am Grace in Motion
9:00 am Organist Practice
4:00 pm Cinderella's Closet

Saturday, April 13

9:00 am Cinderella's Closet

Sunday, April 14

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
2:00 pm Service for Charles Palmer
4:00 pm WAVES

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 3/31/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 44
11:00 am 301
online 59

Operating Funds Given \$ 7,881
Budget receipts needed weekly \$ 15,634
Building Preservation Given \$ 370
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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GRACE STAFF

Rev. Benton W. Oakes, III M.Div. - Senior Pastor

Rev. Jamie Thompson - Associate Pastor

Jerry Cribbs - Director of Music Ministries

Leslie Bergbower - Organist

Kelsey Keenan - Director of Children's Ministry

Jada Martinez - Director of Youth Ministry

Janet Keenan - Nursery Leader

Rich McKeon - Custodian

Ginny Peterson - Director of Op. and Admin.

Charles Sanders - Accountant

To contact any staff by email use this format:

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Sunset Park Prayer Partners news

Thank you to all who have supported Sunset Park Elementary this year! The Prayer Partners are looking for a new coordinator for next year's program. Karen and Marvin Evans will be moving to Virginia. Contact her at evans493@gmail.com for more details and check out the bulletin board for a thank you from the school's teachers.

Hope Run coming up! In-Person Event

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Long Leaf Park | Wilmington, NC | 4-7pm

Virtual Race Challenge

April 1 - April 21, 2024 | Anywhere & Anytime!

Join a team of Grace and friends to participate in the Hope Run. It will be our second year. Proceeds support Journey to Heal Ministries and survivors of sexual abuse in our community.

You can help raise awareness and support survivors in your community as you walk or run with us at Long Leaf Park on April 21st at 5pm, or virtually in your own community anytime and anywhere between April 1st - April 21st!

Our team name is Grace UMC. More information is on the bulletin board at Grace or contact Karen Evans at: evans493@gmail.com.



Thank you, Greeters!

To the Greeters who took an extra shift for the Easter week services—Larry and Jane Phipps, Don Bowers, Dianne and Waylon Lynch, Warren Frazier, and Linda Pyle—thank you so much for your devotion to Grace Church!
—Nancy Pritchett

Cinderella's Closet event, next weekend

There is one more shopping weekend with a few volunteer spots that still are available!

Fri., April 12, 3pm-9pm & Sat., April 13, 9am-5pm

Volunteers are asked to commit two hours of time but you may sign up for multiple times and roles. The sign up is in Enews and on the Facebook page.

William Carter Ballard
 Dan Barnes
 Lindsey Brown
 Kitty Eure
 Family of Eleanor Gerganous
 Martin Ginocchio
 Maxine LeFever
 Kristi Midgett
 Family of Charles Palmer
 Bill Perks
 Tom Powers
 Mac Starke

Carolyn Stokley
 Trayce
 Peggy Utterback
 Becky Whisnant
 Jeff Wilson
 Dean Windgassen
 Anne Wolling
 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
Col. John Delaney, USA	SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	SSgt. James Pritchett, USA
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
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



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

Congratulations to Sarah Layton, Grace member and Senior at Laney High School!

Sarah won the local DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizens Contest. This year's topic was, "What are the civic responsibilities of a good citizen and why are these duties, activities and behaviors important to shaping the America you hope to experience?" She received a Good Citizens pin and a monetary award for this achievement. Her essay went on to win the District Contest as well and has been submitted for competition at the state level.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study continues

All are welcome to attend the bible study, with our pastors (usually Pastor Benny). The study is based on the Revised Common Lectionary. The lectionary is a three-year cycle of biblical texts that pertain to the seasons of the Christian calendar year. More often than not, we (at Grace UMC) worship with and proclaim these texts on Sundays, as well as other worshipful days/times throughout the year. Each class is its own study, so anyone can join, at any time.

This study meets Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Bible Classroom. We read, discuss, and study the Lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. A link to all the texts can be found here: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>



Time to help with Migrant Worker Bags

As many of you know, it is time of year for UWF to make and assemble the Migrant Worker bags. This ministry is an important phase of our outreach and they are given to North Carolina migrant workers. These bags are made from one yard of heavy fabric with a draw string and contain personal toiletries for the workers. Below you will find a list of items that are needed. We also can take donations and do the shopping for you. Thank you in advance for your help and contributions to this worthy mission.

IMPORTANT: Please use REGULAR size products, not travel sized. Put items in the box marked migrant workers in the Welcome Center. We are also collecting long sleeved shirts. They can be always be used, so it is a great time to clean out closets.

- 1 yard lengths (any standard width) of heavy fabric
- Single package toothbrushes with container
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Soap and soap dish with cover
- New bath towel and washcloth
- Disposable razors
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Hand (body) cream or lotion
- Comb and brush
- Safety pins
- Band-aids
- Metal nail file

Any questions, please contact Dianna Florea at: 910 398-8790.

- 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: _____