

# Grace Notes

March 16, 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, March 16**

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:30 pm Youth
- 5:00 pm Lenten Book Study

#### **Monday, March 17**

- 9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
- 5:00 pm Trustees Mtg.
- 7:15 pm Chorale

#### **Tuesday, March 18**

- 9:00 am Organist rehearsal
- 9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

#### **Wednesday, March 19**

- 10:00 am UWF leadership meeting
- 2:00 pm Organist Practice
- 5:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, March 20**

- 5:00 pm Parents Night Out
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:45 pm Basketball (Moore)

#### **Friday, March 21**

- 9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
- 9:00 am Organist rehearsal
- 3:00 pm Cinderella's Closet

#### **Saturday, March 22**

- 9:00 am Cinderella's Closet

#### **Sunday, March 23**

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Confirmation Class
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:30 pm Youth

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### Manaline Gibson's Service on March 29

A service celebrating the life of Manaline Gibson will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 29th in the sanctuary at Grace United Methodist Church. Please feel free to dress casually.

### **After School Snacks needed**

Sunset Park has requested snacks for an after school club that is meeting twice a week through May. Peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, granola bars, clementines are needed for about 15 students. Questions? See Jane Carrico for more information or email her at: nccarricojc@gmail.com.

### **Parent Night Out**

Drop your child off with the amazing Nursery staff here at Grace and enjoy a night to yourself! This month's "Parents Night Out" will be **March 20** from 5-8 pm. We provide dinner for the cost of \$5 per child. Activities and entertainment for the kids from infancy through elementary age are planned. More upcoming Spring dates are: April 10th and May 8th.



### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 3/09/2025

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 28  
11:00 am 160

Online service: 60

Operating Funds Given \$ 14,259  
Average receipts needed weekly \$ 17,671  
Building Preservation Given \$ 620

Apportionments paid through February

### **February financial report**

Building YTD Preserv. Fund Rcpts. \$ 11,576  
Building YTD Preserv. Fund Exp. \$ 90  
Balance \$ 11,486

Budget YTD Receipts \$ 162,991  
Expenses YTD (2025) \$ 128,877  
\$ 34,114

Thank you for your gifts and faithfulness

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### On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg>

### **Grace United Methodist Church**

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website: [gracedowntown.church](http://gracedowntown.church)



Use the QR code at right.

**Or text: MyGift2Grace to 73256**

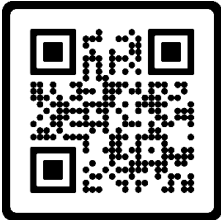
Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

### **Benny's Lenten Assignment**

Scan this QR code with your camera phone, or click on the link in the Enews.

Ginny can also email you a print out of the questions.

If you aren't getting the ENews and other Emails from the Church, let Ginny know in the office.



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### **Cinderella's Closet shopping**

We are excited to announce that the next the 2025 Cinderella's Closet prom shopping events will be on Friday, March 21st and Saturday, March 22nd. These events serve students in New Hanover and surrounding counties that are going to their schools' prom but need assistance with the perfect prom outfit. In order to make these events a success, we need the help of the ladies of Grace! Volunteering only takes two hours and there are still a few openings available. We also can use support leading up to the events getting our rooms in order and supplying treats for students and their families and monetary donations.



If you have any questions: please reach out to Hope Inman at 646-202-3520 or [cinderellasclosetilm@gmail.com](mailto:cinderellasclosetilm@gmail.com).

Dot Ballard  
Joyce Blauvelt  
Ethan Carter  
George & Jane Ferguson  
Joanne Hamilton  
Mike Huxley  
Dennis Ihnat  
Jennifer  
Kimberly  
Maria King  
Kathy Kipp  
Linda's mother  
Rick McDow

Suzy McPherson  
Bill Perks  
Sally Rasmussen  
Paul Sipson  
Dan Walters  
Dean & Sue Windgassen  
Laura Witherington  
  
Those whose lives are  
affected by natural disasters  
War-torn countries  
Volunteers of the Warming Shelter,  
the Anchor and Grace


Prayer Requests

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

If you have a prayer request, please contact  
Marilee Tremlett at [mtrem3@icloud.com](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).



MHC lends a helping hand!  
Needed:


- Travel size personal hygiene items (soap/body wash, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors,
- Feminine hygiene products (all sizes)
- Canned Collards
- Canned Beets
- Grocery size paper bags with handles

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard sends thanks. Your donations continue to make a difference each week, especially when our supplies become very low.

Coastal Horizons' Our Children's Place

Our Children's Place is looking for yarn donations. They make hats and scarves and other items for children of incarcerated mothers. Please bring them to the Welcome Center no later than March 16. They will pick up on March 17.

Questions? Contact Alan and Bettye Broadwater.



Divine Grace next meeting - April 3

We had great fellowship and food at our last Divine Grace Women's Group. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, April 3rd at Osteria Cicchetti. RSVP to Mary Tyndall, [Mary@gracedowntown.net](mailto:Mary@gracedowntown.net) by April 1.

We will be moving forward with the mission project for Hospice linens for those in need. Details are coming soon about what specific sizes and items are needed at this time. Be on the lookout!



Pastor Jamie is leading a Lenten Book Study and Discussion Group

Who is invited?

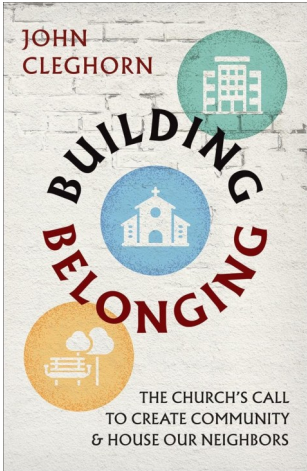
Anyone interested in learning more about what it means to build community, and in discerning how God might be calling the church forward in ministry and mission in our neighborhood (in homelessness and beyond).

What book?

*Building Belonging: The Church's Call to Build Community and House Our Neighbors* by Rev. John Cleghorn

Where and when will we meet?

At Grace UMC in the Bible Classroom on the following days and times:  
Sunday, March 16 5:00-6:30 pm  
Sunday, March 30 5:00-6:30 pm  
Sunday, April 13 5:00-6:30 pm



Coming Up!

Thursday, March 20, 5 to 8 pm- Parent Night Out

Sunday, March 23, Confirmation Class, begins during the SS hour— 9:45—10:45 am.  
Contact Monica Oakes for questions

Palm Sunday, April 13, 8:30 & 11:00 am

Holy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 20, 8:30 & 11:00 am

