

Grace Notes

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.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, August 25

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

Monday, August 26

9:00 am Grace In Motion
10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
7:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 27

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:00 am Bible Study
9:00 am NHHS Retirees Lunch
5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, August 28

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

Thursday, August 29

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

Friday, August 30

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

Saturday, August 31

Sunday, September 1

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

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

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
Average receipts needed weekly	\$ 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](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.

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 Kenoyer, 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>.

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
 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.

Cookies for Fellowship

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

Please leave them in the kitchen and labeled for Fellowship.



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
- ◆ Personal hygiene items (all sizes, including shampoo, soap, razors, etc.)



Handbell Workshop with David M. Harris
 Director, Raleigh Ringers
 August 17, 2024