

Grace Notes

February 2, 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 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

Monday, February 3

9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
6:00 pm Special Olympics dance class
7:00 pm Chorale practice
7:00 pm Basketball (Peyton)

Tuesday, February 4

9:00 am Organist rehearsal
9:00 am Bible Class with Pastor Benny
10:30 am United Women in Faith
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Admin Council

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

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

Friday, February 7

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

Saturday, February 8

Sunday, February 9

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

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Memorial Garden access

The Memorial Garden is temporarily closed. For admission, contact the church office.

—Jim Tyndall, Chair, Memorial Garden

Columbus County Storm Response

Grace UMC is organizing a storm response mission trip to Columbus County on February 15th. We will meet in Leland around 8:30 and then head to our mission work site, which will likely be along the US-74/76 corridor between Riegelwood and Bolton. We will be performing clean-up work which can range from muck out to tarping roofs of mobile homes. We should be wrapping up by 4:30. Minimum age to participate is 16 (with a parent) or 18 (without a parent). You do not need to be ERT-trained to participate. Everyone will need health insurance coverage. Having a current TDAP inoculation (within the last 10 years) is strongly recommended. Please contact John Chickering (john@chickering.net) by February 8th.

Appreciation expressed from Sunset Park

Thank you to all the volunteers for their continued involvement. I am proud and happy to share that the volunteering program has successfully expanded this year to include 14 teachers and over 250 positively impacted students, many of whom are generously supported by the Grace United Methodist Church community. We are grateful for your efforts. Best wishes always.

Sincerely,

Vincenzo Ruggiero
Interim Assistant Principal
Sunset Park Elementary

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 1/26/2025

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 39
11:00 am 163

Online service: 56

Operating Funds Given \$ 34,250
Average receipts needed weekly \$ 15,362
Building Preservation Given \$ 3,755

Apportionments paid through December

December financial report

Building YTD Preserv. Fund Rcpts. \$ 47,817
Building YTD Preserv. Fund Exp. \$ 32,285
Balance \$ 15,531

Budget YTD Receipts \$ 641,118
Expenses YTD (2024) \$ 750,981
(\$109,863)

Thank you for your gifts and faithfulness

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

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

Grace United Methodist Church

401 Grace Street
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910.763.5197; Fax 910.763.4108
website: gracedowntown.church

Use the QR code at right.



Or text: MyGift2Grace to 73256

Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

UWF Meeting for Tuesday, February 4th

Our next United Women in Faith meeting is Tuesday, February 4th at 10:30 am in the Bullock Center. Faye Rubinson has graciously volunteered to provide refreshments. Our speaker is Kathy Gates from Pink House of Hope. They provide retreats for breast cancer patients and their families.

Please plan to attend. It is a great time to have fellowship with others and learn about the mission of the Little Pink House.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Yes, it is almost time for the annual UWF fundraiser, Souper Bowl Sunday, February 9th! We will have many varieties of soups available for sale by the quart and you may also purchase delicious cornbread to go with it. Please support our soup sale. The proceeds from this sale will benefit the many missions we support. Thank you.



Next Parents Night Out, February 13th

Drop your child off with the amazing Nursery staff here at Grace and enjoy a night to yourself! This month's "Parents Night Out" will be February 13th from 5-8 pm and we provide dinner for the cost of \$5 per child. Activities and entertainment for the kids from infancy through elementary age are planned. Other upcoming Spring dates are: March 20th, April 10th and May 8th.

If you pack their PJs, we will have them ready to go to bed upon pick up! Please RSVP to Kelsey so there is plenty of food and supplies ready— Kelsey Keenan (910) 599-5290.

Prayer Requests

Dot Ballard	Delaine Lester
Joyce Blauvelt	Susan McPherson
Sherry Boyette	Bill Perks
Emily Bradley	Paul Plishka
Ethan Carter	Jean Stark
George & Jane Ferguson	Catherine Thompson
Mike Huxley	Dan Walters
Dennis Ihnat	Family of John Watson (brother of Judy Smith)
Emily Bradley	Dean & Sue Windgassen
Kimberly, Colleen & Izzy Fagan	Caregivers everywhere
Maria King	Unspoken, in our hearts
Mike King	Those affected by natural disasters
Kathy Kipp	War-torn countries

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.**



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.

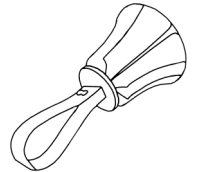
Chili cook-off contest!

Inner Grace families, please join us for a chili contest (winner will be based on receiving most votes for best tasting chili— NOT how much one can eat).

Event will be at the home of Beka and Dave Vaughan, 1301 Potomac Ct, Wilmington, NC 28411, Saturday, February 15, at 6 pm. Bring your best chili and/or a side, dessert, or appetizer to share, and beverage of your choice. Lemonade will be provided. RSVP: Beka Vaughan at 910-231-5502 or beka.vaughan@gmail.com.

Plea of the Bells

Hark! How the bells,
Sweet brassy bells
All seem to say,
Please help us play!



Grace Ringers Needs You!

Would YOU serve as a member of the Bell Squad?

This team will set up on the Monday morning before the last Sunday of the month, and strike (take down) the handbell equipment at an appointed time (TBD) when the Grace Ringers plays for the 11 a.m. worship service.

The team will be trained.

If you have questions and/or would like to participate as a member of the Bell Squad, please contact Jerry Cribbs, Director of Music Ministries via email (jerry@gracedowntown.net) or text (910.233.2423) as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of serving Grace UMC and the music ministries in this way.

Altar Flowers chart needs sponsors

The 2025 Altar flower chart is now posted in the Welcome Center. Sign up for one side or both. Cost is currently \$50 per side paid to Grace UMC. Please write "Altar Flowers" in the memo line when providing payment (mail or drop in the collection plate). There are plenty of openings for the new year, and we particularly need sign-ups for February and March. Thank you for helping us provide fresh altar flowers each Sunday. You may include a note or send an email with your dedication



NC Disaster Response Team returns

The team deployed to Western NC came back safely on Wednesday evening. Look for pictures and highlights of the trip in upcoming Enews and Facebook posts.



February Birthdays

2/1 Jessica Wilson	2/10 Jenny Colvard	2/16 Brenna Keenan	2/18 Kris Florea
2/2 Mike Burrous	2/11 Jerry Cribbs	Don Bowers	Asher Wilson
2/4 Amy Holcomb	2/12 Betty Hooten	Marv Rowe	Mike Toothman
2/5 Maxine LeFever	2/14 Virginia Skillman	2/17 Lisa Dawkins	2/19 Jess Phillips
2/7 Justin Phillips	Don Cole	Blanche Powell	2/20 Ron Moore
			2/26 Mamie Hutnick