

Grace Notes

February 11, 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, February 11

Transfiguration Sunday

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

Monday, February 12

9:00 am Grace In Motion
10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
5:30 pm Basketball (youth)
6:30 pm SPRC mtg.
7:15 pm Chorale practice

Tuesday, February 13

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am Knitwerks @ Panera
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Finance mtg.
6:30 pm Basketball (youth)

Wednesday, February 14

10:00 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am Yoga
4:00 pm Organist Practice
5:30 pm Pancake Supper for Youth Mission
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday service
8:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 15

10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Basketball (Moore)

Friday, February 16

9:00 am Organist practice
9:00 am Grace in Motion

Saturday, February 17

9:00 am Chorale practice

Sunday, February 18

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00—6:00 pm WAVES

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 2/4/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 39
11:00 am 173
online 53

Operating Funds Given \$ 9,969
Budget receipts needed weekly \$ 15,635
Building Preservation Given \$ 220

Apportionments paid through December

January financial report

Building YTD Preservation Fund Receipts \$ 15,035
Building YTD Preservation Fund Expenses \$
Balance \$ 15,035

Budget YTD Receipts (Jan.) \$ 105,301
Expenses YTD (2024) \$ 64,805
Balance Receipts vs Expenses \$ 40,495

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

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

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Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

Sunday, February 11th No WAVES children and youth programming

Children's Program Valentine's party

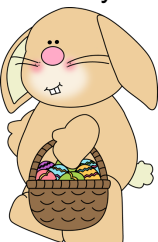
All children are welcome to join us for Sunday school in children's classroom on February 18th at 9:45am for a party with some treats and games!

Spring Festival & Easter Egg Hunt March 24th 4-6pm

Everyone is invited to come and join us for an afternoon of Easter activities to celebrate the season! We will have 5 separate indoor egg hunts by age groups. During the event we will be serving pizza starting at 4pm until we run out. In addition to egg hunts and food, we will have games, face painting and crafts for all to enjoy. We hope to see you there and please invite family and friends to join you!

We need volunteers for this event to help make it possible. We will need greeters, those willing to serve food, and assistance with crafts and games! If you feel called to volunteer, please contact Kelsey Keenan at (910) 599-5290 or Kelsey@gracedowntown.net

Any candy, plastic eggs, and small toy donations are appreciated and there will be a basket in the Welcome Center!



"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY SALE

This Sunday, February 11th, is not just Super Bowl Sunday, it is the UWF's annual "Souper" Bowl Sunday Soup Sale.



This year we have had to raise the price of the soup, due to the increase in the cost of ingredients to \$12 per quart, and the cornbread to \$2 per package of 4 pieces.

Be sure to come early and pick out your choice of soups. We have quite a variety of soup and of course, a limited amount of cornbread.

UWF appreciates your continued support of our missions.

Pancake Supper for mission trip

The youth will be holding a pancake supper on Ash Wednesday, starting at 5:30. All are invited to come out and help support sending our youth on their summer mission trip. There will be a donation box and proceeds will go toward the trip. Thank you for all you do in supporting our youth. For any questions, please contact Jada Martinez.



Prayer Requests

Donna Atkins	Barbara Oldroyd
Garland Atkins	Lucy Peoples
Dan Barnes	Joan Pence
Lindsey Brown	Bill Perks
Family of Patricia Chickering	Carolyn Stokley
Bonnie Gallagher	Mary Tyndall
Family of Kitty Hargett	Brian Ullrich
Greyson	Sue VanNote
Roxann Lansdowne	Becky Whisnant
Maxine LeFever	Jeff Wilson
Family of Jennifer Martin	Stephanie Woodward
Judy McCarthy	Caregivers everywhere
Tom McCarthy	Unspoken, in our hearts
Kristi Midgett	War –torn Countries

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

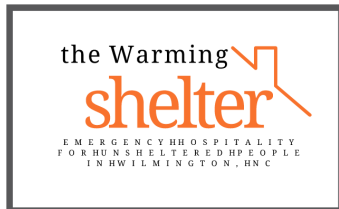
ETN1 Anthony Augustine, USN	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Col. John Delaney, USA	SSgt. James Pritchett, USA
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Michael Tate, USA
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	
Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF	



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

Dear ALL at Grace UMC,

On behalf of myself and The Warming Shelter lead team, we want to sincerely express our gratitude and appreciation for hosting our initiative in the gymnasium of Grace UMC. Your hospitality enabled us to shelter 140 of Willmington's 550 unhoused citizens on life-threatening cold nights.



Our guest numbers were up 30% from last year speaking to the increased number of homeless folks in our city who are unable to access shelter due to the recent closing to Salvation Army shelter in May 2023, Good Shepherd at max capacity and the loss of housing and jobs due to Covid and other local circumstances.

During our recent six nights of shelter we had 150+ volunteers from all over our city, love and serve our neighbors in need. Representatives of all faith denominations, non-profit organizations, businesses and concerned citizens gave of their time and resources to support our effort. In seven days we raised over \$25,000 and much more in in-kind giving in the form of supplies and food.

The culmination of our collaborative efforts was celebrated during Sunday worship with many of our guests who sat in the pews of the sanctuary - a true "Heaven on Earth" experience! Where no person is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free... but all are one in Christ Jesus. Amen!

We realize that serving this most vulnerable population is sometimes messy, slow and hard work, but we deeply feel called to love and serve this population of God's precious children and are grateful for partners who are committed to the work of restoration.

This effort is how we remember, work for and celebrate our Communion Liturgy together:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him

to preach good news to the poor,

to proclaim release to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

and to announce that the time had come

when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

Praying for our ongoing work, collaboration and service in union with Grace and our Lord.

In Love and Service, Meg McBride

Cinderella's Closet fundraising gala Feb. 23rd

It's not too late to sign up for the Roaring 20's Gala to make a meaningful impact for Cinderella's Closet. Sponsors and raffle items are needed to make this evening a success. Or, to register, sign up via Square: \$75 each person or \$125 per couple. All proceeds will go towards our 2024 prom shopping event, so sign up soon.

Email cinderellasclosetilm@gmail.com or message us on Facebook if you are interested and would like more information. You may also contact April Lester, Alicia Powell, Hope Inman or Julie Crow. A poster with more information is available in the Welcome Center.

Methodist Home for Children collection

The UWF has an on-going mission for Methodist Home for Children. We will be collecting gently used or new items of clothing, shoes, socks, and especially sport shoes. We heard last month from Regina Hawes, the clothing allowance for each child is \$125 per year. If you have children in sports, you know that shoes can blow the entire allowance.

Please go through your children's closet and remember our other children in need. There is a bin in the Welcome Center marked Methodist Home for Children. Thank you.

Sunset Park Elementary Year-end Book Drive

We are collecting books for grade levels K – 5 so that we can give every child at SP Elementary a book at the end of the school year. We will need around 450 books.

Where to get books: look around your house, go to consignment stores, Amazon, Dollar General and Walmart types of stores, and local libraries that sell children's books. We will be collecting through April.

Where to drop off: a collection box is located in the Welcome Center.

Many of these children do not have books at home.

Thank you for helping us reach this goal.

—Jane and Charlie Carrico

Thank you from Mother Hubbard's Cupboard!

Thank you for continuing to help Mother Hubbard's Cupboard keep their shelves stocked. Volunteers take donations from Grace to MHC every Wednesday and Saturday.

February's focus is on bottles of **Juice** for families (any size, any flavor), as well as **Juice Boxes or Pouches** for individuals. Juices are the first item to run out each week. Vanilla and chocolate Boost and Ensure continue to be requested by most individuals who have no shelter in which to live. As usual, **toilet paper** is always welcome.