

Grace Notes

August 18, 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 18

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

Monday, August 19

9:00 am Grace In Motion
10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
1:30 pm Caregivers Support
5:30 pm Basketball (youth)
7:00 pm Trustees Mtg.

Tuesday, August 20

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:00 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Bootcamp
7:00 pm Admin Council
6:45 pm Basketball (youth)

Wednesday, August 21

10:00 am Yoga
10:00 am Staff (Pastors)
10:00 am UWF leadership
4:00 pm Organist Practice
5:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 22

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

Friday, August 23

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:00 am Grace In Motion (walkers)

Saturday, August 24

Bus Trip to Planetarium/Boundary

Sunday, August 25

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service/Backpack Blessing
12:15 pm Social Graces

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 8/11/2024

In-person Worship Service:

	8:30 am	27
	11:00 am	126
	online	72
Operating Funds Given	\$	9,163
Average receipts needed weekly	\$	15,634
Building Preservation Given	\$	900

Apportionments paid through July

July Financial Report

Building YTD Preservation Fund Rcpts.	\$	32,546
Building YTD Preservation Fund Exp.	\$	11,689
Balance	\$	20,957
Budget YTD Receipts	\$	375,990
Expenses YTD (2024)	\$	422,088
Balance Receipts vs Expenses	\$	(46,098)

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg)

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



Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

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 with any questions, for those unable to attend we will have blessed tags available on the welcome center desk.

Grace UMC's Organ Fund

A few years ago, a detailed study and assessment was performed on Grace's Moller Pipe/Rogers Digital (hybrid) organ. Though consistent maintenance and tuning of the organ is regularly completed, the study showed that the **console** of the organ (the part of the organ than contains the electronic components as well as the keys, pedals, and draw knobs [stops], etc.) will probably need to be replaced in 10-12 years (now approximately 8-10 years).

To that end, the creation of an Organ Fund was approved by the Administrative Council.

Each week organ music enriches our worship and lifts us through hymns, liturgy and choral anthems. Every gift is important to this effort. Please designate your gift to: **Organ Fund**.

Thank you for your generosity.

Last Chance to sign up for Social Graces

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.**

Cookies for Fellowship

Bakers Needed to provide cookies, brownies, etc., starting Sept 1, 2024

Please leave them in the kitchen and labeled for Fellowship.

Tonya Autry	Bill Perks
Family of Jim Bailey	Linda Raim
Marion Baker	Luke Russo
Mitzi Beckham	Sam Spicer
Tammy Burnette	Mary Tyndall
Mary Cole	Dan Walters
Family of Ann Eilert	Becky Whisnant
Kitty Eure	Dean Windgassen
Martin Ginocchio and caregivers	Laura Witherington
Laureleli Hauptmann	Nancy Zigler
Kimberly, Izzy, & Colleen	Caregivers everywhere
Rodney Lester	Unspoken, in our hearts
Eddie Mayer	War-torn countries
Edwin Mayer	

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.

Sympathy and Prayers

Our prayers and condolences go out to the family and friends of Grace member, Ann Eilert. Ann passed away on Tuesday, August 13 at LCF Hospice. The family has stated that they will plan a memorial at a later date.

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 wilmington.com. (Indicate on your reservation that you are a member of Grace.) You may also write a check to the Methodist Home for Children, 1041 Washington St, Raleigh, NC 27605-1259.

Please register and pay by August 26. Please contact Cindy Henry at chenry@atmc.net for additional information.

Front Desk greeters needed

Can you greet visitors with a kind word and a smile? Then Grace could use your special talents. We need volunteers at the Welcome Center Desk and you could help!

You will be trained and then spend 3 or 4 hours at the desk twice or three times per month. We will work within your schedule. Please consider volunteering for this very important position in the life of Grace Church. Contact the front desk coordinator, Mary Cole, to volunteer at her email: Mayreeb@aol.com.

Please join your fellow church members for a fun day of fellowship!

When: Saturday, August 24, 2024, 9:30-5:30pm
We'll meet at Grace at 9:30am and drive to Calabash to visit Callahan's, the Christmas store. Lunch will be at the Boundary House. Then, onto Ingram Planetarium around 2:30pm to attend a 45 min. show at 3 pm on the night sky here in North Carolina.

Price: \$13.00 for the van and entrance fee for Planetarium. Pay cash to Karen Wrenn or give her a check made to Grace UMC with bus trip in the memo line.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Welcome Center soon. The first 16 people will travel on the bus. The rest can carpool. There are 20 reserved tickets for the show. Lunch is pay on your own. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Karen Wrenn at 410-615-4768 or email at gkwrenn2151@att.net.

Thank you to Jarvis Simmons for being our driver!! I look forward to our first trip together!

—Karen

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. 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: _____