

Grace Notes

June 8, 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 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/WAVES

Monday, June 9

8:45 am Grace Walkers
10:00 am Senior Basketball
6:45 pm Basketball (Peyton)

Tuesday, June 10

9:00 am Organist rehearsal
9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny
9:30 am Knitwerks @ Panera
10:00 am Camp Impact
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:45 pm Basketball (Peyton)
7:00 pm Chorale Board

Wednesday, June 11

10:00 am Yoga
1:00 pm Camp Impact
2:00 pm Organist Practice
5:00 pm Worship Committee
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 12

9:30 am Camp Impact
5:00 pm Parent Night Out
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, June 13

9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
9:00 am Organist rehearsal
10:00 am Camp Impact

Saturday, June 14

Sunday, June 15

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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering For 6/1/2025

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	32
11:00 am	145
Online service	63

Operating Funds Given	\$	11,069
Average receipts needed weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Given	\$	815

Apportionments paid through May

April 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
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Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

<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.

RSVP—by Tuesday, June 10th for The Third Act!

At least 15 people need to sign up or this will need to be postponed until Fall. Refreshments provided! RSVP today to the thirdactnc@gmail.com.

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
Grace United Methodist Church
401 Grace St.
Wilmington, NC

RSVP to thethirdactnc@gmail.com
Refreshments will be provided

Yee-Haw VBS At Grace UMC

A trailblazing weekend of fun!

At Yee-Haw VBS, kids'll kick up their heels as they stampee 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 28th 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 29th 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. The Children's Director Kelsey Keenan will deliver a sermon reflecting on our message at VBS! 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>

Donations are being accepted in the Welcome Center.

Prayer Requests

Betty Arnette	Billie Lyndon
Dot Ballard	James and Cathy Merritt
Bill (friend of Phipps)	Millie
Joyce Blauvelt	Rya
Family of Mary Brooks	Paul Sipson
The family of Tammy	Marianne Sorace
Cauthorne-Burnette	Dan Walters
Audra Florea	Grace UMC staff and volunteers
Jimmy	Those whose lives are affected by
Tim Jones	war and natural disasters
Maria King	
Frank Licari	

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	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

Congratulations to the Graduates!

Church member **Grace McKenna Holcomb** is the daughter of church members Mark and Amy Holcomb and granddaughter of Jim and Bev Holcomb (also members).

Grace Holcomb graduated on May 9th, 2025 at UNCG with the honor of cum laude in the UNCG Bryan School of Business & Economics and her Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing with a Minor in Communications. She accomplished this while being a student-athlete with the UNCG Women’s Golf team these last 4 years playing in all but 3 of the 34 regular season tournaments and accruing multiple athletic & academic awards throughout the years as well.

Grace has accepted an offer to play golf for and attend the University of Nottingham and their Business School to earn her Masters in Marketing in the United Kingdom starting this September of 2025 for the next year. Meanwhile: This summer she will be working for Under Armour at two PGA Championships and will helping with the operations of the Peggy Kirk Bell Junior Girls Golf Tour.

The Oakes family is pleased to announce that **Abigail Benton Oakes** graduated in May from North Carolina State University, magna cum laude, with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. She began her professional career as a process engineer at FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies on June 2nd.

Thank you to everyone at Grace for their support. You all have been an integral part of this important milestone! Here's to new beginnings and continued growth.

Have a graduate not listed? Please let us know ASAP. We will recognize them at next Sunday’s 11 am service (June 15th).

Summer pause in Fellowship Time

FYI Nurture will be taking a break from Fellowship Time in the Welcome Center starting the Sunday after Father’s Day (June 22) 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 Rubinson (301 -919-1234) or me, Judy Heath(910-620-8350) and we’ll put you on the Fellowship schedule.

Youth Mission Trip coming to help WARM

Grace will host a Youth Mission trip from First United Church of Christ in Milford, Connecticut June 22nd— June 27. There will be about 22 in the group and throughout the week they will mainly work with Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (WARM). We are looking for ideas for some combined fellowship with these youth as well as a couple of folks to greet them on arrival. If you would like to help welcome them to show Grace’s warm hospitality, please contact Ginny in the office, (910) 763-5197.

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 to 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 gumtrustee-scc@gmail.com, or Ginny at Ginny@gracedowntown.net.

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.

Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard update

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard distributes emergency food at 315 Red Cross Street from 12 to 3 pm on Wednesdays and 9 am to 12:00 pm on Saturdays. 411 households received food during the week of May 25th. Please consider making a family donation of canned meat (ex: chicken, tuna, SPAM) this month. Small pop-top cans are given to people without shelter. Standard sized cans are given to households with shelter.

Saturday distribution hours are now 9 am-12 pm. 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. 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 days each month you wish to volunteer.