

Grace Notes

January 26, 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 26

Mission Trip departs after 8:30 service

- 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 27

- 6:00 pm Special Olympics dance
- 7:00 pm Chorale practice
- 8:00 pm Basketball (Peyton)

Tuesday, January 28

- 9:00 am Organist rehearsal
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, January 29

- 10:00 am Yoga
- 2:00 pm Organist Practice
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:00 pm Basketball (Peyton) no lot parking
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 30

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

Friday, January 31

- 9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
- 9:00 am Organist rehearsal
- 4:00 pm Shine Shopping (as rescheduled)

Saturday, February 1

- 9:00 am Chorale practice
- 10:00 am Shine Shopping (as rescheduled)

Sunday, February 2

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:30 pm Youth

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In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 1/19/2025

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	32
11:00 am	159

Online service:

97

Operating Funds Given	\$	5,467
Average receipts needed weekly	\$	15,362
Building Preservation Given	\$	260

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>

Grace United Methodist Church

401 Grace Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
910.763.5197; Fax 910.763.4108
website: gracedowntown.church

Use the QR code at right.



Or text: MyGift2Grace to 73256

Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

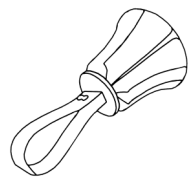
Thank You for your help and love!!

Thank you for the continuing support of all volunteers and donors who have made the past several weeks of the Warming Shelter possible!

www.thewarmingshelterilm.com

Plea of the Bells

Hark! How the bells,
Sweet brassy bells
All seem to say,
Please help us play!



Grace Ringers Needs You!

Would YOU serve as a member of the Bell Squad?

This team will set up on the Monday morning before the last Sunday of the month, and strike (take down) the handbell equipment at an appointed time (TBD) when the Grace Ringers plays for the 11 a.m. worship service.

The team will be trained.

If you have questions and/or would like to participate as a member of the Bell Squad, please contact Jerry Cribbs, Director of Music Ministries via email (jerry@gracedowntown.net) or text (910.233.2423) as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of serving Grace UMC and the music ministries in this way.

Pray for GRACE ERT—departs today!

Grace UMC is scheduled to deploy an Early Response Team to western North Carolina to perform Hurricane Helene recovery work this Sunday. The team will depart Wilmington after the 8:30 service and spend three days in the Spruce Pine, NC area before returning on Thursday the 30th. Recovery work in the area has typically ranged from muck out to roof tarping to debris removal. Many homes require outside work such as tree removal and culvert repair. Work is starting to shift to restoration activities such as installing insulation and hanging drywall.

We will be blessing the team during worship at 8:30 before it departs. Grace UMC team members include John Chickering, Chris Furderer and Waylon Lynch. They will be joined by missionaries from other churches in Hampstead, Wrightsville Beach, Leland, and Fayetteville. You can support the team with your prayers. You can also offer financial support with a gift that indicates support for: "Helene Mission Trip." If you are interested in participating in Grace UMC's disaster response ministry, please reach out to John Chickering (john@chickering.net)

Donations for Southern California fires response

UMCOR is again responding to those in need in multiple areas. If you would like to help the Southern California wildfire victims, make donations including checks out to Grace UMC with UMCOR Wildfires in the memo line. We send designated donations almost weekly to UMCOR as they come in. Thank you for your support.

Joyce Blauvelt
 Sherry Boyette
 Emily Bradley
 Ethan Carter
 George & Jane Ferguson
 Christine Garvin
 Mike Huxley
 Dennis Ihnat
 Emily Bradley
 Kimberly, Colleen & Izzy
 Fagan
 Mike King
 Kathy Kipp
 Delaine Lester

Bill Perks
 Paul Plishka
 Jean Stark
 Catherine Thompson
 Dan Walters
 Family of John Watson (brother of
 Judy Smith)
 Dean & Sue Windgassen
 Grace & Warming Shelter volunteers
 Caregivers everywhere
 Unspoken, in our hearts
 Those affected by natural disasters
 War-torn countries

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

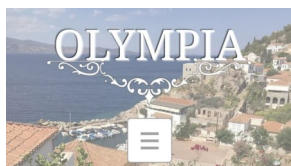
ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN	Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF
PO1 Sean Baker, USN	SFC Letty Long, USA
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	SSgt. James Pritchett, USA
E3 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.

Divine Grace Women's Group rescheduled!

When: Thursday, January 30th, 6:00 pm
Where: Olympia Restaurant
 5629 Oleander Dr.
 Wilmington, NC 28403
 RSVP Mary Tyndall
mary@gracedowntown.net



OLYMPIA

Specializing in traditional Greek & Seafood done in a Mediterranean flair since 1994.

If you haven't already done so, please RSVP by Tuesday, to secure an accurate headcount for the restaurant.

Social Graces plan C

With the snow and cold weather Social Graces will move forward without a potluck this year. A group leader should have made contact with you if you have signed up. If you have questions, please email Joanne Hamilton at jhamilton14@msn.com

Altar Flowers chart needs sponsors

The 2025 Altar flower chart is now posted in the Welcome Center. Sign up for one side or both. Cost is currently \$50 per side paid to Grace UMC. Please write "Altar Flowers" in the memo line when providing payment (mail or drop in the collection plate). There are plenty of openings for the new year, and we particularly need sign-ups for February and March. Thank you for helping us provide fresh altar flowers each Sunday. You may include a note or send an email with your dedication to Ginny at Ginny@gracedowntown.net. Otherwise, you will be contacted the week your dedication is to appear.

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

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard sends thanks! Your donations continue to make a difference each week, especially when our supplies become very low.

Chili cook-off contest!

Inner Grace families, please join us for a chili contest (winner will be based on receiving most votes for best tasting chili— NOT how much one can eat).

Event will be at the home of Beka and Dave Vaughan, 1301 Potomac Ct, Wilmington, NC 28411, Saturday, February 15, at 6 pm. Bring your best chili and/or a side, dessert, or appetizer to share, and beverage of your choice. Lemonade will be provided. RSVP: Beka Vaughan at 910-231-5502 or beka.vaughan@gmail.com.

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

Please check at least one box.

- Would like to join Grace United Methodist Church.
 - Need Grace UMC name tag(s).
- Change of address, phone number, or email.
 - Need a new name badge.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____