

# Grace Notes

May 14, 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, May 14

##### Mother's Day

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service

#### Monday, May 15

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 10:00 am Seniors League Basketball
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support
- 5:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball
- 7:00 pm Trustees

#### Tuesday, May 16

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Book Club
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Administrative Council
- 7:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball

#### Wednesday, May 17

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 9:30 am UWF leadership team
- 10:00 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 4:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, May 18

- 10:00 am Seniors League Basketball
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:40 pm Strategy Session
- 8:00 pm Basketball (Brian Moore)

#### Friday, May 19

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

#### Saturday, May 20

#### Sunday, May 21

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:15 pm Nuture Committee
- 4:00 pm WAVES Year-end party

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### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 5/7/2023

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 29  
11:00 am 178

Online Worship Service:

78

Operating Funds Given \$ 13,824  
Budget receipts needed weekly \$ 13,912  
Building Preservation Given \$ 985

Apportionments paid through April

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April financial report

Building Preservation Fund Receipts \$ 64,498  
Building Preservation Fund Expenses \$ 46,285  
Balance \$ 18,213

Budget YTD Receipts \$229,136  
Expenses YTD \$219,696  
Balance Receipts vs Expenses \$ 9,440

### 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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(point your phone camera  
at the box and click on the link that  
appears).



### Grace UMC to host a Free One Day Dance Camp for Rising K-12 Girls on June 10, 2023

"In His Steps" is a non-profit Christian girls' ministry based in the Lake Norman, North Carolina area. For over 15 years, this ministry has partnered with various church and communities to offer free classes, events, and summer camps.

This year, Grace UMC is pleased to host In His Steps to offer their FREE one-day dance camp for RISING K-12th Grade Girls from 10am-3pm on Saturday, June 10th. We will need a few volunteers! To help, find out more information and/or sign up in the Welcome Center this Sunday, or contact Sally Barnes or Karen Evans.

Their theme this year is "Joy" and the one-day camp will be filled with dance to Christian music, devotions, and lots of fun. And to make it even easier, our church is going to provide a FREE pizza and fruit lunch to all the girls who attend camp.

If you know someone who would like to register, simply email In His Steps directly at [info@ihsdance.com](mailto:info@ihsdance.com), with your dancer's name, grade she will be in next year, and that your participant would like to attend the Wilmington camp location. For more information on In His Steps, check out: [www.ihsdance.com](http://www.ihsdance.com).

### Attention all Graduates and Parents of Grads!

Grace United Methodist Church plans to recognize our 2022-2023 graduates at an upcoming worship service. We need your help with the collection of the names and schools of graduates. We invite all to be present in worship on **Sunday, June 4**.

If you are a graduate, parent or caregiver of a graduate or graduates, during the 2022-2023 school year (December or June), receiving a HS diploma, a two- or four-year degree, or higher, please call or reply to Ginny at [ginny@gracedowntown.net](mailto:ginny@gracedowntown.net) to let us know!

Please include each

- student's and parents names
- email
- school and program of study and
- graduation date

We ask that you send us this information **as soon as possible**, but no later than noon on **Tuesday, May 16**. Thank you for making this a special day in the life of the church.

## Prayer Requests

Wayne Blalock	Linda Raim
Tonna Bowen	Holly Ratcliffe
Marilyn Cooper	Donna Tripp
Donald Davies	Caregivers everywhere
Howard Finch	One unspoken request
Kevin Hathcock	
Julie Moore	
Mary Neal	

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](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).

### Meals to be served at Grace through Summer feeding program for kids

Through a federal program called Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) the Food Bank supports partners operating Kids Summer Meals sites across our 34-county service area.

These sites provide children with nutritious meals and programming during the summer when schools are closed.

Grace UMC will serve lunch only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 am - 1 pm starting July 5th through August 25th, 2023 in our gym. Registration is not required but is appreciated.

Two volunteers or more per day are needed. Would you consider lending a hand for lunches? No prep is necessary. Look for the sign up form near the Welcome Center reception desk for more information to help out. Questions? Contact [Sally Barnes](#) or [Karen Evans](#).

### Clean out your closet for a good cause

It's that time of year when we clean out our closets in preparation for getting new clothes for the summer. Even if we have clothes that still look good and are in good condition, we may just want some new items and want to free up space. If you are donating, please consider these guidelines:

- \*Is this something I would give to my brother, sister or best friend?
- \*Is it suitable for this season? (*Thrift stores do not have space for out-of-season items*)
- \*Does it need repair? (*If so, find another use*)
- \*Are the items clean (including shoes)?

Places that take "in season" clothing in Wilmington are:

#### Vintage Values (Supports Domestic Violence Shelter and Services)

- 609 Castle St (downtown)
- 413 South College Rd (by UNCW)
- 5226 South College Rd (Monkey Junction)

#### Rescue Mission of Cape Fear

- 502 Castle St (corner of Castle and 5th Ave.)
- Call for donation times, 910-343-0366

#### Salvation Army Thrift Store

- 1411 Floral Pkwy (across from Independence Mall)

#### \*Lake Forest Baptist Church Clothes Closet

- 1626 Lake Branch Dr. (off of Greenfield St.)
- Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10a-2p  
Ground level entrance on left side under the sanctuary

Please contact Duckie or the church office, if you know other places that take clothing donations.

### Scholarship applications being accepted

Grace Scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 academic year are being accepted now through **May 31**. Applicants can apply with this link <https://forms.gle/SNevrVcKX776PfvHA>. Please contact Liz Moore at (910) 200-5641 or email [scholarships@gracedowntown.net](mailto:scholarships@gracedowntown.net) if you have questions.

### CFC presents Musical Dessert Theatre on May 19

Cape Fear Chorale presents *Broadway Through the Ages*, an evening of favorite show tunes, sweet treats and more, Friday, May 19, 7pm in the Community Center at Winter Park Baptist Church. According to Artistic Director and Conductor Dr. Aaron Peisner, "There will be ensemble arrangements and solos ranging from classic Broadway shows like 'The Sound of Music,' 'My Fair Lady,' and 'Les Miserables' to more recent hits like 'Wicked,' 'Hamilton,' and 'Dear Evan Hansen.' He adds, "Most of the songs will be familiar – a medley from 'The Music Man,' 'Seasons of Love' from 'Rent,' the title song from 'Ain't Misbehavin',' -- but a few may be new to you, as well."

In addition to enjoying the music, dessert, coffee and tea, Broadway Through the Ages attendees will be able to bid in a silent auction for a wide range of high-value gifts and services, including hand-made quilts, jewelry, women's and men's watches, theater and Wilmington Symphony tickets, a round of golf for 4 at Pine Valley Country Club, a spa package, a surf lesson, a megalodon tooth and lots more. Additional fun and valuable donations for the auction are coming in every day. There will also be a 50/50 auction.

"Last year's America Sings! was our first dessert theater," says Cape Fear Chorale president, Susan Carron. "We had high hopes, but we were amazed and delighted at the response. It was a sellout, and people who had attended immediately started asking about the next one! We're looking forward to the Dessert Theater being an annual event and a big part of funding the Chorale's activities."

Tickets for the Broadway Through the Ages are \$30, and are available at [www.capefearchorale.org](http://www.capefearchorale.org). A 20% discount will be given for the purchase of a table for 8. For more information, email: [president@capefearchorale.org](mailto:president@capefearchorale.org). As a reminder, several of our Choir members participate in this great group.



**Bible Book Club this week**

Bible Book Club with Pastor Benny will meet on Tuesday. It is never too late to start or join the class. Just start with the reading of the day and/or show up. There is no need to try to catch up.

- May 14** Psalm 129; Jonah 1-4; [OT Overviews](#)
- May 15** Psalm 130; Micah 1-4; [OT Overviews](#)
- May 16** Psalm 131; Micah 15-7
- May 17** Psalm 132; Nahum 1-3: [OT Overviews, blog](#)
- May 18** Psalm 133; Habakkuk 1-3; [OT Overviews](#)
- May 19** Psalm 134; Zephaniah 1-3; [OT Overviews](#)
- May 20** Psalm 135; Job 1-3; [Wisdom of Job, blog](#)
- May 21** Psalm 136; Job 4-7

**The Wilmington Choral Society continues its 72nd season on Sunday May 21st by performing a tribute to America and our Veterans.**

The Chorus will sing such notable tunes as "God Bless America," "Salute to the Armed Forces," "When the Saints go Marching In," and of course "The Star Spangled Banner." The Chorus will also perform "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Stars and Stripes Forever," "This Land is Your Land," and a choral rendition of "God Bless the USA." Tickets can be found online at: <https://wilsoncentertickets.com/show/?id=63401> or call: 910-362-7999.

**Stellar VBS at Grace!**

Join Grace UMC June 18th-22nd as we launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar VBS rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Rising Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to join us on this space-tacular trip! VBS will begin at 5:30 each night and end at 8 o'clock. We will provide dinner for participants and volunteers. To register for this event please use the following link: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/graceumckids>. Donations will be collected in the welcome center where you will also be able to find more information about volunteering for VBS! Thanks for all your support. Please see me if you have any questions! Kelsey Keenan, Director of Children Ministries



**SHP provides beds for kids**

There's a wonderful new non-profit in Wilmington called "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" (SHP) with a mission that "No Kid Sleeps on the Floor In Our Town." Tommy Underwood, the chapter president, spoke to the UWF about this non-profit which aims to help children ages 3 to 17. Founded in Kimberly, Idaho in 2012, SHP, is the only charity providing hand made bunk beds to children who don't have beds of their own. There are 2,000 children in our area that sleep without a proper bed.

You can donate, volunteer or sponsor to continue their mission. \$250.00 is the material value for each twin size bed made. You can also join the "BunkHead Club" for \$20.00 a month for a year that equals the cost of a SHP bunk bed, complete with bedding, a pillow, and a twin mattress. Tommy explained the process to make each bed and listed immediate needs such as a storage facility, enclosed utility trailer and complete build tool sets to carry when delivering beds. The application process to receive a bed is online or through referrals. New bedding (sheets, pillowcases, quilts, blankets) are also accepted. Beds are made in an assembly line by volunteers. Want to help but don't know anything about building a bed? They pair you with someone who does.

To find out more: visit <https://shpbeds.org/>

**Facebook:** @SHPWILMINGTON

**Email:** [tommyunderwood@shpbeds.org](mailto:tommyunderwood@shpbeds.org)

**Call:** Tommy at 910-616-5942

**Or sign-up** to volunteer for a mission day for this worthy cause and sure to be fun, online at [bit.ly/shpevent](http://bit.ly/shpevent)

**Calling All Knitters!!**

Please join a special group of knitters on the second Tuesday of the month at Panera Bread on Oleander Drive at 9:30 am for breakfast, fellowship and knitting. For further information please contact Marie Allison at [alli7173@hotmail.com](mailto:alli7173@hotmail.com).

**Help! Ushers needed**

Grace continues its search for additional ushers to form a team for both services. Perhaps you would be willing to be a back-up if someone is out for vacation or sicknesses. If you are interested, please contact Bob High at [rshcch@gmail.com](mailto:rshcch@gmail.com) for details on how you may serve in this important role in the life of the Church.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_