

# Grace Notes

February 12, 2023

## 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 12

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Souper Bowl Sunday
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am New Member Conversations
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service

#### Monday, February 13

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 1:30 am Caregivers Support
- 5:00 pm Lion Heart basketball
- 6:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 14—Happy Valentines Day

- 9:00 am Organist practice
- 9:00 am Bible book club
- 9:30 am Knitwerx @ Panera
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 7:00 pm Lion Heart basketball

#### Wednesday, February 15

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:15 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 6:30 pm SPRC Mtg
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, February 16

- 9:00 am Harbor District Clergy Mtg & lunch
- 5:30 pm Coastal Buds "Down to Cook"
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Basketball
- 6:30 pm Admin Sub-committee Mtg.

#### Friday, February 17

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

#### Saturday, February 18

#### Sunday, February 19

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am New Member Conversations
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm WAVES

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### Want to go see "Moses?"

Interested in going on a bus trip to Lancaster, PA to see "Moses" at the Sight & Sound Theater? This would be a full day of travel on a Friday and returning on a Sunday. Right now, we are looking around April 28-30. If you are interested, please email gumctrustees1@gmail.com so we can start figuring out the logistics and move forward with the details.

### It is almost Souper Bowl Soup time again!

Today (February 12) from 9:30 - 12:30 UMW (recently changed to United Women of Faith UWF) will again be selling their delicious soups and cornbread. There will be a variety of soups to choose from and take home. Be sure to come early for the best selection! Soup is \$10 for a quart; cornbread (four pieces or four muffins) is \$2. Your dinner will be ready so you can relax and watch the game. Funds raised from this sale go to help further missions throughout the year.



### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 2/05/2023

In-person Worship Service:	8:30 am	38
	11:00 am	177
Online Worship Service:		102
Operating Funds Given	\$	9,665
Av. Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	13,912
Building Preservation Given	\$	1,060

#### January

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$	104,272
Operating Expenses YTD	\$	55,629
Balance	\$	48,642

#### January

Annual Bld. Preserv. Receipts	\$	14,650
Annual Bld. Preserv. Fund Exp.	\$	-
Balance	\$	14,650

Apportionments are paid through January.

### 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>

### Grace United Methodist Church

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Give through Paypal at our website or Square

by using this QR Code.

(point your phone camera at the box and click on the link that appears).



### T-shirt fundraiser

The Youth are kicking off their T-shirt fundraiser. The shirts cost \$20 and will be sold as pre-orders. If interested in purchasing one, please fill out your information at the Youth table located in the Welcome Center. The sale will continue until the end of March. Please contact Jada Martinez at Jada@gracedowntown.net if you have any questions.

### Share your testimony

The youth have expressed interest in hearing testimonies from members of the Grace. If you would be interested in sharing your testimony during the Sunday school hour with the Youth, please contact Jada Martinez at Jada@gracedowntown.net. They would love to hear it!

### Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper planned

The Youth will be hosting a pancake supper at 6 pm on Ash Wednesday, February 22 to help raise funds for their mission trip to Pennsylvania. If you would like to participate please RSVP on the form located in the Welcome Center. Thank you for all you do to support the youth.

## Prayer Requests

Jim Alban	Tom Namey
Dave Appert	Gary Rowe
Jean Bullock	Melissa Sesi
Judith Crawford	Sterling Smith
Michael Cupps	Bill Shaw
Sterling Foster	Jerry Smith
Sam & Holly Going	Mac Starke
Family of Frances Hart	Beth Stuber and family
Tom Jackson	Aaron Swaney
Megan Long	David Ward
Frank Michaels	Don Wofford

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](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).



### Bible in A Year Book study: This week's Scriptures & Videos...

Feb. 12 Psalm 43; Numbers 11-13; read [Old Rituals and New Realities](#)  
 Feb. 13 Psalm 44; Numbers 14-16  
 Feb. 14 Psalm 45; Numbers 17-18  
 Feb. 15 Psalm 46; Numbers 19-21  
 Feb. 16 Psalm 47; Numbers 22-24  
 Feb. 17 Psalm 48; Numbers 25-27  
 Feb. 18 Psalm 49; Numbers 28-30



It's never too late to start! Find the whole plan and additional links at <https://bibleproject.com>. You are encouraged to share your thoughts with each other or send us a note and let us know how it is going.

### Migrant Worker Kits

It's time! Time for the UMW (UWF) to make and assemble the Migrant Worker Kits. This ministry, which is an important phase of our outreach, provides bags to North Carolina migrant workers. These drawstring bags are made from one yard of heavy fabric and contain personal toiletries for the workers. Many of these workers arrive with nothing, so these toiletries are certainly needed and appreciated. The migrant workers are in this country legally. Everyone must be here legally to be allowed to participate in the migrant program. These are the people that pick our food. Below you will find a list of items that are needed to put in the bags. There will be a container in the Welcome Center for you to place your items. There will be a list of items needed on the easel by the bin. We hope to have some bags made in the bin, so if you would like to fill a bag, please take one. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, we will be happy to do the shopping for you. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna Florea at (910) 398-8790.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Single package toothbrushes with container</li> <li>● Toothpaste</li> <li>● Dental floss</li> <li>● Soap and plastic soap container with lid</li> <li>● New bath towel</li> <li>● New washcloth</li> <li>● Disposable razors</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hand (body lotion)</li> <li>● Shampoo</li> <li>● Comb and hair brush</li> <li>● Safety pins</li> <li>● Band-aids (reg. size strips)</li> <li>● Metal nail file</li> <li>● Deodorant</li> </ul> |
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### Reflections On My Snapshot of Poverty, Fall 2022

**By Duckie Dawkins** (Editor's note, we will continue Duckie's story over the next few weeks. We're continuing this week with Duckie's experiences with the "poverty simulation.")

...What is it like to live on the street? I want to understand so that I can help more. During my poverty simulation I was with seven wonderful young adults who automatically helped each other from the beginning. Community, or at least having one friend, is important on the street. You don't know what to expect. There are no walls, no doors to lock out harm. You're exposed to stray animals and people who have no care for humanity.

I know someone who was beaten as he slept on a public bench by young men leaving a concert at the Live Oak Pavilion downtown. I know people who have been stabbed or shot. There are people with mental health issues not on their medication, people who prey on others and people whose behaviors change when intoxicated or high. I know someone who ended up with a traumatic brain injury after a verbal altercation with a young man he knew. This young man was kind when sober but cruel when intoxicated. The young man knocked him out, then kicked and stomped on his head until he thought he was dead. It can be rough. (to be continued...)

### Looking ahead: Ash Wednesday and Lent coming up

- | Ash Wednesday, February 22: 6 pm pancake supper, 7 pm worship
- | Sunday, February 26, Nurture Open House 5-6 pm more details to come
- | Sunday, March 12, Nurture Potluck after worship
- | Sunday, March 26, next Social Graces groups kick off
- | Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday/Holy Week
- | Thursday, April 6, 7 pm Maundy Thursday service
- | Friday, April 7, 7 pm Good Friday service
- | Easter Sunday, April 9, worship at 8:30 and 11 am

