

Grace Notes

January 21, 2024

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 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
- 12:15 pm Nurture Committee
- 4:00—6:00 pm WAVES

Monday, January 22

- Warming Shelter Cleanup
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support group
- 3:00 pm Piano tuning
- 5:30 pm Basketball (youth)
- 7:15 pm Chorale practice

Tuesday, January 23

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, January 24

- 8:30 am—3pm District Committee
on Ordained Ministry (gym, BC & Travelers C.)
- 10:00 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 4:30 pm Youth Basketball
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 25

- 10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball (Moore)

Friday, January 26

- 9:00 am Grace in Motion

Saturday, January 27

- Social Graces set up in gym
- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00 pm Organist Practice

Sunday, January 28

- 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
- 12:15 pm Social Graces
- 4:00—6:00 pm WAVES

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 1/14/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	29
11:00 am	178
online	170

Operating Funds Given	\$	78,024
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	15,635
Building Preservation Given	\$	13,565

Apportionments paid through December

December financial report

Building YTD Preservation Fund Receipts	\$	138,017
Building YTD Preservation Fund Expenses	\$	278,662
Balance	\$	(135,273)
Budget YTD Receipts (Dec.)	\$	728,695
Expenses YTD (2023)	\$	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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Tuesday Bible Study has begun!

Last week the new bible study based on the Revised Common Lectionary began. The lectionary is a three-year cycle of biblical texts that pertain to the seasons of the Christian calendar year. More often than not, we (at Grace UMC) worship with and proclaim these texts on Sundays, as well as other worshipful days/times throughout the year.

This study meets Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Bible Classroom and everyone is welcome. We will read, discuss, and study the Lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. A link to all the texts can be found here: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

Warming Shelter news

In case you haven't seen it all over the television newscasts, the Warming Shelter has been open here at Grace since January 16 due to the extremely cold temperatures! Approximately 100 guests are being served each night.

Ongoing information about sign-ups and donations needed are located at the website if you would like to help out. You may also contact Meg McBride at mmcbride@nccumc.org. We are very fortunate to have Pastor Meg here preaching today in both worship services. Find more information about Meg on the back of the bulletin or in Enews.



Sunset Park Elementary Year-end Book Drive

We are collecting books for grade levels K – 5 so that we can give every child at SP Elementary a book at the end of the school year. We will need around 450 books.

Where to get books: look around your house, go to consignment stores, Amazon, Dollar General / Walmart types of stores, and local libraries that sell children's books. We will be collecting through April.

Where to drop off: there will be a collection box located in the welcome center.

Many of these children do not have books at home.

Thank you for helping us reach this goal.

—Jane and Charlie Carrico

Social Graces is back!

The Social Graces kickoff potluck is next Sunday, January 28 after the 11 am service. We are looking forward to this opportunity for food and fellowship while we get to know some new folks. Groups of six to eight will then continue to meet at additional get-togethers in February, March, April and May. A sign up sheet can be found in the Welcome Center, or for more information, call, text or email Mary Miller: marywilm13@gmail.com or 910 789-0666.

Prayer Requests

Donna Atkins	Lucy Peoples
Garland Atkins	Family of Mary Jane Powers
Dan Barnes	Family of Shelly Smyth
Lindsey Brown	Carolyn Stokley
Family of Ron Downing	Mary Tyndall
Bonnie Gallagher	Brian Ullrich
Greyson	Sue VanNote
Maxine LeFever	Becky Whisnant
Family of Jennifer Martin	Laura Witherington
Judy McCarthy	Stephanie Woodward
Tom McCarthy	Caregivers Everywhere
Kristi Midgett	Unspoken, in our hearts
Barbara Oldroyd	War-torn countries

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.

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.

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. Plenty of dates are still available.

Publication Deadlines

For inclusion into the *Grace Notes* news and announcements, please send items no later than Wednesday at noon to: 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 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.



- 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: _____