

Grace Notes

January 7, 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 7

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

Monday, January 8

9:00 am Grace In Motion
9:00 am DCoOM interviews
10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
1:30 pm Caregivers Support
5:30 pm Basketball (youth)
6:30 pm SPRC

Tuesday, January 9

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:30 am Knitwerks at Panera
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Finance

Wednesday, January 10

10:00 am Yoga
4:00 pm Organist Practice
4:00 pm Worship Committee
6:00 pm Basketball (Youth)
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
5:30 pm Bootcamp
7:00 pm Basketball (Moore)

Friday, January 12

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:00 am Grace in Motion

Saturday, January 13

Youth Bus Trip to Beech Mtn.

No scheduled facility events

Sunday, January 14

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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 12/31/2023

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	33
11:00 am	128
online	62

Operating Funds Given	\$	37,625
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	13,912
Building Preservation Given	\$	2,115

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	\$	728,695
Expenses YTD	\$	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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Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

Looking ahead

Sunday, January 14 Prospective New Member Conversations in the Parlor, for three Sundays at 9:45 am

Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the office will be closed.

February 14, is Ash Wednesday

Prospective New Member Conversations

Are you visiting Grace and would like to know more, or are considering becoming a member? Mark your calendar now for January 14, 21 and 28 to join Pastor Benny in the next series of New Member Conversations. The three sessions cover UMC education, Grace education, and connecting to the life and ministries of the community. These are held in the Parlor from 9:45—10:30 am each of the three Sundays. Let Anne Dale know if you would like to participate (come to one or all three!) To sign up or if you have questions, please call or text Anne by phone, 252-933-2875, or email her: annwestdale@aol.com.

We are glad you are here!

The Good News of
Shipwreck:
What Does Church Look
Like Now?

Center for Leadership Excellence
North Carolina Conference
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Leadership Day of Learning

Effective Leaders Building Healthy Congregations

Pastor Jamie plans to attend this workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 30 from 9:30 am—3 pm at Hayes Barton UMC (2209 Fairview Rd. in Raleigh), and invites you to join her for a Leadership Day of Learning on creativity and innovation with Kenda Creasy Dean.

Rev. Dean is an ordained United Methodist pastor and the Mary D. Synnott Professor of Youth, Church, and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary, where she works closely with the Institute for Youth Ministry and the Farminary. In 2013 she and Mark DeVries co-founded Ministry Incubators.

She is the author of numerous books on youth and the church, including *Innovating for Love: Joining God's Expedition through Christian Social Innovation*, and *Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers Is Telling the American Church*.

The registration fee of \$40 includes lunch, however there is a discount for three or more attendees. See Pastor Jamie for more information or register at <https://nccumc.org/leadership/event/shipwreck/>

Prayer Requests

Donna Atkins	Tom McCarthy
Garland Atkins	Family of Julie Moore
Family of Norma Barr	Bill Perks
Lindsey Brown	Family of Mary Jane Powers
David Dahl	Linda Raim
Family of Ron Downing	Family of Shelly Smyth
Marvin Evans	Carolyn Stokley
George Ferguson	Mary Tyndall
Bonnie Gallagher	
Gary Godwin	Caregivers Everywhere
Kitty Hargett	Unspoken, in our hearts
Edna Kostek	War-torn countries
Judy McCarthy	

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.

Grace Prayer Team here for all

It has been a busy time and a time of transition for the Grace Prayer Team. We receive many varied requests, and it is inspiring and gratifying to share the power of prayer as we witness God's responses. There are no restrictions on prayer requests, and please note that you do not need to be a member of the Prayer Team to request prayers. The Team accepts requests for church members, friends, relatives, pets, even people that we do not know. We pray for strangers. Our team is faithful in prayer and we know that God is faithful in answering.

Generally, we list names in the Sunday Grace Notes so that the congregation can read the names of those in need of prayer for 3-4 weeks and then we remove the name. These are flexible rules. If the person needs to be back on the list, or stay on the list, just notify us and we are happy to make adjustments. This helps keep our list up-to-date. To get more information, request prayers, and/or join the Prayer Team, please contact Marilee Tremlett, 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.

Bible Study on Tuesdays

On Tuesdays beginning January 16th, Pastor Benny will begin a new bible study series at 9 am in the Bible Classroom based on scriptures from the lectionary. Join us, or let the office know if you would like more information.

Social Graces is back!

The Social Graces kickoff potluck is Sunday, January 28. We are looking forward to this opportunity for food and fellowship while we get to know some new folks. See the insert for more information and to sign up.

Cinderella's Closet fundraising gala Feb. 23rd

Join us and participate in 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, come and join us by registering; \$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. More information is available in the Welcome Center on Sunday or via Square (QR code is on the posters).

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.

New 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.

Condolences to the family of Ron Downing

Ron Downing passed away on Dec. 31, 2023. Please hold his wife Barbara and his family in your prayers. The service will be Saturday, January 13 at 1 pm, here at Grace with a reception immediately following in the Welcome Center.

- 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: _____