

August 25, 2024

Mission Statement

To draw people to Christ, nourish their spirits, and prepare them for service to God, the Church, and the world.

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 8/18/2024

In-person Worship Service:		
	8:30 am	20
	11:00 am	146
	online	62
Operating Funds Given	\$	22,273
Operating Funds Given Average receipts needed weekly Building Preservation Given	\$	15,063
Building Preservation Given	\$	940

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

Grace United Methodist Church

401 Grace Street Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 email: ginny@gracedowntown.net 910.763.5197; Fax 910.763.4108 website: gracedowntown.church

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.

Sympathy and Prayers

Our prayers and condolences go out to the family and friends of Grace member, Sam Spicer. A memorial service is being planned for Saturday, October 12 at 1 pm. Thank you for keeping this family as well as the other families experiencing loss and illnesses in your prayers.

WHQR interviews with Pastor Jamie

Pastor Jamie Thompson had the pleasure of participating in an interview with WHQR reporter, Kelly Kenover, over the summer. The conversation was part of a larger WHQR project which included a series of profiles to tell the real life stories of how people became unhoused and what it is actually like to experience homelessness.

The interview spotlights the mission and ministry of The Anchor. You can listen at this link: https://www.whqr.org/show/the-newsroom/2024-07-19/poverty-is-a-sin-being-poor-is-not-a-new-reporting -project-on-being-homeless-in-the-cape-fear-region.

Reminder, September 2 is the Labor Day holiday and the Church office will be closed.

Blessing of the Backpacks

In today's services we will have our annual blessing of backpacks, satchels or other bags for students and educators and other school staff. We invite students of all ages and any of those working in the education field to bring their bags to the front during the called time. We are excited to bless you as the new school year begins!

If you are 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).

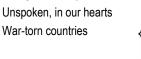
To that end, the creation of an Organ Fund was approved by the Administrative Council.

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.

Tonya Autry Marion Baker Mitzi Beckham Tammy Burnette Mary Cole Family of Ann Eilert Kitty Eure Family of Martin Ginocchio Laureleli Hauptmann Kimberly, Izzy, & Colleen Eddie Mayer Edwin Mayer Bill Perks Linda Raim

Luke Russo Family of Sam Spicer Mary Tyndall Dan Walters Becky Whisnant Dean Windgassen Laura Witherington Nancy Zigler Caregivers everywhere



Prayer Requests

(B.B.

MAR

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA LCpl. John Capwell, USMC Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC Col. John Delaney, USA Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN E6 William Chase Dubel, USA E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF E3 Taylor Folmar, USN Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC SFC Woodrow Long, USA

Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF SFC Letty Long, USA Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA SSgt. James Pritchett, USA CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC Michael Tate, USA E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

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

Cookies for Fellowship

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

Please leave them in the kitchen and labeled for Fellowship.

34444444444444444444444444444





Pictured above and below: Grace UMC's handbell choir, Grace Ringers, enjoys and benefits from a handbell workshop with David Harris, Director of The Raleigh Ringers.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard helps feed families On Saturday, August 10th, in three hours, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard served 214 clients, on Wednesday, August 14th, 204 clients and on Saturday, August 17th, 187 clients. So far this year Mother Hubbard's Cupboard has given food to 41,056 individuals and 11,130 households. Household sizes vary from 2 to 9 or more and the food provided hopefully lasts a week.

So far, they have served 1,469 new clients this year. They are no longer allowed to collect donations in front of grocery stores. Instead, they ask donations of nonperishables from individuals, churches and civic groups. Monetary donations allow them to purchase perishable items when the food bank and grocery store donations are low. To find out more about how to volunteer or make a donation, go to www.motherhubbardsnc.org.

This month at Grace we're continuing to collect fluids to put in "No Stove" bags for our brothers and sisters who don't have shelter. Please place your donations in the grocery cart near the elevator in the Welcome Center.

- Water
- Flavor/Hydration packets to put in water
- Juice boxes or pouches
- Protein drinks like Boost and Ensure
- Fruit Cups ٠
- Personal hygiene items (all sizes, including shampoo, soap, razors, etc.)

