

Grace Notes

August 28, 2022

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 28

Backpack Blessing

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

Monday, August 29

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 10:00 am New Hanover Retirees lunch
- 6:30 pm Cape Fear Chorale (gym)

Tuesday, August 30

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 11:30 am Rotary Club
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, August 31

- 11:15 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 1

- 10:30 am UMW
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, September 2

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 9:00 am Organist practice

Saturday, September 3

Sunday, September 4

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

Backpack Blessing

Our backpack blessing is today, Sunday, August 28th at both services. We invite students of all ages and any of those working in the education field to bring forward their backpack.. We will bless you as you begin this new school year! Contact Kelsey Keenan if you weren't able to attend we can set up a time to meet and do a blessing.



Save the Date: Rally Day and Picnic after Worship!

Join us for worship, followed by lunch on September 18 at 10:30 am. On this Sunday morning we will have one combined worship service at 10:30 am, noticing God's presence among us all, as we offer our unified presence as Christ's body.

The Nurture team is providing chicken, the Gracelettes are providing desserts, and we ask each family to bring a side dish to share with eight people. An invitation along with a sign up/RSVP will go out soon.

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 8/21/2022

In-person Worship Service:	
8:30 am	31
11:00 am	179
Online Worship Service:	108
Operating Funds Given	\$ 10,411
Building Preservation	\$ 320

July

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$ 351,841
Operating Expenses YTD	\$ 399,427
Balance	\$(47,586)

July

Annual Bld. Preserv. Receipts	\$ 25,706
Annual Bld. Preserv. Fund Exp.	\$ 27,491
Balance	\$ (1,785.00)

Apportionments are paid through July.

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

The service will be available Sunday starting at **4:00 pm**
This is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg>

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The Beauty of Grace

Looking for a way to honor or memorialize a loved one? Please consider placing an order for a memorial brick. You can pick up a brochure in the Welcome Center or order online at polarengraving.com/graceunitedmethodistchurch

Help Wanted-Ushers

We encourage volunteers to consider serving as ushers at the 8:30 a.m. service. Contact Robert High for more information, 910-395-2430, rshcch@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers Thank you to all who given altar flowers in honor or memory of someone this year! To make sure your donations get credited properly, please designate "for altar flower fund" in the memo line of your check, or let us know in the description line of an electronic payment. To sign up for future dedications, visit the flower chart in the Welcome Center.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Anthony, Elizabeth & Caroline Augustine	June Knox
Wayne Blalock	Michele Jones
Beth Bowers	Nancy Purdy and family
Gail and George Braun	Rod Roberts
Marie Dubel	Ray Sasser
family of Emily McCusker/Carole Ellis's granddaughter	Judy Siebold
Marie Dubel	Donna Sotello
John Eller	Barbara White
Carole Ellis	
Norman & Antoinette Harris	
Linda Hoover	
Carl Humphrey	
Larry Jennings	
Tom Jones	
Kathy Kipp	

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETN1 Anthony Augustine, USN	LCpl. Seth Mack, USMC
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	CDR Nicholas Madren, USN
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
Col. John Delaney, USA	SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
Ens. Elizabeth Downing, USN	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	Sgt. James Pritchett, USA
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	AB Michael Sloan, USAF
Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
SFC Letty Long, USA	Michael Tate, USA
SFC Woodrow Long, USA	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC
Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC	



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

Organ Fund established

In case you missed it, the Finance Committee has established an organ fund for the future replacement of our present organ console. According to the estimates of the three organ companies contacted for their assessments of our organ console, all three say that our present console has a projected future life of approximately 10 years. This should be ample time to prepare for the sizable investment of approximately \$150,000 to fund a new organ console when it is time to replace our current unit. Thanks to the Finance Committee for preparing for the future by establishing this fund and looking ahead to the financial needs of Grace Church.

-Tom Jones

UMW Visitation Team

This ministry was started several years ago to remain connected to UMW members who could no longer attend Grace. Today, our visitation team visits not just UMW members, but all women from Grace church. Our mission: Visit once per month, encourage conversation, and keep a connection to Grace.

Members are paired in teams of two and follow a schedule of who to connect with each month. It is a one-afternoon commitment per month. Visitors call ahead to schedule a date and time for the visit. Beautiful handmade cards and Upper Room devotional magazines are available to take on the visits. These are distributed each month at the daytime UMW meeting, or placed in the visitation box in the church office for pickup.

For many reasons, some of our faithful members have had to leave the team. **We are in need of some new members!**

Please prayerfully consider joining our group for this chance to bring your personality and gifts of service to these dear ladies who are often home bound or in a nursing facility. Please contact me or any of the UMW leadership team, for further information.

Blessings and thanks to all our team and new members! Pat Thomas: 910-791-2908 or email: clementine_17@yahoo.com.

Grace UMC Bus Trip, Friday, Oct. 28

The Narrowway Theater, Fort Mill, SC, presents the ultimate battle between good and evil in their production, "Lord of Light"! From Creation to Revelation, Lord of Light is an action-packed, one-of-a-kind portrayal of the unseen battle in heavenly realms. With aerial artists, stunning blacklight effects and sword-wielding angels and demons, this show is a physical representation of what happened spiritually during the three days Jesus was in the tomb. All Hell really does break loose in this sensational thriller!

Ticket prices for the production:

Adult with dinner (ages 19 - 54)	\$44.95
Senior with dinner (ages 55 and above)	\$42.95
Youth with dinner (thru age 18)	\$24.95

DINNER INCLUDES...

- Flame-roasted, parmesan barbecue chicken breast
- Garlic alfredo tortellini tossed in parmesan with toasted pumpkin seeds
- Fresh house salad with Italian dressing
- Warm breadstick
- Devil's food torte with angelic icing topped with raspberry sauce
- Iced tea or water

The church bus will depart Grace at 11:30 AM on Oct. 28 for our hotel in Fort Mill (TBD). Once we are checked in and settled, we will leave for the theater at 5:45 PM. Then at 6:30 pm, it's time for dinner and the theater! The next morning after breakfast (included in the price of the room), we will return to Grace.*

Tickets are on sale now. There is an additional discount for groups of 15 or more with advance purchase. The hotel stay will be around \$100, but we can obtain a group discount after we determine how many rooms are needed.

Please email Marvin Evans (gumctrustees1@gmail.com) if interested.

* The Billy Graham Library in Charlotte NC is currently undergoing a major renovation. Should that renovation be completed, we will spend a few hours there on Saturday morning and have lunch before returning to Grace. Admission to the library is free to the public! We were there on a previous trip and it is fantastic!

UMW to meet this week

Summer is coming to a close, school is reopening, and it is time for us to meet again. Come join us for our Thursday, September 1 meeting at 10:30. Our program entitled "Getting to Know You" will feature our new pastor Benney Oakes and his wife Monica. Coffee and light refreshments will be served during the meeting.

Come and bring a friend as we plan for a new year showing Love, Hope and Faith in action.

-Marie Allison

Event reminders

If you are having a meeting or event and you need to change the thermostat, please help us conserve energy by returning it back to the temperature at which it was set.

Also please schedule meetings through Ginny at Ginny@gracedowntown, so that she can coordinate the calendar properly and check the rooms to make sure they are ready.

September Birthdays

9/1	Tom Powers	9/15	Marie Allison	9/22	Marsella Teachey	9/30	Brian Stetson
9/5	Emily Booth		June Knox		Katie Stenerson		Nancy Pritchett
9/7	Nancy Bullock		Vicki Hutnick	9/23	Evelyn Stanley		
9/9	Emery Rasmussen	9/16	Cindy Henry	9/24	Beth Steelman		
	Jake Rasmussen	9/17	Ann Ipock	9/25	Everett Bruce Moore		
9/10	Brian Lewis		Fred Merritt		Frank Steele		
9/11	George Patterson	9/19	Joe Huppmann	9/27	Anne Wolling		
9/14	Dianna Florea	9/20	Mac Cunningham	9/28	Robert High		
	Nikki Howard		Julie Godwin	9/29	Renate Cooper		
			Larry Jennings		Rick Zigler		

- 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:** _____