

Grace Notes

May 28 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 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

Monday, May 29

MEMORIAL DAY—office closed

Tuesday, May 30

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

Wednesday, May 31

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 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, June 1

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

Friday, June 2

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

Saturday, June 3

Sunday, June 4

Graduate Sunday

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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 5/21/2023

In-person Worship Service:		
	8:30 am	41
	11:00 am	162
Online Worship Service:		78
Operating Funds Given	\$	10,043
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	13,912
Building Preservation Given	\$	290

Apportionments paid through May

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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Charge Conference to approve Associate Pastor

A called charge conference will be held this 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.



Save The Date! Patriotic Picnic is July 2nd

- Help us celebrate our country's birthday with a patriotic picnic on July 2nd.
- Wear your red, white and blue. Chicken, hot dogs, beverages and condiments, will be provided by Nurture.



- Everyone will be asked to bring a side. The choir will bring desserts. Signup will begin on June 4th. We are looking forward to celebrating with you!



Attention all Graduates and Parents of Graduates!

On June 4th during worship service, our graduates will be recognized. High school graduates have baskets located in the Welcome Center on Sunday in case you want to celebrate with them and provide cards or other gifts. Please call or email Ginny for more information or to let us know you are graduating.

United Women in Faith

Our next meeting will be on June 6th at 10:30 am. The speaker is Jo Wainwright, President of the Harbor District United Women in Faith.

For our mission we and you, the congregation, will be helping supply Vacation Bible School (June 18-22) with the following needed items: flashlights, fruit snacks, goldfish, juice boxes, individual assorted packages of chips, cookies, assorted fruit cups, washable markers, glue sticks, glue bottles, painters tape, large binder clips, black sharpies, and water bottles. Thank you!

COOKS NEEDED!!

Like to cook? Martha Ministries is looking for help to provide casseroles and other dishes to those shut-in and needing help.

Martha Ministries is one the ways Grace shows love and support to families in an emergency situation like surgery or illness. You do not need to belong to the Nurture Committee to contribute to this very important mission. We can even give you recipe ideas.

Please sign up by contacting Darlene Tyndall at 910-617-4011.

Prayer Requests

Bill Bailey	Steve Shulse
Charlotte Bailey	Mary Sloan
Wayne Blalock	Amy Stanton
Marilyn Cooper	Donna Tripp
Donald Davies	Caregivers everywhere
Carole Ellis	Unspoken requests
Leo	
Julie Moore	Caregivers everywhere
Mary Neal	Unspoken requests
Linda Raim	

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.

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 dinner theatre is 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 ASAP to gumctrustees1@gmail.com. We have taken a church group there before and had a wonderful time! More 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.

Bible Book Club this week

Bible Book Club with Pastor Benny will resume on Tuesday, and it isn't ever too late to join in! To start, just begin with the reading of the day. There is no need to try to catch up.

May 28 Psalm 143; Job 32-34

May 29 Psalm 144; Job 35-37

May 30 Psalm 145; Job 38-39

May 31 Psalm 146; Job 40-42

June 1 Psalms 1-2; Psalm 147 [Tree of Life](#)

June 2 Proverbs 1-3; Psalm 148 [Books of Solomon](#)

June 3 Proverbs 4-6; Psalm 149 [Proverbs](#)

If you are interested, the whole plan can be found [here](https://d1bsmz3sdihlr.cloudfront.net/media/Quarterlies_Other%20Downloads/BibleProject_One_Year_Reading_Plan.pdf): https://d1bsmz3sdihlr.cloudfront.net/media/Quarterlies_Other%20Downloads/BibleProject_One_Year_Reading_Plan.pdf

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

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](#).

Grace UMC to host a free one-day dance camp for rising K-12 girls on June 10

"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.

Scholarship applications deadline coming up

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.