

Grace Notes

March 9, 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 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

Monday, March 10

9:00 am Grace in Motion Walkers
6:30 pm SPRC
7:15 pm Chorale

Tuesday, March 11

9:00 am Organist rehearsal
9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny
9:30 am Knitwerks @ Panera
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Finance
7:00 pm Chorale Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 12

10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organist Practice
5:00 pm Worship Committee
5:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 13

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

Friday, March 14

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

Saturday, March 15

Young At Heart trip—New Bern

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 Study with Pastor Jamie

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 3/03/2025

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 38
11:00 am 146

Online service: 75

Operating Funds Given \$ 6,900
Average receipts needed weekly \$ 17,671
Building Preservation Given \$ 275

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

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.

Last Call! Young at Heart trip is Saturday (3/15)

The Young at Heart group will travel to New Bern, a city 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. Contact Karen Wrenn today, (gkwrenn2151@att.net) if you are interested. There are a couple tickets left for the Outlander Tour. First come, first served, or to be put on the waiting list in case of a cancellation.

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 for questions

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

Holy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm

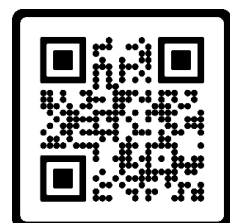
Good Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm



Benny's Lenten Assignment

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

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



SCAN ME

Today is Woman Composer Sunday

This Sunday, March 9, is Woman Composer Sunday. For centuries, women were excluded or discouraged from contributing music for the church. Established in 2021 by the Society of Women Organists and Royal College of Organists in the United Kingdom and adopted by the American Guild of Organists, Women Composer Sunday raises awareness of the contributions of these composers during Women's History Month. I am joining others in the U.K., United States, and around the world on this day. I would particularly like to draw your attention to Sunday's prelude titled, *Here's One*. This is a traditional spiritual arranged by Evelyn R. Larter. Her arrangement is a second-place winner in the Short Composition for Worship Services category of the American Guild of Organists' 2025 Women Composer Organ Composition Competition. Larter was born in Glasgow, Scotland. She always had a love for African American spirituals and became more acquainted with them when she moved to the U.S. in 1998. Since 2003 she has been the director of music at historic Deerfield Presbyterian Church, South Jersey, where she presents regular recitals with world-class musicians.

—Leslie Bergbower, Organist

Here's One

Talk about a child that do love Jesus, Here's one.
Ever since I heard the gospel story, I've been walking up the path to glory.

Talk about a child that do love Jesus, Here's one.
Talk about a child who's been converted, Here's one.
In old Satan's snare I once was falling, but I heard the voice of my Lord calling.
Talk about a child that's been converted, Here's one.

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
Kathy Kipp	Volunteers of the Warming Shelter,
Linda's mother	the Anchor and Grace
Suzu 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.



Coastal Horizons' Our Children's Place

Our Children's Place is looking for yarn donations. They make hats and scarfs and 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.



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. Your donations continue to make a difference each week, especially when our supplies become very low.



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. Other upcoming Spring dates are: April 10th and May 8th.

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).

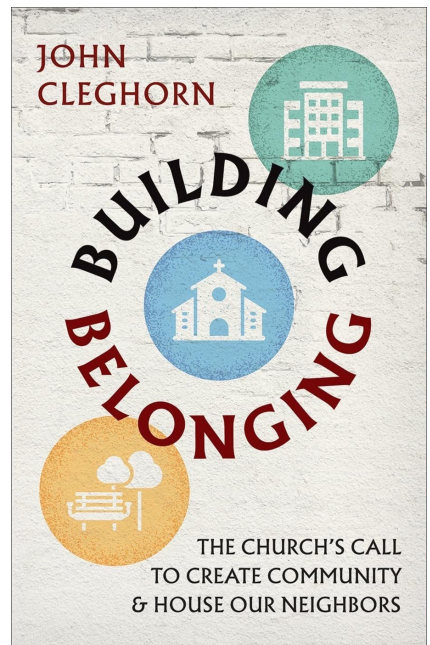
What book?

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



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: _____