

# Grace Notes

January 14, 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, January 14

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Prospective New Members/Parlor
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service

#### Monday, January 15

Office Closed—MLK, Jr.

- 10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
- 5:30 pm Basketball (youth)
- 7:00 pm Trustees mtg.

#### Tuesday, January 16

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 3:00 pm Anchor Finance Mtg. (LIB)
- 5:30 pm Warming Shelter opens
- 6:30 pm Admin Council

#### Wednesday, January 17

- 9:30 am UWF leadership
- 10:00 am Yoga
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, January 18

##### Sanctuary lighting upfit

- 10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 7:00 pm Basketball (Moore)

#### Friday, January 19

##### Sanctuary lighting upfit

- 9:00 am Grace in Motion
- 4:00 pm Night to Shine shopping event (CC)

#### Saturday, January 20

- 8:30 am Night to Shine shopping event
- 9:00 am Organist practice
- 10:00 am Warming Shelter meeting (BC)

#### Sunday, January 21

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Prospective New Members/Parlor
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service

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### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 1/7/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	30
11:00 am	165
online	65

Operating Funds Given	\$	11,531
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	15,635
Building Preservation Given	\$	945

Apportionments paid through December

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#### December financial report

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

Budget YTD Receipts	\$	728,695
Expenses YTD	\$	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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or Square  
by using this QR Code.  
(point your phone camera  
at the box and click on the link that  
appears).



Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

### Bible Study on Tuesdays

On Tuesdays beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Benny will begin a new bible study series at 9 am in the Bible Classroom based on scriptures from the lectionary. Join us, or let the office know if you would like more information.

### Social Graces is back!

The Social Graces kickoff potluck is Sunday, January 28. We are looking forward to this opportunity for food and fellowship while we get to know some new folks. See the insert for more information and to sign up. Deadline is this Sunday.

### Warming Shelter to open, January 16 & 17

Friends, it is once again needed to help our unsheltered neighbors by opening the Warming Shelter. More information and a volunteer sign up will be available through Enews if you would like to help out. You may also contact Meg McBride at [mmcbride@nccumc.org](mailto:mmcbride@nccumc.org) to get involved.



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OUTREACH EFFORT  
IN COLLABORATION WITH  
LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS  
AND FAITH-BASED  
PARTNERS.  
100% VOLUNTEER STAFFED!

### Interested in Church trends and visioning?

Pastor Jamie plans to attend a workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 30 from 9:30 am—3 pm at Hayes Barton UMC (2209 Fairview Rd. in Raleigh), and you are invited to join her for this Leadership Day of Learning on creativity and innovation with Kenda Creasy Dean.

Rev. Dean is an ordained United Methodist pastor and the Mary D. Synnott Professor of Youth, Church, and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary, where she works closely with the Institute for Youth Ministry and the Farminary. In 2013 she and Mark DeVries co-founded Ministry Incubators.

She is the author of numerous books on youth and the church, including *Innovating for Love: Joining God's Expedition through Christian Social Innovation*, and *Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers Is Telling the American Church*.

The registration fee of \$40 includes lunch, however there is a discount for three or more attendees. See Pastor Jamie for more information or register at <https://nccumc.org/leadership/event/shipwreck/>

### COMING UP...

Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the office will be closed.

February 14, Ash Wednesday and Valentines Day

February 18, the first Sunday in Lent



## Prayer Requests

Donna Atkins	Family of Mary Jane Powers
Garland Atkins	Family of Shelly Smyth
Dan Barnes	Carolyn Stokley
Lindsey Brown	Mary Tyndall
David Dahl	Sue VanNote
Family of Ron Downing	Becky Whisnant
Marvin Evans	Laura Witherington
Bonnie Gallagher	Stephanie Woodward
Gary Godwin	Caregivers Everywhere
Kitty Hargett	Unspoken, in our hearts
Judy McCarthy	War-torn countries
Tom McCarthy	
Bill Perks	

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETN1 Anthony Augustine, USN	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Col. John Delaney, USA	Sgt. James Pritchett, USA
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	Michael Tate, USA
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC
Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF	



If you have a prayer request, please contact Marilee Tremlett at [mtrem3@icloud.com](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).

### Grace Prayer Team here for all

It has been a busy time and a time of transition for the Grace Prayer Team. We receive many varied requests, and it is inspiring and gratifying to share the power of prayer as we witness God's responses. There are no restrictions on prayer requests, and please note that you do not need to be a member of the Prayer Team to request prayers. The Team accepts requests for church members, friends, relatives, pets, even people that we do not know. We pray for strangers. Our team is faithful in prayer and we know that God is faithful in answering.

Generally, we list names in the Sunday Grace Notes so that the congregation can read the names of those in need of prayer for 3-4 weeks and then we remove the name. These are flexible rules. If the person needs to be back on the list, or stay on the list, just notify us and we are happy to make adjustments. This helps keep our list up-to-date. To get more information, request prayers, and/or join the Prayer Team, please contact Marilee Tremlett, [mtrem3@icloud.com](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).

### Fellowship time needs to be restocked.

Please help us with cookie donations to be used for the coffee time between services. Homemade are terrific but store purchased are good too!! Please leave them on the counter in the kitchen or in the refrigerator and label them boldly so everyone will know that they are for Fellowship. Thank you for your help.

### Publication Deadlines

For inclusion into the *Grace Notes* news and announcements, please send items no later than Wednesday at noon to: [ginny@gracedowntown.net](mailto:ginny@gracedowntown.net). If you have information for the bulletin, such as volunteer updates or altar flower dedication wording, please send those preferably by end of day Tuesday. Thank you for helping share the good news and events here at Grace so that all are informed.

### Cinderella's Closet fundraising gala Feb. 23rd

It's not too late to sign up for the Roaring 20's Gala to make a meaningful impact for Cinderella's Closet. Sponsors and raffle items are needed to make this evening a success. Or, to register, sign up via Square: \$75 each person or \$125 per couple. All proceeds will go towards our 2024 prom shopping event, so sign up soon.



Email [cinderellasclosetilm@gmail.com](mailto:cinderellasclosetilm@gmail.com) or message us on Facebook if you are interested and would like more information. You may also contact April Lester, Alicia Powell, Hope Inman or Julie Crow. A poster with more information is available in the Welcome Center.

### Thank you from Mother Hubbard's Cupboard!

Thank you for helping make December a good donations month for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. We take donations from Grace to MHC every Wednesday and Saturday.

January's focus is on items they always need: any size/kind of CEREAL, MAC AND CHEESE and SOUP for families. Containers of vanilla and chocolate BOOST and ENSURE are often requested by individuals who have no shelter in which to live. As usual, TOILET PAPER is always welcome.



### Altar flower chart up in Welcome Center!

The cost is \$50 per side. Checks should be made payable to Grace UMC, with "altar flowers" written on the memo line. Checks may be placed in the offering plate, or mailed to the office. Ginny will contact you about the dedication the week prior to your selected date if you haven't provided one.

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_