

Grace Notes

May 21, 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 21

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:15 pm Nurture Committee
- 4:00 pm WAVES Year-end party (water slide!)

Monday, May 22

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 10:00 am Seniors League Basketball
- 5:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

- 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 25

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

Friday, May 26

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

Saturday, May 27

Sunday, May 28

Pentecost

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:15 pm Called Charge Conference

Charge Conference to approve Associate Pastor

A called charge conference will be held on Sunday, May 28, 2023, at 12:15 pm following the 11 am worship service to approve the appointment of Associate Pastor Jamie Thompson.

Rev. Thompson will start her appointment on July 1st. We ask that all members who are present stay for this brief session. Please read her bio on the next page.

End of the Year Party, today, May 21st 4-6 pm

We are inviting all of our children and youth and their families to celebrate this school year and the end of night programs with an outdoor water party here at Grace! We will have a water slide set up in the parking lot along with other water activities, music and games for everyone to enjoy. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be grilled so please let us know who will be in attendance! In the event of rain we will move our party into the gym, Come celebrate with us! Reach out to Kelsey Keenan or Jada Martinez to RVSP.

Scholarship applications being accepted

Grace Scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 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 if you have questions.

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 5/14/2023

In-person Worship Service:

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| 8:30 am | 34 |
| 11:00 am | 180 |

Online Worship Service:

78

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| Operating Funds Given | \$ | 16,233 |
| Budget receipts needed weekly | \$ | 13,912 |
| Building Preservation Given | \$ | 960 |

Apportionments paid through April

April financial report

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

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| 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/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGq>

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at the box and click on the link that appears).



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 the official site: <https://wilsoncentertickets.com/show/?id=63401> or call: 910-362-7999.

Prayer Requests

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| Amy Stanton | Julie Moore |
| Dan Barnes | Mary Neal |
| Wayne Blalock | Linda Raim |
| Tonna Bowen | Holly Ratcliffe |
| Marilyn Cooper | Steve Shulse |
| Donald Davies | Mary Sloan |
| Carole Ellis | Donna Tripp |
| Howard Finch | |
| Kevin Hathcock | Caregivers everywhere |
| | Unspoken requests |

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

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| 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.

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

Narrowway Theater bus trip possibility

We are looking into a bus trip to the Narrowway Theater, "The Broadway of Christian Entertainment", to see their production of "Samson, the Final Judge!", and a visit to the Billy Graham Library & Museum in Charlotte NC on July 21-22. The show is on Friday the 21st and we would have an overnight stay in Fort Mill SC. After breakfast on Saturday, we would spend several hours at the newly expanded Billy Graham Library in Charlotte before returning to Grace.

The show is a dinner theater and there are discounted pricing for groups over fifteen. The Library is free but does accept donations. Right now, front row seating is available!

If interested, please send an email to gumctrustees1@gmail.com. We have taken a church group there before and had a wonderful time! Information on the Narrowway Theater can be found at <https://www.narrowway.net>. Information on the Billy Graham Library can be found at <https://billygrahamlibrary.org>. The trip costs will be determined by the number of people interested.



Thank you!

The AED/CPR Seminar was a success with the help of Chris Stenerson and Lisa Dawkins, who were fantastic! We thank you both so very much. It was a great turn out with approximately 60 people. We now have several Grace members who have been shown the steps to help save someone's life if the need should arise. Again, thank you to Chris and Lisa!

Judy Heath
Nurture Committee

Rev. Jamie Thompson, Associate Pastor of Community Engagement

Rev. Jamie Thompson was baptized, confirmed, called, and commissioned by the saints of Queen Street United Methodist Church in Kinston, NC where she was born and raised. After graduating from Mount Olive College with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion, she attended Union Presbyterian Seminary where she earned a Master of Divinity and a Master of Theology.



Since 2012, Jamie has been serving as a United Methodist Pastor across eastern North Carolina, including a two-point charge in Greene County, New Bern, Aulander, Pink Hill, and The Anchor United Methodist Church, also in downtown Wilmington. Community engagement with neighbors from all walks of life has been the heartbeat of Jamie's ministry since the time she was a youth in her home church. She is passionate about helping people connect with God, one another, and themselves.

A few of Jamie's favorite things are reading, playing Ultimate Frisbee, running (sort of!), training in multiple martial arts, spending time at her family's camper on Bogue Sound, and enjoying time on the porch with her two cats, Zippy and Gladys Herdman.

Bible Book Club this week

Bible Book Club with Pastor Benny will **not meet** on Tuesday, but the reading continues! If you want to join in, just start with the reading of the day. There is no need to try to catch up.

May 21 Psalm 136; Job 4-7
May 22 Psalm 137; Job 8-11
May 23 Psalm 138; Job 12-15
May 24 Psalm 139; Job 16-19
May 25 Psalm 140; Job 20-23
May 26 Psalm 141; Job 24-28
May 27 Psalm 142; Job 29-31
May 28 Psalm 143; Job 32-34

If you are interested, the whole plan can be found here: https://d1bsmz3sdihlpr.cloudfront.net/media/Quarterlies_Other%20Downloads/BibleProject_One_Year_Reading_Plan.pdf



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](#).

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 bed, complete with bedding, a pillow, and a twin mattress. The application process to receive a bed is online or through referrals. Tommy explained the process to make each one and listed immediate needs such as a storage facility, enclosed utility trailer and complete build tool sets to carry on-site for delivery and set up. New bedding is 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

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

Altar Flowers

If you are interested in signing up to dedicate altar flowers, we have several dates currently available including May 28, June 4, July 23, July 30, August 6, and August 13. To sign up, the altar chart with the various dates is in the Welcome Center between the Fourth Street entrance and the door leading toward the Sanctuary.

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 or find out more information, contact Sally Barnes or Karen Evans.

This year's theme 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, 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.

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.

- 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: _____