

Grace Notes

February 16, 2025

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 16

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

Monday, February 17

9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
1:30 pm Caregivers Support
5:00 pm Trustees Mtg
7:00 pm Basketball (Peyton)
7:15 pm Chorale

Tuesday, February 18

9:00 am Organist rehearsal
9:00 am Tara Lain, one-on-one mtgs
5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, February 19

10:00 am Yoga
10:00 am UWF Leadership meeting
2:00 pm Organist Practice
5:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 20

5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:45 pm Basketball (Moore)

Friday, February 21

9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
9:00 am Organist rehearsal

Saturday, February 22

Sunday, February 23

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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 2/9/2025

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 32
11:00 am 164

Online service: 55

Operating Funds Given \$ 29,681
Average receipts needed weekly \$ 17,671
Building Preservation Given \$ 720

Apportionments paid through February

January financial report

Building YTD Preserv. Fund Rcpts. \$ 6,515
Building YTD Preserv. Fund Exp. \$ 0
Balance \$ 6,515

Budget YTD Receipts \$ 69,641
Expenses YTD (2025) \$ 68,126
\$ 1,516

Thank you for your gifts and faithfulness

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

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

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Use the QR code at right.



Or text: MyGift2Grace to 73256

Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

These Forty Days...

“Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.” (UMH, #269, v. 1, “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”)

Ash Wednesday begins the forty-day Lenten season of prayer, fasting, and walking nearer to Jesus, as we follow him. Lent prepares us for the journey toward Holy Week, – to the cross and the empty tomb – as we notice Jesus’s life, death, and resurrection is the salvation we could not have expected or dreamt, if it were not for a God who loves us so desperately.

Join us at Grace UMC for worship on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the sanctuary. Also, plan to join us for supper beforehand at 5:30 p.m., in the Bullock Activity Center (gymnasium), where the Grace UMC Youth will host a pancake supper (donations encouraged). Proceeds from the supper will go toward the youth mission trip to western North Carolina in June.

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025
5:30 p.m. - Youth Pancake Supper in the Bullock Activity Center (gym)

7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday
Worship in the Sanctuary



Pastor Jamie is leading a Lenten Book Study and Discussion Group

Who is invited?

Anyone interested in learning more about what it means to build community, and in discerning how God might be calling the church forward in ministry and mission in our neighborhood (in homelessness and beyond).

What book?

Building Belonging: The Church’s Call to Build Community and House Our Neighbors
by Rev. John Cleghorn

Where and when will we meet?

At Grace UMC in the Bible Classroom on the following days and times:

Sunday, March 2 5:00-6:30 pm

Sunday, March 16 5:00-6:30 pm

Sunday, March 30 5:00-6:30 pm

Sunday, April 13 5:00-6:30 pm

If you'd like to join, buy the book on your own and read the first chapter before our gathering on March 2.

Sending Thanks and Appreciation

Thank you all so much for your prayers, cards, meals and wonderful support from my recent medical issues. I truly couldn't have gotten through it all without everyone's love and kindness.

—Jean Starke

Dot Ballard	Suzy McPherson
Joyce Blauvelt	Bill Perks
Sherry Boyette	Family of Paul Plishka
Emily Bradley	Paul Sipson
Ethan Carter	Jean Starke
George & Jane Ferguson	Catherine Thompson
Mike Huxley	Dan Walters
Dennis Ihnat	Family of John Watson (brother of Judy Smith)
Kimberly, Colleen, & Izzy Fagan	Dean & Sue Windgassen
Jennifer	
Maria King	War-torn countries
Kathy Kipp	Those affected by natural disasters
Delaine Lester	Grace UMC staff
Linda's mother	

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN	Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF
PO1 Sean Baker, USN	SFC Letty Long, USA
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	SSgt. James Pritchett, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	Sgt. Andrew Ross, USMC
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	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.

The Beauty of Grace Memorial Bricks

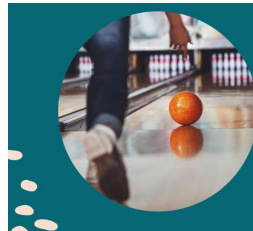
Looking for a way to honor or memorialize a loved one? Please consider placing an order for a memorial brick. You can pick up a brochure in the Welcome Center or order online at polarengraving.com/graceunitedmethodistchurch

We plan to submit the next order as soon as we have a few more requests (a minimum order is needed to place an order). Please email Ginny at ginny@gracedowntown.net in the office so she knows it will be coming and let her know if you have placed your order online.

Thank you! This project raises funds for the beautification of the grounds.

Memorial Garden access

The Memorial Garden is temporarily closed. For admission, contact the church office.
—Jim Tyndall, Chair, Memorial Garden



Family Fun Day February 23rd at Cardinal Lanes Bowling Alley Immediately following second service!

RSVP with Kelsey Keenan by February 21st

Cinderella's Closet 2025 Prom Shopping Events

We are excited to announce that the 2025 Cinderella's Closet prom shopping events will be on Friday, February 28th and Saturday, March 1st and again on Friday, March 21st and Saturday, March 22nd. These events serve students in New Hanover and surrounding counties that are going to their schools' prom but need assistance with the perfect prom outfit. In order to make these events a success, we need the help of the ladies of Grace! Volunteering only takes two hours and there are many different types of opportunities available - **Fairy Godmothers** to help find a dress, **greeters** to check in our princesses, **dress rackers** to keep everything moving and as always, we need seamstresses to do very minor alterations (straps and hems). We also can use support leading up to the events getting our rooms in order and supplying treats for students and their families. Please use the QR code to sign up to help at one of our events:



If you have any questions: please reach out to Hope Inman at 646-202-3520 or cinderellasclosetilm@gmail.com.

Grace choir members to sing at a Hymn Festival

Grace's Chancel Choir has been invited to participate in a "We Believe" Hymn Festival with St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Adult Choir on Sunday afternoon, **February 23, 4 p.m.**, at **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church**, 612 S. College Rd. Paul Soulek, is the guest organist.

Paul Soulek is cantor and director of music at St. John Lutheran Church and School in Seward, where he provides many opportunities for students to develop and use their musical skills in worship services and music classrooms. At Concordia he directs the Male Chorus and teaches courses in arranging, church music and applied organ.



His compositions for organ are published by Concordia Publishing House. Soulek earned a Bachelor of Music in church music from Concordia University, Nebraska, in 2007 and a Master of Church Music from Concordia University Chicago in 2015. He serves the church at large as cantor for Higher Things, a Lutheran youth organization, and as cantor for spiritual care retreats sponsored by Doxology, the Lutheran center for spiritual care and counsel.

Please check at least one box.

- Would like to join Grace United Methodist Church.
 - Need Grace UMC name tag(s).
- Change of address, phone number, or email.
 - Need a new name badge.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____