

Grace Notes

March 5, 2023

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 5

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Cinderella's Closet
5:00 pm WAVES

Monday, March 6

9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
1:30 pm Caregivers Support (lib)
5:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball

Tuesday, March 7

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:00 am Bible Book Club
10:15 am UWF (Bible Classroom)
5:30 pm Bootcamp
7:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball

Wednesday, March 8

10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:15 am Yoga
4:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball
4:00 pm Worship Committee
6:00 pm Special Olympics
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 9

5:30 pm Bootcamp
5:30 pm Coastal BUDS Down to Cook
6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, March 10

9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
9:00 am Organist practice

Saturday, March 11

(set up Nurture Potluck)

Sunday, March 12

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
12:15 Nurture Potluck
5:00 pm WAVES

Ushers needed

Grace needs two additional ushers to form a team for the 8:30 services starting April 16. If you are interested, please contact Bob High, rshcch@gmail.com to hear the details.

Volunteer with Cinderella's Closet

Cinderella's Closet, a mission of Grace, will be holding two prom shopping events for girls in New Hanover County on Friday, March 31st (4—8 pm) and Saturday, April 1st (8 am—4 pm) and we need your help!



If you would like to help a girl find a dress, greet them at the door, or if you are able to make very minor alterations to formal wear we would love to have you sign up for a two-hour volunteer time slot. If you are interested, please contact Hope Inman at: CinderellasClosetILM@gmail.com as soon as possible. For our shopping events, we are asking for women volunteers only. However on Thursday, March 30th we will need everyone to help to set up for these events so guys, you can help too! Information on additional ways to serve will be forthcoming.

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 2/26/2023

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 40
11:00 am 190

Online Worship Service:

84

Operating Funds Given \$ 7,823
Budget receipts needed weekly \$ 13,912
Building Preservation Given \$ 270

Building Preservation Funds balance ytd (\$10,5040)
Budget Receipts vs. Expenses ytd \$24,199

Apportionments paid through Feb.

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

The service will be available Sunday starting at **4:00 pm**

This is the link:

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

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POTLUCK Lunch Invitation 3/12/23

You've heard of tough luck, blind luck, and beginner's luck but the Best luck of all is ... POT Luck!

Please Join Us for a Grace Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, March 12th, 12:15 PM in the Gym

Bring your favorite casserole, side, or salad to share!

Sign-up Sheet located in the Welcome Center

Questions? Contact Leigh Mabee: lhmabee@yahoo.com, 910-465-5196

Sponsored by GUMC Nurture Committee

Easter Egg Hunt planned

Come and join us April 2nd 4-6pm for our Easter Event. Everyone is invited to join in on the fun as we have the egg hunt, games, music, pizza, and more! We will have separate rooms set up for egg hunting based on different age groups. The egg hunt will be for ages infancy- 11 years old!



We will have a basket for candy donation located in the welcome center and are thankful for any donations we may receive!

-Kelsey Keenan

Prayer Requests

Family of Carol Ballard	Beth Steelman
Dan Barnes	Aaron Swaney
Tammy Cauthorn-Burnette	Jack Thomas
Marilyn Cooper	Kim Thorburn
Sterling Foster	Donna Tripp
Julie Hamilton	Family of Don Wofford
Debbie Jones	
Frank Michaels	
Mary Neal	
Jason Powers	
Gary Rowe	

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETN1 Anthony Augustine, USN	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	LCpl. Seth Mack, USMC
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
Col. John Delaney, USA	SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
Ens. Elizabeth Downing, USN	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	Sgt. James Pritchett, USA
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	AB Michael Sloan, USAF
Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
SFC Letty Long, USA	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.

Free Cape Fear Chorale Concert, April 2 at 4pm

Join the Cape Fear Chorale at Kenan Auditorium, led by artistic director Aaron Peisner, for a celebration of the ensemble's twenty-fifth season. Musical selections will include favorites from past concerts, including works by Mozart, Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Undine S. Moore, and many more. Former director Jerry Cribbs will be honored with the title of Conductor Emeritus, and the winner of the newly established Jerry Cribbs Scholarship for vocal musicians and music educators will be announced.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard news

The number of local families needing food is increasing again. However, the overall donations to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard have decreased since Christmas. They are giving groceries to over 165 families each time they're open. Please consider picking up one or two nonperishable food items for our brothers and sisters in need each time you get your groceries. Place donations in the grocery cart located in the Welcome Center. Imagine how much food Grace could donate if each family picked up one or two items for the Cupboard during their once a week grocery trip.

Help!

Someone recently left a large container of yogurt in a Styrofoam cooler with a bag of ice, by the time it was found, it wasn't safe to eat. Someone also left a bag filled with nonperishable items half of them with expired dates. This is disappointing because someone wanted to help, but we couldn't use it. Sometimes recently expired goods are ok, but it depends on what it is. It is best to donate things you would feel safe giving to your own family. Thank you for your continued donations and wonderful intent to help.

March UWF Meeting

The March United Women of Faith (formerly UMW) meeting is next Tuesday, March 7th at 10:30. Try to come in around 10:15 for some socializing and coffee and treats.



United Women in Faith

Our speaker is Mike Page and he will be doing a presentation on the Shroud of Turin. We will be meeting upstairs in the Bible classroom as we need the TV for Mike's presentation.

Our mission this month is items for the Migrant Workers bags. We are also collecting pull tabs from pop cans, veggies, etc. This will be an ongoing project. We hope to see you on Tuesday!

Thank you from UWF!

A huge "thank you" to everyone for your participation to the Souper Soup Sale. Many helped in this project, by making soup or cornbread, others bought soup and cornbread, and/or made donations. We made \$957.00! Grace is a wonderful and generous place to be.

And, another big thanks to everyone that contributed diapers. We were able to send 1,594 diapers to the Diaper Bank. Great job!

Social Graces is back

Inserted into the bulletin today, you will find a sign-up form to fill out and either put in the collection plate or return to the office. We hope you will join us for the Spring Social Graces kick-off potluck luncheon and participate in the dinners that will consist of groups of about eight persons. It is a great way to get to know others at Grace! The kickoff potluck is **Sunday, March 24th** after the 11 am worship.

Reflections On My Snapshot of Poverty, Fall 2022

By Duckie Dawkins (Editor's note, we will continue Duckie's story over the next few weeks. We're continuing this week with Duckie's experiences with the "poverty simulation and how she spent her time during the weekend on the streets.")

"...You wander around looking for food. You carry all your belongings with you or hide them, so they won't be stolen. Maybe you find food thrown out the night before in a dumpster. Maybe you're fed from the back door of a restaurant, so no one sees you go in. Maybe someone gives you the other half of their lunch in a to-go box as they leave a restaurant. Maybe you get a hot meal served from the back of a truck or a bag lunch handed out from a car. Maybe two people give you the leftovers from their bag lunches. You are grateful for whatever you find. Maybe you ask someone for a quarter. They give you a dollar. You can buy a pack of crackers or a small bag of chips.
(to be continued...)

March Birthdays

3/1	David Vaughan Helen Monk	3/10	Jill Chidester Heddy Reichardt	3/17	Patty Rowe Pat Thomas	3/27	Abby Oakes
3/3	Jane Spicer	3/11	Anne Lewis		Lillian Edwards	3/28	Ryan Gibbs
3/5	Grace Anne Dunmire Amanda Ladd Barbara Jackson Jeanne Thomasson	3/13	Ross Inman Laura Witherington Kelley Ahlers	3/18	Wallace Riddle		Henry Cichoracki Benny Oakes
3/6	Sue Flora Sarah Voulgaris	3/14	Ed Hickmon Deborah Kelly	3/20	Jamie Cline Mike Mabee Meredith Ross	3/29	Preston Olinger Sarah Layton David Brogan
3/7	Karen Bullock Katie Mintz	3/15	Judy Holden Milton Kreger	3/22	Jen Stenerson	3/30	Neil Stuber
		3/16	Martha Wofford	3/24	Bev McDow		
				3/26	Gary Godwin Will Lindsey		