

Grace Notes

May 25, 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, May 25

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Kids for Christ
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, May 26

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

9:00 am Organist rehearsal
9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny
5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, May 28

10:00 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am yoga
1:30 pm Lay Leadership
2:00 pm Organist Practice
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 29

5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, May 30

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

Saturday, May 31

Sunday, June 1

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Kids for Christ
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
4:30 pm Youth

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 5/18/2025

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	32
11:00 am	174
Online service	61

Operating Funds Given	\$	11,835
Average receipts needed weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Given	\$	230

Apportionments paid through April

April financial report

Building YTD Preserv. Fund Rcpts.	\$	25,176
Building YTD Preserv. Fund Exp.	\$	27,073
Balance	\$	(1,897)
Budget YTD Receipts	\$	257,285
Expenses YTD (2025)	\$	278,137
Balance	\$	(20,852)
Organ Fund	\$	10,074

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

<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.

Scholarship applications now being accepted

Grace scholarship applications for the 2025-2026 academic year are being accepted now through **June 3**. If you have been an active Grace youth or adult and are attending college this summer or fall, please apply at this link:

<https://forms.gle/C7WmYXmSpYycGgTNA>

Questions? Please contact Liz Moore or Mary Tyndall at scholarships@gracedowntown.net.



Calling all Graduates!

If you or your children are graduating or have recently graduated, please let Ginny in the office know: ginny@gracedowntown.net. This includes graduates of high school, community college or university. Please include course of study, parents or guardians, and plans if they are known. Each year we celebrate our graduates at a special service in June. We look forward to honoring your grad!

In Sympathy

It is with sadness and blessing that we share that Mary Brooks came into the fullness of God's presence around 10 pm on Thursday, May 22nd, surrounded by loved ones. A Service of Death and Resurrection will be held at Grace, and more details will be forthcoming. In the interim, let us keep one another in prayer, and especially the family. —Pastor Benny

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." John 14:27

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Maximizing Your Retirement
Experience: Health and Wealth

THE THIRD ACT

Subject experts will present on the following topics:

Health (9:30 - 10:40)

- Maximizing and Maintaining Independence/Home Safety
- How to Get Help When Needed (Transportation, Caregiver Support, Care Management)
- Hospice Care

Wealth (10:50 - 12:00)

- The Home: Organizing/Downsizing and Buy/Sell Strategies
- Medicare Options
- Taxes: Introducing IRMAA
- Planning for the Future (Long Term Care, Wills and Trusts, and Funeral Planning)

Please feel free to attend one or both sections of the presentation

Thursday, June 19th, 2025

9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Grace United Methodist Church

401 Grace St.

Wilmington, NC

RSVP to thethirdactnc@gmail.com

Refreshments will be provided

Dot Ballard

Bill (friend of Phipps)

Joyce Blauvelt

The family of Mary Brooks

The family of
Tammy Cauthorne-Burnette

Audra Florea

Jimmy

Maria King

Frank Licari

Billie Lyndon

James and Cathy Merritt

Millie

Bill Perks

Sally Rasmussen

Rya

Paul Sipson

Marianne Sorace

Dan Walters

Dean & Sue Windgassen

Grace UMC staff and volunteers

Those whose lives are affected by war and natural disasters

In Remembrance on Memorial Day weekend: honoring our military and those who served.

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN

PO1 Sean Baker, USN

Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA

LCpl. John Capwell, USMC

Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC

Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN

E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN

E6 William Chase Dubel, USA

E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF

E3 Taylor Folmar, USN

Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC

SFC Woodrow Long, USA

Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF

SFC Letty Long, USA

Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC

SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF

Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA

SSgt. James Pritchett, USA

CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN

Sgt. Andrew Ross, USMC


Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC

Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC

Michael Tate, USA

E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC


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



Help wanted!

for breakfast with


The Anchor



what's needed?

volunteers to prepare a hot breakfast for 30 people and deliver to "the barge" (106 S. Water St.) at 8:30 on Sunday morning

Click here to sign up!

 call Pastor Jamie if you have more questions 252-521-5248

More info about helping The Anchor

The Anchor gathers people experiencing homelessness, and people who are not, to share coffee and breakfast as a community on Sunday mornings. We gather at Anne Bonny's Bar & Grill, a restaurant on a barge in downtown Wilmington, located at 106 S. Water Street. The Anchor sets up, breaks down, and cleans up before the restaurant opens. Volunteers provide a hot-cooked breakfast for about 30 people (prepared off site and arriving on the barge at 8:30). The Anchor provides coffee, water, all paper products and utensils. Everyone works together to set up, make coffee, serve breakfast, and clean up. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month, there is a worship service from 9:00-9:45 for those who choose to join (no requirement at all). Thank you so much for your participation and support. If you have more questions, please email Pastor Jamie at jamiethompson@nccumc.org.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard need your support

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard distributes emergency food at 315 Red Cross Street from 12 to 3 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays. During the week of May 11th, 374 households received food. Please consider making a family donation of canned fruit this month. Small pop-top cans are given to people without shelter. Standard-sized cans are given to households with shelter.

Beginning June 7th the Saturday distribution hours will change to 9:00am-12:00pm. There is a small group of regular Saturday volunteers. But more help is needed to keep Saturdays open for food distribution. The MHC board is looking for groups willing to commit to one Saturday a month on an ongoing basis. You must be at least 16 years old to volunteer. Contact Donna Dawkins "Duckie" for more details and how to sign up: dmdawkins@twc.com.

Other Community volunteer opportunities

We are invited to join Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity on May 28 at 4 pm at 3310 Fredrickson Rd., Wilmington for an informational meeting about an upcoming **Unity Build**.

Faith Communities from around the area collectively will raise funds and build two homes for hard-working families in our community. In the first stage in the summer/fall timeframe, volunteers will join together to prebuild the walls in Habitat's warehouse. Once those are complete, four to six months of on-site construction opportunities will be available. If you are interested, learn more at the kickoff meeting, or contact Shannon.perez@capefearhabitat.org.

June Birthdays					
6/1	Lydia Vaughan	6/9	Gary Rowe	6/17	Karen Hull
	Kent Stephens	6/10	Olivia Riddle	6/18	Nancy Wilson
6/2	Larry Phipps	6/11	David Walsh	6/22	Anna Bray
6/3	Margaret Batchelor	6/12	Cash Inman		Julie Crow
6/4	Stephanie Christy		Carolyn McAleese		Linda Pfister
6/5	Jerry Smith		Pat Wise		Janet Keenan
6/6	Russell Ipock	6/14	Davis Dunbar	6/23	Linda Snider
6/7	Carol Musselwhite	6/15	Jim Tyndall	6/24	Diane Woodbury
6/8	Cooper Stenerson		Linda Pyle		Hope Inman
			Joeli Banks		