

# Grace Notes

August 11, 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, August 11

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

#### Monday, August 12

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

#### Tuesday, August 13

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Finance Mtg.
- 6:45 pm Basketball

#### Wednesday, August 14

- 10:00 am Yoga
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Worship Committee
- 5:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, August 15

- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:45 pm Basketball (Moore)

#### Friday, August 16

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Grace In Motion (walkers)
- 10:00 am Basketball (Impact)

#### Saturday, August 17

- 9:00 am Bell Ringers Workshop

#### Sunday, August, 18

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

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### Journeying with James

Join us for a new worship series, Journeying with James, from August 4th through September 1st, as we explore our life together through the wisdom of James, the brother of our Lord Jesus. A series of contrasts runs throughout the letter that was written "To the twelve tribes who are scattered outside the land of Israel (Jas 1:1)." In Patrick Hartin's introduction to the book of James, he highlights several comparisons: being "doers of the word" versus hearers (Jas 1:22-26), poverty versus riches, a dead faith versus a living faith, heavenly wisdom versus earthly wisdom, and others. Overall, James's concern for Christ followers seems to echo similar concerns we notice from Je-sus's Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7), noticing what Christ is like, that we might act like Christ, be like Christ. We look forward to this journey with you, so join us on Sundays, August 4th through September 1st, at 8:30 am and 11:00 am at Grace UMC, and 9:00 am at the Barge, located at Anne Bonny's Bar and Grill.

### IT'S SOCIAL GRACES SIGN UP TIME!

For those not familiar with this ministry, this is a fabulous opportunity to not only meet new people but to actually get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ. We will divide into groups of 6 or 8 and each group will decide when and where they will meet - restaurant, someone's home, whatever your group decides is great. This is for singles and couples. **Our kick-off luncheon will be held Sunday, August 25th, after the 11:00 service. This is a potluck meal.**

### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 8/4/2024

In-person Worship Service:

online 72

Operating Funds Given	\$	
Average receipts needed weekly	\$	15,634
Building Preservation Given	\$	

Apportionments paid through June

#### June Financial Report

Building YTD Preservation Fund Rcpts.	\$	29,636
Building YTD Preservation Fund Exp.	\$	9,899
Balance	\$	19,737
Budget YTD Receipts	\$	329,638
Expenses YTD (2024)	\$	357,513
Balance Receipts vs Expenses	\$	(27,874)

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>

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Give through Paypal at our website  
or Square

by using this QR Code.

(point your phone camera

at the box and click on the link that appears).



Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

### The Sound Team needs more volunteers.

It isn't difficult to learn and one of the current team members will train you during the services. When you are feeling confident, you will be put into the rotation. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to serve! Contact Debbie Cole to learn more (910) 233-0429.

### Blessing of the Backpacks, August 25th

Join us for our annual blessing at both services. We invite students of all ages and any of those working in the education field to bring their bags to church. We are excited to bless you as the new school year begins!

Contact Kelsey Keenan at her Grace Email: [Kelsey@Gracedowntown.net](mailto:Kelsey@Gracedowntown.net) with any questions, for those unable to attend we will have blessed tags available on the welcome center desk.

## Prayer Requests

Tonya Autry	Bill Perks
Family of Rev. Jim Bailey	Linda Raim
Mitzi Beckham	Luke Russo
Gail Braun	Sam Spicer
Mary Cole	Mary Tyndall
Kitty Eure	Dan Walters
Martin Ginocchio and caregivers	Becky Whisnant
Carolyn Hankins	Dean Windgassen
Kimberly, Izzy, & Colleen	Laura Witherington
Rodney Lester	Stephanie Woodward
Edwin Mayer	Nancy Zigler
Eddie Mayer	Caregivers everywhere
<b>Chip Mitchell</b>	Unspoken, in our hearts
<b>Pat Mitchell</b>	War-torn countries

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](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).

### Epicurean Evening to benefit Methodist Home for Children

#### EPIC Evening for an EPIC Cause!

Please join us for an exciting opportunity to help our children! The Methodist Home for Children will again sponsor the Epicurean Evening fundraiser. This gala event will be held at the Burney Center at UNCW on **Thursday, September 5**. There will be a silent auction, tasting, and drinks at 5:30 pm followed by a program at 7 pm. If you have attended previously, you know that the best chefs in Wilmington present their best dishes! Grace has been asked to sponsor at least one table at this event. The cost per ticket is \$200 per person. The featured speaker is Dana Trent. "Dana has got \*a story\* to tell! The memoir of her childhood, *Between Two Trailers*, is an Amazon Editors' Pick, with accolades by *Publisher's Weekly* and *People.com*."

**The proceeds from one table will support one child for one year!** You may register and pay online or make a donation at [wilmingtonee.com](http://wilmingtonee.com) or write a check to the Methodist Home for Children, 1041 Washington St, Raleigh, NC 27605-1259. (Indicate on your reservation that you are a member of Grace.)

**Please register and pay by August 26.** Please contact Cindy Henry at [chenry@atmc.net](mailto:chenry@atmc.net) for additional information.

#### Please join your fellow church members for a fun day of fellowship and a road trip!

**When:** Saturday, August 24, 2024, 9:30-5:30pm

Meet at Grace at 9:30am and drive to Calabash, visiting the Callahan's Christmas Store, and eating lunch at Boundary House. Then, onto Ingram Planetarium around 2:30pm to attend a 45 minute show starting at 3 pm on the night sky here in North Carolina.

**Price:** \$13.00 for van and entrance fee for Planetarium. Pay cash or check to Karen Wrenn with checks made to Grace UMC with bus trip in the memo line. **Lunch is pay on your own**

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. The first 16 people will travel on the bus. please feel free to call Karen Wrenn at 410-615-4768 or email at [gkwrenn2151@att.net](mailto:gkwrenn2151@att.net). Special thanks to our driver!

### Name tags

If you need a new name tag, please let the office or Catherine Beaman know, or fill out the form at the bottom of this page and drop it in the collection plate. The next batch of badges will be printed soon. If you already have a name badge, please wear them to help our newest staff, members and visitors learn your name. Thank you for your hospitality!

### You're invited down to the river!

The Anchor gathers every Sunday on the river walk at Anne Bonny's Bar & Grill (106 S. Water Street) for coffee and breakfast at 8:45.

On the second and fourth Sundays of the month there is a worship service from 9:00-9:50 am. Grace UMC is invited on any Sunday to share a cup of coffee and connect with neighbors.



### August donations needed for MHC

In the summer months our brothers and sisters who don't have shelter continue to request lots of fluids:

- WATER,
- JUICE BOXES or POUCHES
- PROTEIN DRINKS like BOOST and ENSURE
- Fruit Cups

Place your donations in the grocery cart near the elevator in the Welcome Center. Volunteers from Grace take donations to Mother Hubbard's on Wednesdays and Saturdays. To **volunteer** or make a **financial donation**, go to [www.motherhubbardsnc.org](http://www.motherhubbardsnc.org). Look at the top for the tabs "Volunteer" and "Donate". You can also mail your donation to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, PO Box 76, Wilmington, NC 28402.

**Would like to join Grace United Methodist Church.**

**Need Grace UMC name tag(s).**

**Change of address, phone number, or email.**

**Need a new name badge**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_