

Grace Notes

February 4, 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 4

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

Monday, February 5

9:00 am Grace In Motion
10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
1:30 pm Caregivers Support
5:30 pm Basketball (youth)
7:15 pm Chorale practice

Tuesday, February 6

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:00 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Basketball (youth)

Wednesday, February 7

10:00 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am Yoga
4:00 pm Worship Committee
4:00 pm Organist Practice
4:30 pm Basketball Lionheart
6:00 pm Basketball Youth
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 8

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

Friday, February 9

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

Sunday, February 10

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 1/28/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	53
11:00 am	198
online	99

Operating Funds Given	\$	6,792
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	15,635
Building Preservation Given	\$	325

Apportionments paid through December

December financial report

Building YTD Preservation Fund Receipts	\$	138,017
Building YTD Preservation Fund Expenses	\$	278,662
Balance	\$	(135,273)

Budget YTD Receipts (Dec.)	\$	728,695
Expenses YTD (2023)	\$	689,315
Balance Receipts vs Expenses	\$	39,380

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

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

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Range Anxiety

Recently, I asked one of Jesus's modern day disciples, Bill Booth, what does following Jesus mean to you as a member of Grace UMC. He responded with this short piece, entitled, "Range Anxiety."

With the advent of electric cars, many of us have been introduced to a new phrase, "range anxiety". "Range anxiety" refers to the fear that electric car drivers have that their car battery may not have enough electric charge to take them all the way to their destination or to the nearest charging station.

As Christians we may sometimes have range anxiety about our faith, ... is our faith strong enough to take us all the way to our destination? This is why I view my church as my "spiritual charging station". Part of the reason that I attend church is to recharge my faith. The fellowship, music, scripture, teaching, and worship with a group of people who believe as I do gives me a spiritual boost. With that periodic recharging, I am confident that my faith can take my earthly life all the way to my destination.

If you have doubts of any kind, maybe you just need a "recharge." Church can be your recharging station. See you in church on Sunday.

I told Bill that his story reminds me of the beginning of Paul's letter to the church in Rome. Romans 1:11-12 says, "For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine." Paul's desire and his reason for writing the letter is encouragement in the faith, both his and their faith.

May you be encouraged and recharged in the faith as you gather with the body of Christ here at Grace and also know that your very presence is an encouragement to someone else's faith.

+Benny

