

# Grace Notes

June 22, 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 22

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  
12:15 pm VBS training  
Milford, CT UCC mission trip week

#### Monday, June 23

8:45 am Grace Walkers  
10:00 am Senior Basketball  
1:30 pm Duke Reflection  
5:00 pm VBS prep  
5:30 pm Gym and Kitchen used by UCC  
9:00 pm UCC Devotion time in Sanctuary

#### Tuesday, June 24

9:00 am Organist rehearsal  
9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny  
10:00 am Camp Impact  
1:00 pm Access of Wilmington  
5:30 pm Bootcamp  
6:30 pm Kitchen/Gym in use

#### Wednesday, June 25

10:00 am Yoga  
10:00 am Staff mtg.  
1:00 pm Camp Impact  
1:00 pm Unsheltered Task Force  
2:00 pm Organist Practice  
5:30 pm Gym in use by UCC Mission Team  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, June 26

10:00 am Camp Impact  
5:30 pm Bootcamp  
6:30 pm Basketball

#### Friday, June 27

9:00 am VBS set up  
9:00 am Organist Rehearsal  
Milford, CT UCC mission group leaves

#### Saturday, June 28

VBS

#### Sunday, June 29

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  
VBS continues until 2

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### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering For 6/15/2025

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	28
11:00 am	160
Online service	77

Operating Funds Given	\$	5,168
Average receipts needed weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Given	\$	570

Apportionments paid through May

#### May financial report

Building YTD Preserv. Fund Rcpts.	\$	26,501
Building YTD Preserv. Fund Exp.	\$	29,523
Balance	\$	(3,021)

Budget YTD Receipts	\$	305,304
Expenses YTD (2025)	\$	348,180
Balance	\$	(42,876)
Organ Fund	\$	10,219

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity

#### 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](http://gracedowntown.church)

Use the QR code at right.

Or text: MyGift2Grace to 73256

Checks may also be mailed to the address above.



### UCC Mission Trip arrives today

Grace will host a Youth mission trip from **First United Church of Christ** in Milford, Connecticut later today through June 27. There will be about 22 in the group and throughout the week they will mainly work with Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (WARM).

Thank you to all who have reached out to participate in welcoming this group! If you have questions please contact Ginny in the office, (910) 763-5197.

### Who Needs to Be Visited?

Anyone needing encouragement, comfort, or a sense of belonging, so that they aren't forgotten. Feel free to contact the Grace UMC Pastor of Congregational Care, Rev. Dr. Jack Jones, D. Min. at (910) 763-5197.

These are people who can feel rather lonely at times.

- elderly people still living independently especially if they are shut-ins
- elderly or disabled people living in nursing homes
- people who are sick for a prolonged period of time
- people who are hospitalized
- bereaved people
- prisoners
- people in shelters
- people in crisis

— Rev. Dr. Jack Jones,  
[Jack@Gracedowntown.net](mailto:Jack@Gracedowntown.net)



Yee-Haw VBS At Grace UMC

### A trailblazing weekend of fun!

At Yee-Haw VBS, kids'll kick up their heels as they stampede through the wild frontier and celebrate the greatest truth of all—**God is good!**  
For ages: Rising Pre-K to Rising 6th grade

#### Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 8am- 5pm

For this all day VBS we will be providing breakfast, lunch, and snacks. There will be down time midday for children to relax with a short movie and quiet activities.

#### Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 11am - 2 pm

Families will be invited to join us for service as the children have the opportunity to share pictures from their all-day VBS and perform a song. Following the service we will serve lunch and have a bounce house for the kids to enjoy!

Register as a participant or volunteer here:

<https://vbspro.events/p/graceumckids>

Prayer Requests

Betty Arnette

Dot Ballard

Bill (friend of Phipps)

Joyce Blauvelt

Family of Mary Brooks

Lindsey Brown

Janice Fladd

Audra Florea

Jackson

Jimmy

Tim Jones

Maria King

Frank Licari

Billie Lyndon

James and Cathy Merritt

Millie

Rya

Paul Sipson

Marianne Sorace


Dan Walters

Grace UMC children and youth leaders

Grace 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](mailto: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

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard update

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard distributed emergency food to 336 households during the week of June 8th. This month we are collecting canned meat, for instance chicken, tuna, SPAM. Small pop-top cans are given to people without shelter. Standard sized cans are given to households with shelter.

More help is needed to keep Saturdays open for food distribution from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. You must be at least 16 years old to volunteer. Sign up at [motherhubbardsnc.com](http://motherhubbardsnc.com). Click on VOLUNTEER and then TAKE ACTION. They will email you once your application is processed. Then, you can select the day or days each month you wish to volunteer.

Summer pause in Fellowship Time

FYI: Nurture will be taking a break from Fellowship Time in the Welcome Center through the last Sunday in August.

If anyone in the congregation would like to help with Fellowship in the Fall, this would be a great time to work with a Nurture member to learn how we do the coffee. Please call Faye Robinson (301-919-1234) or Judy Heath (910-620-8350) and we'll put you on the Fellowship schedule.

What's happening at Grace?

Thanks to an anonymous donor, the old metal windows in the older section (Education and Choir wings) are getting replaced! This work is expected to cause minimal disruption, except for noise and blocking some spaces on Grace Street. Planned work will begin on June 30th. We appreciate the gifts to sustain God's church and are overjoyed that this will also help with utility costs.

Also, there is a problem with roots from the Live Oaks along Grace pushing up the pavement on the streets. The uneven pavement is a tripping hazard and unsafe. Crews will be doing some tree trimming this week with oversight from the city arborist. Then, later in July, they will block off the parking spots affected by the roots rather than removing the trees or risking their loss. They have notified us that we will no longer be able to park on the street in this area.

Help us be a welcoming community!

If you have a friendly smile and a warm hello, you are a great candidate to be a greeter! One of the best volunteer opportunities at Grace is to pick a Sunday to help welcome folks. As a bonus, you will likely get to know someone better and meet someone new. For more information and to sign up, please contact Nancy Pritchett at email: [nhpritchett@gmail.com](mailto:nhpritchett@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.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email: