

Grace Notes

December 4, 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, December 4

2nd Sunday in Advent /Holy Communion

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm Nativity Play and Chili Supper

Monday, December 5

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir/Cantata

Tuesday, December 6

- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir/Cantata

Wednesday, December 7

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:15 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir/Cantata

Thursday, December 8

- 9:30 am UMW Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 7:00 pm Basketball

Friday, December 9

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

Saturday, December 10

- 7:00 pm Cantata Rehearsal

Sunday, December 11

3rd Sunday in Advent

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Christmas Cantata
- 4:00 pm Choir Christmas Party

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 11/27/2022

In-person Worship Service:	
8:30 am	41
11:00 am	166
Online Worship Service:	
	114
Operating Funds Given	\$ 8,203
Building Preservation	\$ 550

October

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$ 516,758
Operating Expenses YTD	\$ 579,624
Balance	\$ (62,866)

October

Annual Bld. Preserv. Receipts	\$ 47,607
Annual Bld. Preserv. Fund Exp.	\$ 31,216
Balance	\$ 16,390

Apportionments are paid through October.

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



Luminaries available

Our youth will be selling luminaries this Christmas season for those who would like to honor someone special. We will display them during the Christmas Eve service. The cost is \$5.00 each, with all proceeds going towards their upcoming mission trip in July. For those who are interested, please come by the table in the Welcome Center. If you should have questions, please get in touch with Jada Martinez or email her at jada@gracedowntown.net.

Nativity Play today

Our Children & Youth program is presenting "The Nativity Play" with a Chili Dinner following. The play is on this afternoon (Dec. 4) at 5:00 pm. Donations will be accepted at the dinner and will benefit the youth mission trip in July 2023.



Parking reminders

On Sundays mornings, if you can't find parking in the church lot, please only use the main WF bank parking lot on Fourth St., until 2 pm, and not the bank side lots. We are not permitted to park there for other activities and services throughout the week. In addition, the city has been writing tickets during the week for those parking in our 15-minute loading zone and for those staying more than two hours in the 2-hour parking spaces along Grace and Fourth streets. If you are planning on staying more than two hours, we recommend you park in the grassy lot or in our main parking area off Walnut St. near the portico. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Time to return Angel Tree gifts

Thank you to all who have helped select Angels from the Angel Tree. All gifts should be returned today, Sunday, December 4. Please feel free to reach out to Grace UMC church member Regina Milihrum at 703-863-8461 with any questions or concerns you may have.

We hope you enjoy shopping for these special gifts, and that the experience brings you and the recipients Christmas joy.

The 225th Anniversary Ornaments have arrived!

Pick up your order between services (9:30-10:45 am) starting today, December 4th in the Welcome Center. The profits benefit the preservation of our beautiful church. Thank you for your support.

Prayer Requests

Don Addona
 Jim Alban
 Wayne Blalock
 Ibis Burnette
 Larry Burnette
 Family of Marie Dubel
 Margaret Falls
 Larry Florea
 Martin Ginocchio
 The Godwin family
 Family of Ruth Guthrie
 Mark Hansen
 Francis Hart
 Family of Carl Humphrey
 Family of Lori Jones

Debbie King
 Brian Little
 Sandy Miller
 Alexandria Oakley
 Carolyn Parker
 Aaron Swaney



Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETN1 Anthony Augustine, USN	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	LCpl. Seth Mack, USMC
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

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



Grace United Methodist Church

Chancel Choir

and orchestra

present

Night of the Father's Love

Christmas Cantata

by Pepper Choplin

Sunday, December 11 at 10:30 am
 401 Grace Street - Downtown Wilmington

Baby basket in Welcome Center

The Nurture Committee has created a beautiful baby basket to welcome one of the youngest additions to the Grace Church extended family. Kanan Paul Martinez was born to Jada and Sean Martinez on Sunday, October 23. As most of you know, Jada is our Director of Youth Ministries.

We invite you to place a useful baby item or gift card in the basket, located in the Welcome Center, which will be presented to the family in the next few weeks.



Gracelettes Annual Ornament Exchange

The Gracelettes Annual Ornament Exchange will be held on December 8th at 6:00 pm at 686 Coniston Dr. Bring a wrapped ornament and an appetizer or dessert to share.—Jess Phillips



Do you like to drive?

We are looking for a few Grace members, with a good driving record, and the ability to drive a 15-passenger bus, to serve on a rotating team to provide transportation for some of our members on Sundays. If you would like to serve the church in this capacity, please contact the trustees at their email: gumctrustees1@gmail.com for details and requirements.

It's a wonderful time of the year!

Are you looking for that perfect Christmas gift? How about a beautifully engraved brick in memory or in honor of a loved one. The bricks will be placed in the garden around the columns under the portico.

Brochures are available in the Welcome Center with ordering instructions or contact Karen Evans evans493@gmail.com, or Sally Barnes sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com with questions.

Wilmington Choral Society presents *Songs of the Season!*



With featured guest chorus from Cape Fear Academy—Alexa Skelly, director

Byron Marshall, conductor

Sheryl Tjon, collaborative pianist

Wednesday December 14, 2022 | 7:00pm | The Wilson Center, CFCC

Visit: wilsoncentertickets.com



Poinsettias



Today the bulletin contains special envelopes for donations to the Poinsettia Mission Project. Please use these envelopes to name a person or persons you wish to honor or memorialize on December 25, when the altar will be decorated with beautiful poinsettias. The names will be placed in the bulletin that day.

A donation of \$5 or more per name is suggested.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, December 16.