

Grace Notes

June 1, 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, June 1

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

Monday, June 2

8:45 am Grace Walkers
10:00 am Senior Basketball
1:30 pm Caregivers Support
5:00 pm Trustees (rescheduled)

Tuesday, June 3

9:00 am Organist rehearsal
9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny
10:30 am UWF
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Admin Council

Wednesday, June 4

10:00 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am Yoga
1:00 pm Lay Leadership
2:00 pm Organist Practice
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 5

5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, June 6

9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
9:00 am Organist rehearsal

Saturday, June 7

Sunday, June 8

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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 5/25/2025

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	32
11:00 am	144
Online service	135

Operating Funds Given	\$	9,282
Average receipts needed weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Given	\$	205

Apportionments paid through April

April financial report

Building YTD Preserv. Fund Rcpts.	\$	25,176
Building YTD Preserv. Fund Exp.	\$	27,073
Balance	\$	(1,897)

Budget YTD Receipts	\$	257,285
Expenses YTD (2025)	\$	278,137
Balance	\$	(20,852)
Organ Fund	\$	10,074

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg)

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Use the QR code at right.

Or text: MyGift2Grace to 73256

Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

June requests for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard distributes emergency food at 315 Red Cross Street from 12 to 3 pm on Wednesdays and 9 am to 12:pm on Saturdays. During the week of May 18th, 407 households received food. Thank you for your donations in May. Please consider making a family donation of canned meat (e.g.: chicken, tuna, SPAM) this month. Small pop-top cans are given to people without shelter. Standard sized cans are given to households with shelter.

Beginning June 7th the Saturday distribution hours will change to 9 am-12 noon. There is a small group of regular Saturday volunteers. But more help is needed to keep Saturdays open for food distribution. MHC board is looking for groups willing to commit to one Saturday a month on an ongoing basis. You must be at least 16 years old to volunteer. Contact Donna Dawkins "Duckie" if you would like more details about Saturdays.

Sign up individually at motherhubbardsnc.com. Click on VOLUNTEER and TAKE ACTION. They will email you once your application is processed. Then you can select the day(s)/dates each month you wish to volunteer.

United Women of Faith: last meeting this season

Tuesday, June 3rd at 10:30, will be our last meeting until September. Our speaker, Pastor John McIntyre, is from Wrightsville Baptist Church. Members from Wrightsville will be taking a trip to Uganda in January and they will be teaching them about digging wells so the people will have fresh water. Our next supply of dresses and shorts will be going to Africa with them.

At this meeting, we will be having a carry-in brunch. Please bring a dish to share. We will be eating before the meeting. Please try to attend and enjoy our brunch and fellowship with each other as we learn about the trip to Africa. Questions? Call Dianna Florea, 937 307-3556.

Admin Council meets 6:30 pm, Monday, June 2

Everyone is invited to come share in the plans and work of God's church!

Trustee's Corner

We are looking for volunteers to help with 2 projects. The goal is to help maintain a safe and attractive campus.

1- Adopt a shrub bed. It's that time of year that those pesky weeds and wire grass start to pop up in our mulched beds. We are looking for a total of 5 persons to maintain these areas. Our beds will be divided into 5 areas. Each person would commit to weeding each bed every few weeks or as needed.

2- Cleanup trash and left behind belongings around our property. The goal is to have 14 people. This will help spread the task of cleaning up, so as not to burden just a few people.

Trash bags will be supplied. **Thick gloves** are a must to protect yourself. If we can get 14 people to volunteer, duties would be once every 2 weeks for about an hour or so. Please consider helping out with these tasks. Contact Charlie Carrico if you are Interested at gumctrusteescc@gmail.com, or Ginny at Ginny@gracedowntown.net



Prayer Requests

Dot Ballard
Bill (friend of Phipps)
Joyce Blauvelt
Family of Mary Brooks
The family of Tammy
Cauthorne-Burnette
Audra Florea
Jimmy
Tim Jones
Maria King
Frank Licari

Billie Lyndon
James and Cathy Merritt
Millie
Rya
Paul Sipson
Marianne Sorace
Dan Walters
Dean & Sue Windgassen
Grace UMC staff and volunteers
Those whose lives are affected by
war and natural disasters

If you have a prayer request, please contact
Marilee Tremlett at mtrem3@icloud.com.



Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN
PO1 Sean Baker, USN
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC
SFC Woodrow Long, USA

Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF
SFC Letty Long, USA
Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF
Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
SSgt. James Pritchett, USA
CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
Sgt. Andrew Ross, USMC
Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Michael Tate, USA
E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

Mission Moment today

Thank you to Sunset Park Elementary for our allowing us to be in Mission with you!

Below are the planters built by Grace members and Kids Making It. The KidsMakingIt made 3 of the 3 ft by 6 ft raised planters. The rims are 30 inches off the ground for access by kids in wheel chairs. The pictures of planters with flowers are the result of kids' work in the spring of 2025. The main teacher responsible for making all this happen is the special education teacher. He also got the donations of the soil and the donations for the materials for the planters made by KidsMakingIt. Next year he plans to add vegetables to the garden.



Calling all Graduates!

If you or your children are graduating or have recently graduated, please let Ginny in the office know: ginny@gracedowntown.net. This includes graduates of high school, community college or university. Please include course of study, parents or guardians, and plans if they are known.

Last Call!

The deadline to apply for a scholarship is **June 3rd**. If you have been an active Grace youth or adult and are attending college this summer or fall, please apply at this link:

<https://forms.gle/C7WmYXmSpYycGgTNA>

Please apply soon, or contact Mary Tyndall or Liz Moore for more information.



GRACE TASKFORCE ON HOMELESSNESS

In February, the Administrative Council approved the creation of a taskforce to address the interface of Grace Church and the homeless population of Wilmington. As you know, Grace hosted the Warming Shelter this past winter. During that time, we opened our church 34 times to those in need of a place to sleep and shelter during extremely cold weather. It was a challenge for everyone and many in Grace Church felt overwhelmed by this important ministry.

The task force was implemented to try to find ways to create win/win scenarios for both Grace Church and the homeless. We've had our first meeting and shared some ideas, and, we'll be doing more of that. As members of Grace's congregation, you're invited to share your thoughts and ideas with us. It doesn't matter how insignificant you think your idea might be, it could be the gold star winner! Please share with us. Minutes from our meetings are available at the Welcome desk to anyone who wishes to read them. Here are the members of the task force if you want to share your thoughts with one of them:

Linda Pyle
Nancy Pritchett
John Burnette
Mark Kwasniewski
Gene Powell
Jane Spicer
Charlie Carrico

Amy Holcomb
Jamie Thompson
Meg McBride
Benny Oakes
Ginny Peterson
Ellie Buckingham
Neil Stuber



Maximizing Your Retirement
Experience: Health and Wealth

THE THIRD ACT

Subject experts will present on the following topics:

Health (9:30 - 10:40)

- Maximizing and Maintaining Independence/Home Safety
- How to Get Help When Needed (Transportation, Caregiver Support, Care Management)
- Hospice Care

Wealth (10:50 - 12:00)

- The Home: Organizing/Downsizing and Buy/Sell Strategies
- Medicare Options
- Taxes: Introducing IRMAA
- Planning for the Future (Long Term Care, Wills and Trusts, and Funeral Planning)

Please feel free to attend one or both sections of the presentation

Thursday, June 19th, 2025

9:30 AM-12:00 PM

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RSVP to thethirdactnc@gmail.com
Refreshments will be provided