

Grace Notes

February 9, 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 9

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

Monday, February 10

9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
6:30 pm SPRC
7:00 pm Chorale practice
7:00 pm Basketball (Peyton)

Tuesday, February 11

9:00 am Organist rehearsal
9:00 am Bible Class with Pastor Benny
9:30 am KnitWerks at Panera
11:00 am debrief
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Finance Committee
7:00 pm Chorale Board Mtg.

Wednesday, February 12

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

Thursday, February 13

5:00 pm Parent Night Out
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:45 pm Basketball (Moore)

Friday, February 14

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

Saturday, February 15

9:00 am Chorale Practice

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

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

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 30
11:00 am 162

Online service: 47

Operating Funds Given \$ 30,575
Average receipts needed weekly \$ 17,671
Building Preservation Given \$ 2,565

Apportionments paid through January

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.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, today (2/9)

Yes, today is the day for the annual United Women of Faith (UWF) fundraiser, Souper Bowl Sunday! We are set up in the Welcome Center with many varieties of soups available for sale by the quart and you may also purchase delicious cornbread to go with it. Thank you for your support—proceeds to benefit the many missions we serve!

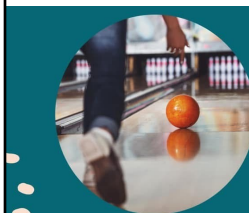


Next Parents Night Out, February 13th

This month's "Parents Night Out" will be February 13th from 5-8 pm. Drop your child off with the amazing Nursery staff here at Grace and enjoy a night to yourself! There will be Valentine's crafts and activities plus dinner.

If you pack their PJs, they will be ready to go to bed upon pick up! **Please RSVP** to Kelsey so there is plenty of food and supplies ready— Kelsey Keenan at (910) 599-5290. Other upcoming Spring dates are: March 20th, April 10th and May 8th.

Also don't miss our next family fun day after worship on February 23rd. We will be bowling at Cardinal Lanes. Contact Kelsey for more information!



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

RSVP with Kelsey Keenan by February 21st

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

Prayer Requests

Dot Ballard	Suzy McPherson
Joyce Blauvelt	Bill Perks
Sherry Boyette	Family of Paul Plishka
Emily Bradley	Paul Sipson
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	War-torn countries
Maria King	Those affected by natural disasters
Kathy Kipp	Warming Shelter volunteers
Delaine Lester	Grace UMC staff and volunteers

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.**



Hurricane Helene response

Grace UMC led a Hurricane Helene Early Response Team to Spruce Pine, NC (1/26/25 – 1/29/25)

The 8-member team included three members from Grace UMC and missionaries from 5 other churches. Some brief highlights:

- At one home, the team recovered treasured items from a house that cannot be repaired
- At another home, the team prepared a site for trailer setup and then set and leveled a trailer
- The team surveyed damage in several towns, the most significant being at Pensacola, NC.

If your group would like more information or a presentation, contact John Chickering. His email is: john@chickering.net.

Memorial Garden access

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

—Jim Tyndall, Chair, Memorial Garden

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.

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:** _____