

Grace Notes

May 19, 2024

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 19

Pentecost

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12 noon Family Picnic Northern Regional Park

Monday, May 20

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion
- 10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support
- 5:30 pm Basketball (youth)
- 7:00 pm Trustees
- 7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale

Tuesday, May 21

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 3:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Admin Council
- 6:45 pm Basketball (youth)

Wednesday, May 22

- 10:00 am Yoga
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 23

- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:00 pm Recital in Sanctuary (Lisa Estep)
- 6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, May 24

- 9:00 am Grace in Motion
- 9:00 am Organist Practice

Saturday, May 25

Sunday, May 26

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

Monday, May 27th is Memorial Day. The office will be closed.

Principal Joe Pazar, from Sunset Park Elementary, will be our guest today in the Welcome Center before the 11 am service and also will say a few words during worship about our mission and collaboration with the school. WELCOME!

Hi, Children and Youth Families!

Reminder that our end of the year party is today, May 19th, immediately following church. This is a family event and hope all families will come too! It's at Northern Regional Park at Castle Hayne. We will be providing pizza, drinks, and paper goods. We just ask you to bring a side or desert. We will be having a kickball game! We hope that you can come out for a good time and fellowship!

Questions? Contact Kelsey Keenan or Jada Martinez to RSVP:
Kelsey@gracedowntown.net
Jada@gracedowntown.net

New flooring coming and we need your help

Thanks to a generous donor, the flooring is being replaced in the Children's Sunday School rooms and Nursery as well as the hallway outside that area. We are asking any able-bodied helpers to stay with us after the 11 am service, to move the boxes out of those rooms. These have already been packed up.

This replacement is long overdue, so we hope that all who are inconvenienced by the work, will be patient during the installation. The flooring team will do its best to have it where a couple of rooms will be accessible for Sunday's service.

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 5/12/2024

In-person Worship Service:		
	8:30 am	27
	11:00 am	166
	online	89
Operating Funds Given	\$	8,149
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	15,634
Building Preservation Given	\$	1,465
Apportionments paid through April		

April financial report

Building YTD Preservation Fund Receipts	\$	24,896
Building YTD Preservation Fund Expenses	\$	7,068
Balance	\$	17,828
Budget YTD Receipts	\$	265,553
Expenses YTD (2024)	\$	247,144
Balance Receipts vs Expenses	\$	18,409

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

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

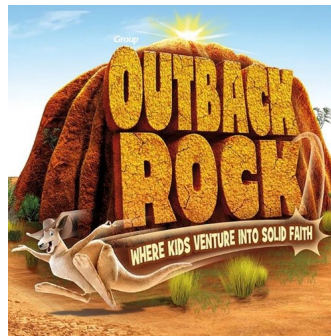
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Checks may also be mailed to the address above.



Outback Rock Weekend VBS

Register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/graceumckids> (note new link—last week's link was missing a slash.)

On this Aussie adventure, kids explore God's monumental love and discover what it means to have an unshakable faith. Drop your child off for a full day of learning and play on Saturday, June 29th 8:00am-6:00pm (breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served) and bring the whole family for a Special Service followed by a family day with lunch and more fun on Sunday, June 30th from 11am- 2pm. Hope to see you there!

If you are interested in volunteering we need your help this year! You can use the same link above or reach out directly to Kelsey Keenan. We will also be asking for donations via an Amazon wishlist and board in the Welcome Center, so be on the lookout! Thanks for all your support Grace Family!
Contact Kelsey Keenan (910) 599-5290, or kelsey@gracedowntown.net

Prayer Requests

Dan Barnes	Bill Perks
Margaret Batchelor	Tom Powers
Alan Broadwater	Linda and Dick Raim
Lindsey Brown	Carolyn Stokley
Tim Collins	Peggy Utterback
Kitty Eure	Becky Whisnant
Martin Ginocchio	Jeff Wilson
James Daniel Hendricks	Dean Windgassen
Tom Jones	Stephanie Woodward
Maxine LeFever	Caregivers everywhere
Family of Mark Lester	Unspoken, in our hearts
Kristi Midgett	War-torn Countries

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



Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN	Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA	SFC Letty Long, USA
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
Col. John Delaney, USA	SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	SSgt. James Pritchett, USA
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
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

Dear Fair Trade/Equal Exchange Friends ~

My latest email from Equal Exchange brought the unexpected news that the cost of cacao has skyrocketed! This global shortage, due to poor harvests, has been caused by serious crop diseases, atypical climate patterns and aging farms with older trees which haven't been reinvested in. (not ours!)

Accordingly, we will take an Equal Exchange 'hiatus' on ordering, and return at an appropriate time. As always, a huge thank you from these small farmers whose livelihood and communities depend on it. =) Carolee Doty

Divine Grace Women's Group May Social.

When: Thursday, May 23rd, 6:00 pm
Where: La Costa Mexican Restaurant
5622 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

Come gather to socialize and share about our upcoming mission project. We will be collecting the following items for the Sister Isaac Center: New men's underwear and white athletic socks, gently used: towels, sheets, and cookware.

Please RSVP to Mary@gracedowntown.net by May 21st to secure an accurate headcount for the restaurant. See you then! ♥

Attention all Graduates and Parents of Grads!

Grace United Methodist Church plans to recognize our 2023-2024 graduates during worship on **Sunday, June 2nd**. We need your help with the collection of the names and schools of graduates. We invite all to be present at the **11:00 am worship service on Sunday, June 2**.

If you are a graduate, parent or caregiver of a graduate or graduates, during the 2023-2024 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 to let us know!

Please include each

- students' and parents' names
- email addresses
- school and program of study
- graduation date

Please send us this information **as soon as possible**, but no later than noon on **Wednesday, May 22**. Thank you for making this a special day in the life of the church!

As is tradition at Grace, baskets have been set out in the Welcome Center to be filled with cards and gifts for each of the graduating high school seniors.

Prayers Answered

We now have an additional driver for our church van! Jarvis Simmons drove a school bus for a time, and has agreed to take us on our day trips.

Karen Wrenn has also agreed to **plan** some trips for us to enjoy. She did this at a church she once attended. Jarvis and Karen think we should get started in August because the summer is so busy. If you have any suggestions of possible places to visit, please call Karen at (410-615-4768) or see her at church.

We are now all set to enjoy some fun with our members. Thank you to Jarvis and Karen for stepping up and answering our prayers.
—Darlene Tyndall

MAY DONATIONS FOR MOTHER HUBBARD'S

The temperature is rising and our brothers and sisters who don't have shelter are asking for lots of fluids:

- WATER,
- JUICE BOXES or POUCHES
- PROTEIN DRINKS like BOOST and ENSURE

Place your donations in the grocery cart near the elevator in the Welcome Center. Volunteers from Grace take donations to Mother Hubbard's on Wednesdays and Saturdays. To **volunteer** or make a **financial donation**, go to www.motherhubbardsnc.org. Look at the top for the tabs "Volunteer" and "Donate". You can also mail your donation to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, PO Box 76, Wilmington, NC 28402.

Scholarship applications being accepted

Grace Scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 academic year are being accepted now through June 3. Applicants can apply with this link <https://forms.gle/C7WmYXmSpYycGgTNA>. Please contact Mary Tyndall or Liz Moore or email scholarships@gracedowntown.net if you have questions.



More Kitchen Committee Members Needed

It's time for more Grace Members to get back in our kitchen. There are only a few of the original Kitchen Committee members available. We need more people to join our Kitchen Team. These teams of two or more serve for a month at a time to check weekly, on the cleanliness. For example, you would throw away out-of-date items in the fridge and wipe off the counter tops. Please ask a buddy to join with you and contact Joan Cunningham at 910-251-1242 to sign up for this important way to serve Grace.