



## Prayer Requests

Remember: Prayer Vigil daily at 12:00 noon

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Linda Adams	Alex Herd
Family of Bob Amos	Dick Hull
Betty Arnette	Eddie Jones
Family of Earl Ashe	Family of Bill Kearney
Heather Barham	Maria King
Chris Beahan	Ann Lassiter
Louise Berry	Rebecca Lee
Julie Bishop	Brian Long
Ann Booth	Joan Madren
Brice Borowicz	Troy McMahon
Robert Bowen	Heather Meyer
George Braun	Howard Mitchell
Marilyn Brown	Helen Morgan
Misty Chidester	Carolyn Pope
Erin Cissel	Jeffrey Powers
Greg & April Colburn	James Pritchett
Dale Cromartie	Carlson Rowe
Clarke Cummings	Mike & Gail St. Germain
Family of Alice Edwards	Barbara Schlagowsky
Kaye Gibbs	Family of Ellen Solomon
Sid Goode	Jim Teachey
Janice Gurganus	Tommy Walker
Hank	Kay Warren
Norman Harris	Christopher Wright
David Hash	

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

Maj. Jeffery Bernard, USA  
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC  
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC  
Maj. Tim Collins, USMC  
Col. John Delaney, USA  
E2 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN  
E5 William Chase Dubel, USA  
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF  
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN  
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC  
Maj. Jason T. Hill, USAF  
Cpl. Chase Krieg, USMC  
SFC Letty Long, USA  
SFC Woodrow Long, USA  
Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC  
CDR Nicholas Madren, USN  
PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA  
SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF  
Pvt. Steven Patterson  
LCDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN  
Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF  
Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC  
AB Michael Sloan, USAF  
Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC  
Michael Tate, USA  
E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

Also, please pray for:

- The demise of the coronavirus pandemic
- All medical personnel
- All those working with the public
- 12 noon Prayer Explosion

If you have a prayer request, please contact **Sandy Smith** at [sandysmithgrace@gmail.com](mailto:sandysmithgrace@gmail.com) or 910-233-0310.

## A Letter from Bishop Ward

Dear friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you all in the name of Jesus Christ.

As we approach Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, we yearn for gathering in the ways we have been accustomed. This pandemic year has called us into new ways of connecting, celebrating, and comforting one another.

The number of people directly impacted by COVID-19 continues to rise in dangerous ways. We urge your continued attention to the well-advised guidelines established by Governor Cooper.

Indoor gatherings are now advised to be less than ten persons in order to protect spreading of the virus. Our churches are religious bodies and could claim legal exemption from the Governor's guidelines. However, our love for our neighbors and our concern for their well-being leads us to urge restraint in gatherings.

The chilly weather today is a reminder that gathering outdoors will be more difficult in the months of winter. Virtual gatherings are a gift to us in this time, in order to do no harm.

We Methodists continue to embrace the mission of supporting public health, a part of the founding identity created by John Wesley and other of our forebears. We guard the health of our neighbor by doing simple but essential things: wearing masks, practicing physical distancing, and washing hands with vigilance.

Resources abound on [nccumc.org](http://nccumc.org) and conference staff and district superintendents are eager to support your ministry in any helpful way.

May Christ be with us all in these weeks of gratitude, hope, peace, joy, and love,



Bishop Hope Morgan Ward

### Family Promise Needs

Grace received this plea from Family Promise: *We are still in need of dinner deliveries for the week of Christmas (20th - 26th). Please remember, as our families are staying at the apartments right now due to COVID, we have a no-contact delivery system. We want to keep you and our families safe during this time!*

*We currently have two families. They expect the meal to be there at 6 pm, so meals can be delivered between 5-6 pm to coolers at the site. If you, your work team or church group would like to sign up please click on the Sign Up Genius below. What a wonderful way to give back during this season!*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054AACAB2DA2FF2-christmas>

*If you are unable to use the signup genius, please call Cicily at (910) 769-4730.*

Grace's next opportunity to feed the families will be the week of Valentine's Day, February 14-21. So grab your Valentine and sign up to bring some happiness to these families who find themselves homeless! You will feel so good and they will really appreciate it!

Contact Jane Spicer to reserve a date and for more information. [jdspicer@ec.rr.com](mailto:jdspicer@ec.rr.com) or 910-622-1211

### Catching Up on Missions at Grace

#### **From Mother Hubbard's Cupboard: To Members of Grace United Methodist Church:**

We offer profound thanks for your generous ongoing gifts of donations for diabetics. We are especially appreciative of this during this pandemic! It will help us to continue to provide food for low-income families in the Wilmington area. We are serving over 250 families each week! With Sincere Appreciation, Marie Cooke, Board Member

So how can you help? So happy you asked! Our partners are providing some great stuff, but we are unable to buy in bulk due to COVID restrictions at the stores. So there are some items always in need. Marie Cooke ([marievcooke@gmail.com](mailto:marievcooke@gmail.com)) has committed to being at the Cupboard on the 4th Fridays of every month from 11 am - 1 pm for donation drop offs at the 4th street door. If you can buy some of the seemingly always almost out items below or organize a food drive with people who are able to help - we will be sure the food makes it to those of our neighbors who continue to struggle to put healthy food on their tables.

- . brown rice
- . regular oatmeal
- . juice boxes
- . water
- . mac and cheese/rice-a-roni
- . toilet tissue
- . whole grain cereals
- . canned legume beans (navy, kidney, black)
- . healthy low sodium soups
- . bar soap

#### **ALSO.....**

- Please spread the word and send interested, healthy under 55 volunteers to our website:  
[motherhubbardsnc.org](http://motherhubbardsnc.org)
- Those who prefer may drop donations off at Grace UMC where they will also be picked up weekly.
- **Needed:** Paper bags with handles (grocery store type) in good condition. Plastic bags are not being used to hand out food at present.