

Grace Notes

March 2, 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 2

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 Study with Pastor Jamie

Monday, March 3

9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
1:30 pm Caregivers Support Group
7:15 pm Chorale

Tuesday, March 4

9:00 am Organist rehearsal
9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny
10:30 am United Women of Faith
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Admin Council

Wednesday, March 5

2:00 pm Organist Practice
5:30 pm Youth Pancake supper
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 6

5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:45 pm Basketball (Moore)

Friday, March 7

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

Saturday, March 8

Sunday, March 9

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

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

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In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 2/23/2025

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 30
11:00 am 154

Online service:

56

Operating Funds Given \$ 26,405
Average receipts needed weekly \$ 17,671
Building Preservation Given \$ 986

Apportionments paid through February

January financial report

Building YTD Preserv. Fund Rcpts. \$ 6,515
Building YTD Preserv. Fund Exp. \$ 0
Balance \$ 6,515
Budget YTD Receipts \$ 69,641
Expenses YTD (2025) \$ 68,126
\$ 1,516

Thank you for your gifts and faithfulness

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.

These Forty Days...

**"Lord, who throughout these forty days for us
didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn
our sins and close by thee to stay."**

(UMH, #269, v. 1, "Lord, Who Throughout These
Forty Days")

Ash Wednesday begins the forty-day, Lenten season
of prayer, fasting, and walking nearer to Jesus,
following him into Jerusalem. Lent prepares us for
the journey toward Holy Week, – to the cross and the
empty tomb – as we notice Jesus's life, death, and
resurrection is the salvation we could not have
expected or dreamt if it were not for a God who loves
us so desperately.

Join us at Grace UMC for worship on Ash
Wednesday, on March 5, at 7:00 pm, in the
sanctuary. **Also**, plan to join us for supper
beforehand at 5:30 pm, in the Bullock Activity Center
(gymnasium), where the Grace UMC Youth will host
a pancake supper (donations encouraged). Proceeds
from the supper will go toward the youth mission trip
to western North Carolina in June.

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

5:30 pm - Youth Pancake Supper in
the Bullock Activity Center (gym)

7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Worship
in the Sanctuary



And, mark your calendar for Holy Week!

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

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 2 5:00-6:30 pm
Sunday, March 16 5:00-6:30 pm
Sunday, March 30 5:00-6:30 pm
Sunday, April 13 5:00-6:30 pm

If you'd like to join, buy the book on your own and read
the first chapter before our gathering on March 2.

Save the Date for the next Young at Heart outing

Our next Young at Heart trip is to the city of New
Bern, full of culture and history. We will tour the
Tryon Palace and gardens along with the birthplace
of the Pepsi-Cola Company. Trip cost is \$30 per
person. We will stop for lunch, which is not included.
Details: Sat. March 15—Meet at 9:30 am in the
Church parking Lot. Sign-up form is posted on the
bulletin board in the Welcome Center, or contact
Karen Wrenn ASAP (gkwrenn2151@att.net) so that
we can secure tickets.

Prayer Requests

Dot Ballard	Bill Perks
Joyce Blauvelt	Paul Sipson
Ethan Carter	Dan Walters
George & Jane Ferguson	Dean & Sue Windgassen
Joanne Hamilton	Laura Witherington
Mike Huxley	
Dennis Ihnat	Those whose lives are
Jennifer	affected by natural disasters
Maria King	War-torn countries and ours
Kathy Kipp	
Linda's mother	
Suzy McPherson	

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

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



United Women in Faith

**We serve.
We advocate.
We make a difference.**

This Week at the UWF Meeting

Our next meeting of the United Women of Faith is 10:30 am, Tuesday, March 4th, in the Bullock Activity Center. The speaker is from the Girl Scouts and will be bringing us up-to-date information about their organization. If you have any old memorabilia from your days as a scout, we would love to see it. Mary Trout and Linda Raim will be providing refreshments.

If you are making any shorts or dresses, please bring them to this meeting. Julie Madison will pick them up. Her church friends have made over 100 items and will be taking them all to Costa Rica soon.

Come early and enjoy some snacks and fellowship. We hope to see you there. —Dianna Florea

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)
- ◆ Grocery size paper bags with handles
- ◆ Plastic grocery bags
- ◆ Reusable durable grocery bags

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard sends thanks. More than 500 people were served the first week in February! Your donations continue to make a difference each week, especially when our supplies become very low.

The Beauty of Grace Memorial Bricks

Looking for a way to honor or memorialize a loved one? Please consider placing an order for a memorial brick. You can pick up a brochure in the Welcome Center or order online at polarengraving.com/graceunitedmethodistchurch

We plan to submit the next order in the next week (a minimum order is needed to place an order). Please email Ginny at ginny@gracedowntown.net in the office so she knows it will be coming and let her know if you have placed your order online.

Thank you! This project raises funds for the beautification of the grounds. Thank you to the Trustees, Darrell Davies and Charlie Carrico, for installing most recent shipment and to all who have supported this project.

Divine Grace rescheduled for this Thursday

The Divine Grace Women's Group Social has been rescheduled to March 6th. We will be making a decision on the mission project we would like to pursue as a group.

When: Thursday, March 6th, 6:00 pm

Where: Rucker John's Restaurant
5564 Carolina Beach Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28412

Please RSVP to mary@gracedowntown.net by March 4th, to secure an accurate headcount for the restaurant. See you then!



Please check one or more boxes.

- Would like to join Grace United Methodist Church.**
 - Need Grace UMC name tag(s).**
 - Change of address, phone number, or email.**
 - Need a new name badge.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____