

Grace Notes

May 4, 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 4

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Confirmation Class
- 10:00 am Kids for Christ
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:30 pm Youth and family night

Monday, May 5

- 8:45 am Grace In Motion
- 10:00 am Senior Basketball
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support Group
- 6:45 pm Basketball –(Peyton)
- 7:00 pm Chorale rehearsal

Tuesday, May 6

- 9:00 am Organist rehearsal
- 9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny
- 10:30 am United Women of Faith
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Admin Council

Wednesday, May 7

- 10:00 am Yoga
- 10:00 am Staff Mtg.
- 2:00 pm Organist Practice
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 8

- 5:00 pm Parent Night Out
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, May 9

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

Saturday, May 10

Sunday, May 11

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Confirmation Class
- 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 4/27/2025

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	32
11:00 am	144
Online service	51

Operating Funds Given	\$	8,769
Average receipts needed weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Given	\$	95

Apportionments paid through March

March financial report

Building YTD Preserv. Fund Rcpts.	\$	23,916
Building YTD Preserv. Fund Exp.	\$	8,303
Balance	\$	15,613

Budget YTD Receipts	\$	211,400
Expenses YTD (2025)	\$	206,124
	\$	5,276
Organ Fund	\$	9,915

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.

Gracie Williamson Is our new part-time Youth Director!

Gracie writes, "I am originally from Highlands NC where my family was born and raised. My mom answered her call to ministry in 2012 where she served as Associate Pastor in Highlands until 2018. My junior year of high school we moved to Hickory, NC where I finished high school. After high school, I moved to Wilmington, went to paramedic school, and met my amazing husband and his beautiful daughter. After graduating school and doing that for a brief period of time I left the field to work at The Good Shepherd Center. In August we welcomed our little boy into the world. At the end of March we decided it would be best for our family to find something that allowed me to be home with the kids more. And.....here we are and I couldn't be more excited!"



Gracie invites all parents of youth to come along this Sunday evening at 4:30p so that everyone has a chance to get to know her better and ask questions.

Parents Night Out this Thursday! Parent's night out May 8 from 5-8 pm.

Drop off your child with the amazing Nursery staff here at Grace and enjoy a night to yourself! This month's "Parent Night Out" will be May 8 from 5-8 pm. We provide dinner for the cost of \$5 per child. Activities and entertainment for the kids from infancy through elementary age are planned. Don't miss this great opportunity to enjoy some "free" time.

United Women of Faith May Meeting

The UWF will be meet Tuesday, May 6th in the Bullock Center at 10:30. Our speaker is Heather Sellgren from Nourish North Carolina. She suggested that they could always use "kid friendly" cereal as it goes quickly. Refreshments will be provided by Ducky and Susan.

Don't forget, the staff luncheon for Sunset Park is Friday, May 9th. If you signed up to bring food or wish to bring food, you will need to have it at the church by Thursday. Be sure to mark it for Sunset Park luncheon. We are to bring sides as there will be sandwiches there.

This is the next to last meeting for UWF until Fall. Our last meeting, which is June, will have a speaker from Wrightsville Baptist Church. They will be going to Africa and will take our next bunch of clothing with them.

Dot Ballard	James and Cathy Merritt
Joyce Blauvelt	Millie
Mary Brooks	Bill Perks
Nathan Burnette, Shelby, and family	Sally Rasmussen
Family of Richard Casson	Debra Rowland
Brena Conley	Rya
Kimberly Fagan	Paul Sipson
Audra Florea	Marianne Sorace
Family of Joe Florea	Louise Thompson
Jimmy	Dan Walters
Maria King	Dean & Sue Windgassen
Frank Licari	Grace UMC staff and volunteers
	Those whose lives are affected by war and natural disasters

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN	Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF
PO1 Sean Baker, USN	SFC Letty Long, USA
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	SSgt. James Pritchett, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	Sgt. Andrew Ross, USMC
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.



Divine Grace Women's Group May Social:

When: Thursday, May 22nd, 6:00 pm

Where: La Costa Mexican Restaurant
5622 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403



Please RSVP to mary@gracedowntown.net by May 20th to secure an accurate headcount for the restaurant. See you then!

Calling all Graduates!

If you or your children are graduating or have recently graduated, please let the office know. This includes graduates of high school, community college or university.

Ginny can be reached at Ginny@gracedowntown.net. 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.

North Brunswick HS FCA Fields of Faith event needs sponsors

Grace member, Avery Phillips, is organizing a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Fields of Faith worship event for Brunswick County with **Motivational Speaker and Best Selling Author, Chad Porter, and Matt Treppel.**

This will be an event for the community to come together, share a meal, worship and hear the good news.

For sponsorship information and more, contact Avery at: Avephill9@gmail.com 910-945-9655. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.



Mother Hubbard's Cupboard update

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard distributes emergency food at 315 Red Cross Street from 12 to 3 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

370 households received food during the week of April 20th. A canned fruit was included in each box/bag. Small pop-top cans are given to people without shelter. Standard sized cans are given to households with shelter.

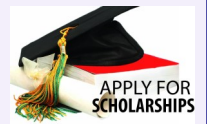
Thank you for your donations of canned vegetables in April. For the month of May, please consider making a family donation of a **CANNED FRUIT**. Place your donation in the grocery cart near the elevator in the Welcome Center. Volunteers take donations to MHC on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays.

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.



Passing of former member, Richard Hutter

Grace UMC was saddened to learn of the passing of Richard Hutter. Richard was at one time an active member of Grace UMC, serving on several committees.

His wife, Rosalie, survives and although inactive, continues to be remembered by our United Women of Faith community.

Richard passed away at the end of 2023, on December 2nd. After the Hutters left Grace they became members of Asbury UMC in Delaware, Ohio. An online obituary can be found at legacy.com.

Kids for Christ Music Time

Music with Ms. Mary and Ms. Kelsey is held each Sunday morning at 10 am. Meet in the kids classroom and nursery room for some musical fun. We will learn songs, use non-pitched percussion instruments, and play handbells. It is intended for kids ages 3 to 5th grade. For more information, email Mary@gracedowntown.net.

Please check at least one box.

- 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: _____