

Grace Notes

January 12, 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, January 12

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, January 13

9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
5:00 pm Trustees
6:30 pm SPRC
7:15 pm CF Chorale rehearsal

Tuesday, January 14

9:00 am Organist rehearsal
9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Jamie
9:30 am Knitwerks @ Panera
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Finance Committee
6:00 pm Chorale Board

Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday, January 16

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

Friday, January 17

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

Saturday, January 18

Sunday, January 19

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
12:15 pm Social Graces kick-off potluck
4:30 pm Youth

Pastoral Care, week of January 13th

Pastor Benny is traveling to Duke Divinity School on Sunday, January 12, for a weeklong study leave, and will return on Friday night, January 17. For pastoral care during this time, please reach out to Pastor Jack (jack@gracedowntown.net) or Pastor Jamie (jamie@gracedowntown.net).

Looking ahead at Special Dates!

January 19 — Social Graces kick-off
January 20 — MLK, Jr./Inauguration Day
(office closed)
March 5 — Ash Wednesday

Updated meetings schedule

Administrative Council met this past Tuesday at 6:30 pm. The plan is to continue to meet the first Tuesday of the month going forward.

As a reminder, other standing committee meetings being are held:

SPRC— 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm

Finance—2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Worship—2nd Wednesday, however may change for more participation (also needs members)

Trustees—**changed to 5 pm** and will meet tomorrow this month to avoid MLK, Jr. holiday. Then will continue to meet the third Monday at 5 pm.

Committees are encouraged to let Ginny know ASAP and check the calendar to avoid conflicts if during the year your group decides to switch meeting times and/or dates or if you cancel. Also copy her on minutes and committee member changes such as member additions.

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 1/05/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	32
11:00 am	159

Online service:

49

Operating Funds Given	\$	7,215
Average receipts needed weekly	\$	15,362
Building Preservation Given	\$	380

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
		(\$109,864)

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 below:



Or text: MyGift2Grace to 73256

Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

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-Saturday, March 1st and again on Friday, March 21st-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
cinderellasclosetil@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests

Family of Richard Augero	Family of Joshua Stanfield-Switzer
Joyce Blauvelt	Catherine Thompson
Ethan Carter	Dan Walters
George & Jane Ferguson	Dean & Sue Windgassen
Christine Garvin	
Mike Huxley	Caregivers everywhere
Dennis Ihnat	Unspoken, in our hearts
Mike King	Those whose lives are affected by
Kathy Kipp	natural disasters
Bill Perks	War-torn countries
Paul Plishka	
Jean Stark	

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.

Warming Shelter Update—will open at least through Wednesday, January 15

The cold nights continue and so does our ministry and fellowship with our most vulnerable and the need for more volunteers. Donations and volunteer signup is online at thewarmingshelterilm.com.

A reminder there is one weather source is used to make our determinations: www.weather.gov and consultation with the Wilmington office of the National Weather Service.



Dear Fellow Grace Members,

I am so very grateful for all of you and especially want to thank those who took the time to send a note, make a call, share a hug or a kind word, bring food, visit, come to Sam's service and offer many other acts of compassion and Christian love. We have been so blessed to be here for 27 years in the midst of your warmth and my family and I send you our thanks, our love and our gratitude!
Jane Spicer

Thank you

Social Graces kick off, January 19th

Social Graces is a great opportunity to get to know other members at Grace! Both couples and singles can participate.

The kick-off lunch will be held on Sunday, January 19th after the 11 am service in the Grace Gym. Please bring your favorite potluck dish to share. Tea and water will be provided. At this meal you will be in a group of six to eight people, and have a good time getting to know each other and planning the additional 3-4 get-togethers. Use the inserted sign-up sheet to register today, and put in the collection plate or drop off to Welcome Desk.

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

Thank you to Grace UMC members! Your donations continue to make a difference each week, especially when our supplies become very low.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Please consider helping with our worship teams.

Greeters are needed! Nancy Pritchett needs your help to secure greeters for the next few months. This is one of the easiest volunteer positions and yet critical to help us be a warm, nurturing and friendly congregation! It also allows you to become familiar with other members you might not encounter regularly. You just need to be at the service 30 minutes early and greet folks as they arrive with a smile and friendly salutation!

Communion Helpers—Steve Stanfield-Switzer sstanfieldswitzer@gmail.com

This would be setting up the communion elements prior to the 8:30 service and cleaning up at the end of that service.

Anyone interested in joining our Grace Security team? - See April Lester or Jen Stenerson.

Liturgists, could use a few willing to substitute!—Rick Zigler: rzigler@aol.com

Ushers, particularly for 8:30 worship Bob High: rshch@gmail.com or Darrell Davies: darrellcdavies@yahoo.com