

Grace Notes

January 1, 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 1

New Year's Day-Happy New Year!

No early worship

9:45 am Sunday School

(check with SS leaders)

10:30 am Chancel Choir

11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, January 2

Office Closed for the holiday

1:30 pm Caregivers Support in LIB

Tuesday, January 3

9:00 am Organist practice

10:30 am UMW

5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, January 4

10:00 am Staff Meeting

11:15 am Yoga

4:00 pm Organist Practice

5:30 pm Bootcamp

6:15 pm Grace Ringers

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 5

5:30 pm Boot Camp

6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, January 6

9:00 am Organist practice

9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)

Saturday, January 7

Sunday, January 8

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 12/25/2022

In-person Worship Service:

11:00 am unified 110

Online Worship Service 70

Operating Funds Given \$ 22,576

Building Preservation \$ 2,528

November

Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 563,245

Operating Expenses YTD \$ 635,806

Balance \$ (72,561)

November

Annual Bld. Preserv. Receipts \$ 51,232

Annual Bld. Preserv. Fund Exp. \$ 31,216

Balance \$ 20,015

Apportionments are paid through December.

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](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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at the box and click on the link that
appears).



GRACE STAFF

Rev. Benton W. Oakes, III M.Div. - Senior Pastor

Jerry Cribbs - Director of Music Ministries

Leslie Bergbower - Organist

Kelsey Keenan - Director of Children's Ministry

Jada Martinez - Director of Youth Ministry

Janet Keenan—Nursery Leader

Rich McKeon—Custodian

Ginny Peterson—Director of Operations and
Admin.

Charles Sanders - Accountant

To contact any staff by email use this format:

firstname@gracedowntown.net

Trustees annual report in Welcome Center

The Board of Trustees has prepared a report of
projects undertaken in 2022, as well as those
matters that will require future attention. Copies of
that report are available in the Welcome Center.

Reminder to UMW members

Our UMW meetings are changing back to the first
Tuesday of the month at 10:30. January's mission
project are snuggly throws or blankets. They will be
going to children at Sunset Park Elementary School
and to United Methodists Children's Home. We hope
to see you Tuesday, January 3rd.

Liturgists Needed

The lay liturgist sets the tone for the Grace UMC
worship services. He or she leads the congregation
in reading responsively the Call to Worship, reciting
together the Affirmation of Faith (usually the
Apostles or Nicene creeds) and then reading aloud
the day's Scripture lesson. The lay liturgist may
also assist in serving Communion when requested
by the Pastor. If you would like to serve, email Rick
Zigler at rzigler@aol.com and specify 8:30 or 11:00
services or hopefully both.

Altar Flower Chart in the Welcome Center

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

Monthly and other meetings

If your committee has recurring meetings, please
confirm 2023 meetings and time with Ginny to
update the Church schedule, especially if there is a
change. Thankfully, the Church facilities are being
reserved more for activities and events taking place
inside our place of worship and also in our greater
community. If there are special events that you know
about that will happen later in the year, let Ginny
know as soon as possible so she can reserve that
date and space for you as well. Thank you for your
support.

Prayer Requests

Jim Alban
 Dan Barnes
 Wayne Blalock
 Joyce Blauvelt
 Larry Florea
 Susan Gardner
 Adam George
 Martin Ginocchio

Mark Hansen
 Family of Betty Hinson
 Megan Long
 Tom Namey
 Ken Spicer
 Aaron Swaney

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.



Do you like to drive?

We are looking for a few Grace members, with a good driving record, and the ability to drive a 15-passenger bus, to serve on a rotating team to provide transportation for some of our members on Sundays.

If you would like to serve the church in this capacity, please contact the trustees at their email: gumctrustees1@gmail.com for details and requirements.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard is in need of "First Monday Milk Run" volunteers. Typically, we pick up the milk around 9 am at Lowes Foods at 805 Pine Grove Ave and deliver to the Cupboard immediately after. If only one vehicle is used to pick up the milk, a medium to larger vehicle is needed. Of course, if you work with a partner - 2 compact cars will work. If you happen to be out of town on a particular 1st Monday, there is a team of milk runners who can trade or cover you.

If you are interested in further info about this super important job, please contact Jane Nelson @ 910-262-5539 or @ ccyyjane@gmail.com

January Birthdays

1/1 Donald Gore Brena Conley	1/11 Joan Madren Kyna Rose	1/18 Eli Sanborn 1/20 Debbie Jones	1/28 Sarah Grace Guthrie Holden Fuller
1/4 Trayce Rogers	1/13 Sam Spicer	Greg Stanley	1/31 Chris Stenerson
1/5 Nario Coronel Ken Wolf	1/14 Catherine Beaman	Steve Stanfield- Switzer	
1/7 Conny Keator	1/15 Caroline Guthrie Mary Huppmann	1/22 Diane Steele	
1/9 Austin Inman Darrell Davies	Cameron Dunmire Larry Florea	1/24 Dan Walters	
1/10 David Holden Don Wofford Karen Reap	1/16 Judy Siebold	1/25 Donna Dawkins	
	1/17 Dianne Glasgow Laura Dunmire	1/26 John Tripp	
		1/27 Tonna Bowen Sandy Smith	

Let's read the Word of God together in 2023.

Beginning January 1, 2023, we invite you to read the entire Bible with us, utilizing the free reading plan called the Bible Project. This week's bulletin insert has more information. Find the plan at this link:

https://d1bsmz3sdihplr.cloudfront.net/media/Quarterlies_Other%20Downloads/2022_Reading_Plan.pdf

If you need a printed copy of the plan, there are some available, or call Ginny in the Church office.

Church Office Holiday Schedule

The Church office will be closed on Monday, January 2, for the holiday and re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 9:00 am.

Happy New Year!!

Dear friends, sisters, and brothers of Grace United Methodist Church~

Words cannot express how grateful we are for you, as the Christmas Season is upon us, and as 2022 comes to an end. Thank you for your generous, financial love offering that is already encouraging us into the future, as we follow Jesus together into a new year; a new season of ministry. In 2022, we said 'goodbye' to beloved pastors and other staff members, and you also welcomed new staff and a new pastor with genuine hospitality. All of this is a gift of God from you. Thank you and may God continue to richly bless you during this Christmas season and all the days of your life.

Thank You

In Christ's Love,
 the Grace UMC Staff



Kelsey Rich
Janet Brenna
Nicole
Ginny
Jenny
Christie
Benny
Laura