

Grace Notes

February 23, 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 23

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Children and Family bowling
4:30 pm Youth

Monday, February 24

9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
7:00 pm Basketball (Peyton)
7:15 pm Chorale

Tuesday, February 25

9:00 am Organist rehearsal
5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, February 26

2:00 pm Organist Practice
5:00 pm Lion Heart BB
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 27

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

Friday, February 28

9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
9:00 am Organist rehearsal
4:00 pm Cinderella's Closet Shopping
(by appointment)

Saturday, March 1

9:00 am Chancel Choir
9:00 am Cinderella's Closet shopping
(by appointment)

Sunday, March 2

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
4:30 pm Youth
5:00 pm Lenten Study with Pastor Jamie

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 2/16/2025

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 33
11:00 am 153

Online service: 76

Operating Funds Given \$ 7,040
Average receipts needed weekly \$ 17,671
Building Preservation Given \$ 310

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](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, following him into Jerusalem. 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, on March 5, at 7:00 pm, in the sanctuary. Also, plan to join us for supper beforehand at 5:30 pm, 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.

**Ash Wednesday, March 5,
2025**

**5:30 pm - Youth Pancake
Supper** in the Bullock Activity
Center (gym)

**7:00 pm - 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.

Save the Date for the next Young at Heart outing

Our next Young at Heart trip is to the city of New Bern, full of culture and history. We will tour the Tryon Palace and gardens along with the birthplace of the Pepsi-Cola Company. Trip cost is \$30 per person. We will stop for lunch also. Each person is responsible for their own lunch.

Details: Sat. March 15—Meet at 9:30 am in the Church parking Lot. Sign up will be posted on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

Prayer Requests

Dot Ballard	
Joyce Blauvelt	Family of Paul Plishka
Sherry Boyette	Paul Sipson
Emily Bradley	Jean Starke
Ethan Carter	Catherine Thompson
George & Jane Ferguson	Dan Walters
Mike Huxley	Dean & Sue Windgassen
Dennis Ihnat	Laura Witherington
Jennifer	Grace UMC staff, Warming shelter volunteers and staff
Maria King	Those whose lives are affected by natural disasters
Kathy Kipp	War-torn countries
Linda's mother	
Suzy McPherson	
Bill Perks	

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.



Memorial Garden access

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

Hymn Festival today!

Grace's Chancel Choir will participate in a "We Believe" Hymn Festival with St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Adult Choir this afternoon (2/23).
4 pm **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church**
612 S. College Rd.
Paul Soulek, is the guest organist.

Divine Grace Women's Group February Social

When: Thursday, February 27th, 6:00 pm
Where: Rucker John's Restaurant
5564 Carolina Beach Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28412

Please RSVP by February 25th to Mary Tyndall
Mary@gracedowntown.net to secure an accurate headcount for the restaurant. See you then!

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.

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.

MHC lends a helping hand! Needed:

- ◆ Travel size personal hygiene items (soap/body wash, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors,
- ◆ Feminine hygiene products (all sizes)
- ◆ Grocery size paper bags with handles
- ◆ Plastic grocery bags
- ◆ Reusable durable grocery bags

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard sends thanks. More than 500 people were served the first week in February! Your donations continue to make a difference each week, especially when our supplies become very low.

March Birthdays

3/1	David Vaughan Helen Monk	3/9	Jamie Thompson Jill Kwasniewski	3/16	Martha Wofford	3/27	Abby Oakes
3/3	Jane Spicer	3/10	Heddy Reichardt	3/17	Pat Thomas	3/28	Henry Cichoracki
3/5	Grace Anne Dunmire Amanda Ladd Barbara Jackson	3/10	Joan Telmanik	3/18	Nathan Upton		Benny Oakes
	Jeanne Thomasson	3/11	Anne Lewis Elizabeth Jones	3/18	Wallace Riddle	3/29	Preston Olinger
3/6	Sue Flora Sarah Voulgaris	3/12	Hailey Oakes	3/20	Jamie Cline Mike Mabee		Sarah Layton
3/7	Katie Mintz Jill Chidester Jane Carrico	3/13	Ross Inman Laura Witherington		Meredith Ross	3/30	David Brogan
		3/14	Adelynn Upton	3/22	Jen Stenerson	3/31	Neil Stuber
		3/14	Ed Hickmon	3/23	Charlie Carrico		Susan Murphy
		3/15	Judy Holden	3/24	Bev McDow		
				3/26	Will Lindsey		