

Grace Notes

May 5, 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 5

Children/Youth Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:30 pm Anchor Meeting, set up and potluck

Monday, May 6

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion
- 10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support
- 4:00 pm Lay Leadership Mtg.
- 4:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)
- 5:30 pm Basketball (youth)
- 7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale

Tuesday, May 7

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 10:30 am UWF
- 3:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball (youth)
- 7:00 pm Chorale Trustees

Wednesday, May 8

- 10:00 am Yoga
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)
- 4:00 pm Worship Committee
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics BB
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9

- 10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 11

Sunday May 12

Mother's Day

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm WAVES

UWF meeting Tuesday, May 7

The next United Women in Faith meeting will be Tuesday, May 7th at 10:30 am in the Bullock Activities Center. The speaker will be from "Safe Place," a local organization that focuses on prevention, advocacy and restoration assisting victims of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. They collect backpacks and toiletries. Please join us for coffee, snacks, fellowship and an interesting program.



Summer Mission Trip

This summer our youth have the opportunity to serve on a mission trip in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. We are so excited for this trip as we continue to learn what it's like to serve others. We are currently looking for individuals or Sunday school classes that would like to help sponsor us on our trip to help make this trip possible. Come see us at our youth table in the Welcome Center to talk and learn more about it. We truly appreciate all the generosity showed to the future of Grace UMC. — Jada Martinez

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 4/28/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	32
11:00 am	152
online	99

Operating Funds Given	\$	11,015
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	15,634
Building Preservation Given	\$	465

Apportionments paid through March

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>

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Give through Paypal at our website or Square by using this QR Code. (point your phone camera at the box and click on the link that appears).



Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

More Kitchen Committee Members Needed

It's time for more Grace Members to get back in our kitchen. There are only a few of the original Kitchen Committee members available. We need more people to join our Kitchen Team. These teams of two or more serve for a month at a time to check weekly, on the cleanliness. For example, you would throw away out-of-date items in the fridge and wipe off the counter tops. Please ask a buddy to join with you and contact Joan Cunningham at 910-251-1242 to sign up for this important way to serve Grace.

Now recycling paper, plastic and cardboard

Grace is once again recycling. Bulletins, newsletters, and other paper, plastic bottles, cans and other unsoiled containers and boxes can all be recycled. Look for bins in the Choir area, the office and near the gym. Sunday bulletins and inserts are still being thrown in the baskets in the Narthex.

Thank you for helping us decrease the Church's environmental footprint and cut down on amount of waste we put in the dumpster for the landfill. We are happy to have recently gone down from two dumpster pickups per week to one, also saving \$\$\$\$.

YOUR LITTLE ACTION CAN MAKE A BIG IMPACT

By recycling, we conserve resources, reduce landfill waste, and protect our planet for future generations.



Dan Barnes
 Alan Broadwater
 Lindsey Brown
 Tim Collins
 Kitty Eure
 Martin Ginocchio
 Maxine LeFever
 Kristi Midgett
 Bill Perks
 Tom Powers
 Linda and Dick Raim

Carolyn Stokley
 Peggy Utterback
 Becky Whisnant
 Jeff Wilson
 Dean Windgassen
 Stephanie Woodward
 Caregivers everywhere
 Unspoken, in our hearts
 War-torn Countries

Prayer Requests

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.



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 if you have questions.

Harbor District UWF meeting May 18
 The Harbor District Social Actions Coordinator, Mary Greene, has scheduled a presentation about domestic violence victim services here at Grace in the Bullock Activities Center.

This meeting will be held Saturday, May 18th from 10 am to 12 noon and is hosted by United Women In Faith.

Lori Kirkpatrick with Safechild is looking forward to presenting insight into their services as well as providing ways we may be able to help, both financially and/or hands on.

We realize this is time sensitive but are encouraging as many of you as possible to attend this event. This is a great opportunity for us to get together in fellowship and become more aware of the local domestic violence situation.

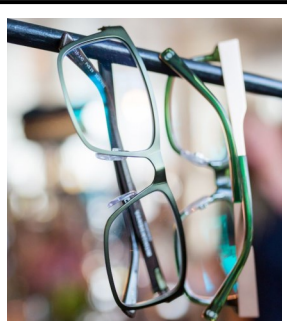
Registration is at 9:30 and light refreshments will be served by Grace United Women in Faith. We will meet in the Bullock Center. If you plan on attending or wish to help with the refreshments, please let me know, Dianna Florea, at dflorea68@aol.com or 910-398-8790, or text 937-307-3556. Thank you in advance.

Pastors' visitation to Brightmore
 Pastor Jamie with our "Brightmore Ladies:" Louise Thompson, Lois Zenk and Wray Satterfield in a recent visit to Brightmore.

Pastor Jamie reminded us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, as told in Psalm 23; but we need to remember Psalm 22 as well...

Pastors Jamie and Benny occasionally spend time with the residents at Brightmore, bringing an encouraging word to those who want to participate and otherwise might not be able to venture out... gathering, growing, giving and **going** in Grace together.

Eyeglasses Donations
 Considering tossing out your eyeglasses? There is a new recycling box in the Welcome Center to collect them for the Lion's Club eyeglasses donation program. These benefit children and adults in poorer nations. Thank you for helping with this need.



Conference News
 The 2020 General Conference with its theme, "...and know that I am God," concluded May 3, 2024. You can read about all the news from this conference by visiting umnews.org.

In His Steps presents
Confident SUMMER CAMPS
 Join us for a day of dance, fun, games and learning about our confidence found in Jesus
Psalms 62:6
FREE One Day Summer Camp
For RiSiNG K-12th grade GIRLS
 Please visit ihsdance.com for dates, locations, and RSVP
 To Register, email: Info@ihsdance.com

May Birthdays

5/1 Gary Atwell Frank Henry Chuck McCarthy	5/11 Bob Hardyman Brooke Baldrige	5/16 Barry Hartzell John Thompson	5/25 Kevin Layne James Ross Gene Patton
5/2 Ben Steelman Abigail Bickham Kaelyn Oakes	5/12 Debbie Cole Sally Barnes	5/17 David Russ	5/29 Valoree Shinn
5/4 Emma Walsh	5/13 Marion Little Vicki Alexander	5/18 Laurie Burrous	5/30 Jamie High
5/7 April Lester	Beth Stuber Sally Morgan	5/19 Frances Walters	
		5/24 Laura Patterson Ernie Allen	