

Grace Notes

January 15, 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 15

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

Monday, January 16

Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

5:00 pm Lion Heart basketball
7:00 pm Trustees meeting

Tuesday, January 17

9:00 am Organist practice
9:00 am Bible in a Year Book Club
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Admin Council
7:00 pm Lion Heart basketball

Wednesday, January 18

9:30 am UMW (UWF) leadership meeting
10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:15 am Yoga
4:00 pm Organist Practice
4:30 pm Worship Committee
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 19

2:00 pm Nurture Mtg.
5:00 pm Coastal Buds "Down to Cook"
5:30 pm Boot Camp
6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, January 20

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

Saturday, January 21

9:00 am Staff Retreat

Sunday, January 22

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm WAVES

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 1/08/2023

In-person Worship Service:	8:30	44
	11:00 am	190
Online Worship Service:		65
Operating Funds Given	\$	19,100
Building Preservation	\$	1,605

December

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$	631,261
Operating Expenses YTD	\$	688,655
Balance	\$	(57,394)

December

Annual Bld. Preserv. Receipts	\$	55,829
Annual Bld. Preserv. Fund Exp.	\$	31,253
Balance	\$	24,576

Apportionments are paid through December.

Thank you for your continuing gifts. Year end statements are in the mail. Call Ginny in the Church office if you have questions.

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>

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GRACE STAFF

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Kelsey Keenan - Director of Children's Ministry
Jada Martinez - Director of Youth Ministry
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Ginny Peterson—Director of Operations and Admin.
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To contact any staff by email use this format:
firstname@gracedowntown.net

Bishop Shelton coming to Wilmington

As the new year begins and we enter a new season in the North Carolina Conference, Bishop Connie Mitchell Shelton will be holding gatherings in all eight districts. These events will provide an opportunity to get to know Bishop Shelton as she begins serving as our new episcopal leader. Our Harbor District meeting for the laity will be held at Wesley Memorial Jan. 23 at 7 pm. A clergy meeting will also be held earlier in the day.

Thank you for prayers!

GUMC members,
Thank you so much for your prayers and concern for me during my illness. Our prayers were answered and I am doing well!
Sincerely yours,
Carolyn Parker

Thank you!
Your kindness and outpouring of love is indescribable. Thank you for all the prayers, cards and encouragement. God Bless you all.
Love,
Danny & Sally Barnes

Beauty of Grace brick memorials continue

Please consider honoring or memorializing a loved one with the purchase of an engraved brick.

Your contributions will help continue the revitalization of the gardens around our beautiful church. For more information, pick up a brochure in the welcome center, or contact Karen Evans: evans493@gmail.com or Sally Barnes: sallybarnes11754@yahoo.com

Prayer Requests

Jim Alban	Martin Ginocchio
Dan Barnes	Megan Long
Margaret Batchelor	Tom Namey
Wayne Blalock	Ken Spicer
Joyce Blauvelt	Aaron Swaney
Larry Florea	Mark Tremlett
Susan Gardner	

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.



Volunteers Needed for Shine Shop Event

Cinderella's Closet is partnering with Lifepoint Church to host their annual Shine Shop event the weekend of January 27th and we need some volunteers! The Shine Shop supports "A Night to Shine" a nationwide ministry of the Tim Tebow Foundation that provides an unforgettable prom experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older. This event is hosted locally by Lifepoint and the Shine Shop and provides an opportunity for young ladies and men to shop for their prom attire ahead of the event.

As a volunteer you can help check people in at the front desk, act as a guide in the shop on the second floor, or serve as a general greeter on behalf of Grace. Volunteers will be asked to serve in 2-hour blocks during the shop which runs from 4pm to 8pm on Friday, January 27th and 8am to 5pm on Saturday, January 28th.

Please contact either Hope Inman at cinderellasclosetilm@gmail.com or Tiffany Earle at tiffanyearle@email.com by Sunday, January 22nd if you would like to volunteer.



Are you a hostess with the mostest?

Fellowship Time is a wonderful time for our church to have coffee or tea and meet and talk to others between church services. It is one of many great ways we connect with each other here at Grace. Your help is truly needed with this easy way to show our hospitality, and the place to sign up is in the Welcome Center. Sign up is on the bulletin board near the Bullock Activity Center (gym). If you have never hosted, no worries, you will be paired up with someone who knows the ropes. Basically it is making coffee and putting out some treats, then putting things away. Contact Joanne Hamilton, jhamilton14@msn.com, for more information, or sign up and you will be contacted.

Are you interested in joining or learning more about Grace?

Please join Pastor Benny for a New Member Group, scheduled for February 5, 12 and 19, 2023 during the Sunday School hour, from 9:45 - 10:25 am, location is to be determined. 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 252-933-2875, or email her at email address: annewestdale@aol.com.

Bible in A Year Book study: The Next Two Weeks of Scriptures & Videos...

- Jan 15** - Psalm 15; Genesis 46-47; no video
- Jan 16** - Psalm 16; Genesis 48-50; watch OT Overviews: Genesis 12-50, The Exodus from Egypt
- Jan 17** - Psalm 17; Exodus 1-3; watch Torah Series: Exodus 1-18
- Jan 18** - Psalm 18; Exodus 4-6; watch Moses and Aaron
- Jan 19** - Psalm 19; Exodus 7-9; read the blog, "When Pharaoh's Heart Grew Harder"
- Jan 20** - Psalm 20; Exodus 10-12; no video
- Jan 21** - Psalm 21; Exodus 13-15; and blog, "Biblical Storytelling Techniques: Repetition & Themes"
- Jan 22** - Psalm 22; Exodus 16-18; watch OT Overviews: Exodus 1-18
The Covenant at Mount Sinai
- Jan 23** - Psalm 23; Exodus 19-21; watch OT Overviews: Exodus 19-40
- Jan 24** - Psalm 24; Exodus 22-24; watch Torah Series: Exodus 19-40
- Jan 25** - Psalm 25; Exodus 25-27; watch Royal Priests of Eden
- Jan 26** - Psalm 26; Exodus 28-29; no video
- Jan 27** - Psalm 27; Exodus 30-31; no video
- Jan 28** - Psalm 28; Exodus 32-34; watch Visual Commentary: Exodus 34:6-7

Find the whole plan and additional links at Bibleproject.com

