

Grace Notes

February 5, 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 5

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

Monday, February 6

9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
1:30 am Caregivers Support
5:00 pm Lion Heart basketball

Tuesday, February 7

9:00 am Organist practice
9:00 am *no Bible book club this week*
10:30 am UMW
5:30 pm Bootcamp
7:00 pm Lion Heart basketball

Wednesday, February 8

10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:15 am Yoga
4:00 pm Organist Practice
4:00 pm Worship Committee mtg.
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 9

5:30 pm Coastal Buds "Down to Cook"
5:30 pm Boot Camp
6:30 pm Basketball
6:30 pm Admin Ad Hoc Committee Mtg.

Friday, February 10

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

Saturday, February 11

3:00 pm baby shower

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
5:00 pm WAVES

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 1/29/2023

In-person Worship Service:	8:30	37
	11:00 am	160
Online Worship Service:		59
Operating Funds Given	\$	9,874
Building Preservation	\$	390

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>

A separate video of the Christmas Cantata is also available there to watch or share.

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UMW Meeting and News

The next monthly meeting of the United Methodist Women (UMW) will be on **Tuesday, February 7** in the gym. All women are invited; come and bring a friend! We will begin gathering at 10:15; the meeting will begin promptly at 10:30 am and end by noon. Refreshments are provided by our members. Our speaker is Yasmin Tompkinson, the executive director of the Cape Fear Literacy Council. Yasmin is passionate about the work of the CFLC and is sure to inspire you. Our mission project for the month is collecting diapers (infant and adult) for the Diaper Bank. You may bring a package of diapers to the meeting or place them in the bin in the Welcome Center. (This mission project is open to the entire congregation, not just UMW.)

It is almost Souper Bowl Soup time again!

On Super Bowl Sunday (February 12) from 9:30 - 12:30 UMW 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 the UMW Missions throughout the year.

Are you interested in joining or learning more about Grace?

New Member Conversations with Pastor Benny, starts today (2/5), February 12 and 19 during the Sunday School hour, from 9:45 - 10:25 am. It will be held in the **Parlor**. The Parlor is located in the lower hallway around the corner as you are heading to the Music Suite. (Or, ask an usher).

The purpose of the group's three sessions is UMC education, Grace UMC education, and connecting to the life and ministries of Grace UMC/Wilmington community. To sign up or if you have questions, please call or text Anne Dale.

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 Jackson
Dave Appert	Megan Long
Dan Barnes	Frank Michaels
Margaret Batchelor	Tom Namey
Bryant Bilodeau	Gary Rowe
Debbie Condi	Melissa Sesi
Judith Crawford	Sterling Smith
Michael Cupps	Bill Shaw
Sterling Foster	Mac Starke
Sam & Holly Going	Family of Beth Stuber
Family of Frances Hart	Aaron Swaney
	David Ward

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.



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

Feb. 5 Psalm 36; Leviticus 19-20; watch Torah Series: Leviticus
 Feb. 6 Psalm 37; Leviticus 21-23; watch Sacrifice and Atonement
 Feb. 7 Psalm 37 and 38; Leviticus 24-25
 Feb. 8 Psalm 39; Leviticus 26-27; watch OT overviews: Leviticus
 Feb. 9 Psalm 40; Numbers 1-4; watch Torah Series: Numbers
 Feb. 10 Psalm 41; Numbers 5-7
 Feb. 11 Psalm 42; Numbers 8-10



It's never too late to start! Find the whole plan and additional links at <https://bibleproject.com>. No class this week, but share your thoughts with each other or send us a note and let us know how it is going.

Opportunities to Serve

Liturgists

The lay liturgist sets the tone for the Grace UMC worship services. If you would like to serve, email Rick Zigler at rzigler@aol.com and specify 8:30 or 11:00 services or hopefully both.

Greeters

Couples or singles who would like to welcome everyone coming to the 11:00 service at Grace. If you are interested, contact Nancy Pritchett at nhpritchett@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Dear Friends at Grace,
 It was so meaningful to me during my recent illness to receive your cards, and know that I was in your thoughts and prayers. I treasure each card and each of you.

Thank you so very much.
 Margaret Batchelor

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 with some more of Duckie's background this week and next week she will tell about her experience with the "poverty simulation."*)

...A coworker at the Cupboard told me about the Anchor Church. I have been attending the Anchor UMC services at 9:00 AM every Sunday since late September of 2020. We serve breakfast to those who come from 8:30 until 9:45 when the service is over. I worship with friends who sleep in tents, in doorways, or on the sidewalk or ground every night. I worship with friends who live in apartments and houses. I worship with friends who have been hurt by people in traditional churches. I worship with friends who openly admit they are recovering from alcohol and/or substance abuse. I worship with people who sometimes slip and have to start over again. I worship with friends who depend on alcohol and drugs to numb the hopelessness of living in poverty. I worship with friends who start out just coming for the food but stay because they feel accepted. They are my brothers and sisters, just like the members of Grace.

And so, I'm following God's call to learn more about my brothers and sisters who live in poverty in Wilmington. What is it like to live on the street? I want to understand so that I can help more.

(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



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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____