

Grace Notes

January 29 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 29

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

Monday, January 30

9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
5:00 pm Lion Heart basketball

Tuesday, January 24

9:00 am Organist practice
9:00 am Bible in a Year Book Club
5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, February 1

10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:15 am Yoga
4:00 pm Organist Practice
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 2

5:30 pm Coastal Buds "Down to Cook"
5:30 pm Boot Camp
6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, February 3

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

Saturday, February 4

Sunday, February 5

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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 1/22/2023

In-person Worship Service:	8:30	26
	11:00 am	149
Online Worship Service:		83
Operating Funds Given	\$	56,658
Building Preservation	\$	10,400

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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Are you interested in joining or learning more about Grace?

Please join Pastor Benny for the next New Member orientation, 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.

Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper planned

The Youth will be hosting a pancake supper at 6 pm on Ash Wednesday, February 22 to help raise funds for their mission trip to Pennsylvania. If you would like to participate please RSVP on the form located in the Welcome Center. Thank you for all you do to support the youth.

Donations for Habitat?

Grace United Methodist Church has surplus furniture in a classroom that will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. If there are other surplus furniture in our facility that you believe could be used by others less fortunate, please contact the Trustees at email: gumctrustees1@gmail.com.

UMW Meeting and News

The next monthly meeting of the United Methodist Women (UMW) will be on **Tuesday, February 7** in the gym. All women are invited; come and bring a friend! We will begin gathering at 10:15; the meeting will begin promptly at 10:30 and end by noon. Refreshments are provided by our members. Our speaker is Yasmin Tomlinson, the executive director of the Cape Fear Literacy Council. Yasmin is passionate about the work of the CFLC and is sure to inspire you. Our mission project for the month is collecting diapers (infant and adult) for the Diaper Bank. You may bring a package of diapers to the meeting or place them in the bin in the Welcome Center. (This mission project is open to the entire congregation, not just UMW.)

It is almost Souper Bowl Soup time again!

On Super Bowl Sunday (February 12) from 9:30 - 12:30 UMW will again be selling their delicious soups and cornbread. There will be a variety of soups to choose from and take home. Be sure to come early for the best selection! Soup is \$10 for a quart; cornbread (four pieces or four muffins) is \$2. Your dinner will be ready so you can relax and watch the game. Funds raised from this sale go to help further the UMW Missions throughout the year.

Prayer Requests

Jim Alban	Tom Jackson
Dave Appert	Frank Michaels
Dan Barnes	Tom Namey
Margaret Batchelor	Gary Rowe
Bryant Bilodeau	Melissa Sesi
Debbie Condi	Bill Shaw
Sam & Holly Going	Mac Starke
Family of Frances Hart (sister of Bill Booth)	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.



Bible in A Year Book study: This week's Scriptures & Videos...

Jan 29 - Psalm 29; Exodus 35-40; watch [Compassion](#)
Jan 30 - Psalm 30; Leviticus 1-4; [Grace](#); blog: [Animal Sacrifice? Really?](#)
Jan 31 - Psalm 31; Leviticus 5-7; watch [Slow to Anger](#)
Feb. 1 - Psalm 32; Leviticus 8-10; watch [Loyal Love](#)
Feb. 2 - Psalm 33; Leviticus 11-13; watch [Faithful](#)
Feb. 3 - Psalm 34; Leviticus 14-15; watch [The Law](#)
Feb. 4 - Psalm 35; Leviticus 16-18; watch [Biblical Law](#)



Find the whole plan and additional links at Bibleproject.com; send us a note and tell us how you are doing!

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.

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: sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com.

Reflections On My Snapshot of Poverty, Fall 2022

By Duckie Dawkins *(Editor's note, we will continue Duckie's story over the next few weeks. We're continuing with some background this week.*

...I moved to Raleigh in 2005 where I eventually retired. However, I never found the opportunities to volunteer as I had in Wilmington. In February of 2020, I returned to Wilmington and GOD put me back on the path He had for me in 2000.

I have been volunteering on Saturdays at Mother Hubbard's Cupboard since May of 2020. I have the opportunity to talk with the people who come on foot or by city transit to receive free groceries. Some live in houses or apartments, some in tents in the woods, and some on the street. Some have a working stove, while others only have a microwave or a campfire, and yes, some have no way to heat their food. Some are fortunate enough to sleep on beds, some on the floor, some may have a sleeping bag, or sleep on a doorway or the ground. I have seen individuals new to living on the street who are dirty, who look lost and hopeless, and are so hungry. And sometimes, weeks or months later they come by clean, smiling, with their heads held high because they have found shelter and work. They have hope.

(to be continued...)

February Birthdays

2/1 Jessica Wilson	2/9 Helen Younger	2/16 Brenna Keenan	2/19 Jess Phillips
2/2 Mike Burrous	2/10 Jenny Colvard	Don Bowers	2/20 Ron Moore
2/4 Amy Holcomb	2/11 Jerry Cribbs	Marv Rowe	2/23 George Braun
2/5 Maxine LeFever	2/12 Betty Hooten	2/17 Lisa Dawkins	2/26 Mamie Hutnick
2/6 Miller Coggins	2/14 Virginia Skillman	2/18 Kris Florea	
2/7 Justin Phillips	Don Cole	Asher Wilson	