

# Grace Notes

May 26, 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 26

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

#### Monday, May 27

##### Memorial Day

Office Closed  
10:00 am Basketball (seniors)  
5:30 pm Basketball (youth)

#### Tuesday, May 28

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

#### Wednesday, May 29

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 30

5:30 pm Bootcamp  
6:45 pm Basketball

#### Friday, May 31

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

#### Saturday, June 1

#### Sunday, June 2

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.

### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 5/19/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	29
11:00 am	168
online	114

Operating Funds Given	\$	9,441
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	15,634
Building Preservation Given	\$	130

Apportionments paid through April

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#### 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>

### Grace United Methodist Church

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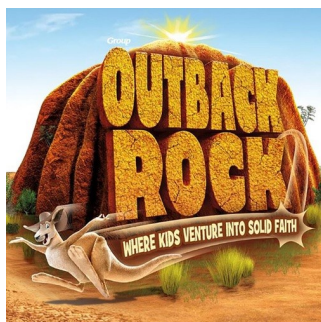
Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

### Flooring installation coming along!

Thank you to everyone who helped move articles and boxes out of the Children's area in record time last Sunday. If anyone could stay again this Sunday, it will be quick work to move things back and finish by clearing out the nursery. All work is expected to be complete by the end of next week. Thank you again to all who made this needed work happen.

### Outback Rock Weekend VBS coming in June

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 below 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](mailto:kelsey@gracedowntown.net)

Register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/graceumkids>

### Sewing opportunity open to all church members

Martha Worsley will be teaching a class on how to make pillowcase dresses on Thursday, June 20, at 9:30 AM in the Friendship classroom. Bring your sewing machines. If you want to join us but can't bring a machine, speak with Susan Michaels. Those of us who are already sewers will use the time to cut out dress kits. These dresses are given to several missions, including the Methodist home for Children, an orphan school in Haiti, and Rotifunk in Sierra Leone.



### Part-time Visitation Pastor being sought

Grace Staff-Parrish Relations Committee is seeking a Pastor of Congregational Care (Visitation Pastor) to join the Grace staff. This person will assist our Senior Pastor, the spiritual and administrative leader of the church. The ideal candidate must have in-depth scriptural and theological knowledge, strong verbal, written communication and leadership skills, along with effective interpersonal skills for individual counseling, prayer, and group interactions.

This part-time position will require evening and weekend work and travel within New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender Counties, and other places where Grace Congregation members live. If you know someone who might be a good fit, encourage him or her to read the full description position at [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) and apply if interested. You may also contact Ron Moore or another SPRC team member for more information.

## Prayer Requests

Dan Barnes	Bill Perks
Margaret Batchelor	Tom Powers
Lindsey Brown	Linda and Dick Raim
Tim Collins	Carolyn Stokley
Kitty Eure	Peggy Utterback
Freddie	Becky Whisnant
Martin Ginocchio	Jeff Wilson
Tom Jones	Dean Windgassen
Kimberly	Laura Witherington
Maxine LeFever	Stephanie Woodward
Family of Mark Lester	
Kristi Midgett	

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



If you have a prayer request, please contact Marilee Tremlett at [mtrem3@icloud.com](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).

### 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 (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

### 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](mailto:ginny@gracedowntown.net) to let us know ASAP!

Please include each

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

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. Thank you for making this a special day in the life of the church!

### 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 needed for MHC

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](http://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](mailto:scholarships@gracedowntown.net) if you have questions.



## June Birthdays

6/1 Lydia Vaughan Kent Stephens	6/10 Olivia Riddle 6/11 Harriette Albritton David Walsh	6/19 Bob Henard 6/22 Julie Crow Linda Pfister Janet Keenan	6/28 Helen Lehmann Ashley Lindsey
6/2 Larry Phipps	6/12 Cash Inman Carolyn McAleese	6/23 Linda Snider	6/29 George Collins Tiffany Irby
6/3 Margaret Batchelor	6/14 Davis Dunbar	6/24 Diane Woodbury Hope Inman	
6/4 Stephanie Christy	6/15 Jim Tyndall Linda Pyle	6/25 Morris Allison	
6/5 Jerry Smith	6/17 Karen Hull	6/27 Alma Fennell Edna Mory	
6/6 Russell Ipock	6/18 Nancy Wilson		
6/7 Carol Musselwhite			
6/8 Cooper Stenerson			
6/9 Gary Rowe Marvin Evans			