

# Grace Notes

May 7, 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 7

##### Holy Communion

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Chancel Choir  
11:00 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm WAVES

#### Monday, May 8

9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)  
10:00 am Seniors League Basketball  
5:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball  
6:30 pm Finance Committee

#### Tuesday, May 9

9:00 am Organist Practice  
9:00 am Bible Book Club  
9:30 am Knitters@ Panera, Oleander Dr.  
5:30 pm Bootcamp  
6:30 pm SPRC  
7:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball

#### Wednesday, May 10

10:00 am Staff Meeting  
10:00 am Yoga  
4:00 pm Organist Practice  
4:00 pm Worship Committee  
4:00 pm Lion Heart Basketball  
6:00 pm Special Olympics  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, May 11

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

#### Friday, May 12

9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)  
9:00 am Organist practice  
4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

#### Saturday, May 13

4:00 pm Wedding

#### Sunday, May 14

##### Mother's Day

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

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### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 4/30/2023

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	34
11:00 am	161

Online Worship Service: 72

Operating Funds Given \$ 4,991  
Budget receipts needed weekly \$ 13,912  
Building Preservation Given \$ 260

Apportionments paid through April  
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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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### 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



### Calling All Knitters!!

Please join a special group of knitters on the second Tuesday of the month at Panera Bread on Oleander Drive at 9:30 am for breakfast, fellowship and knitting. For further information please contact Marie Allison at [alli7173@hotmail.com](mailto:alli7173@hotmail.com).

### Grace UMC to host a Free One Day Dance Camp for Rising K-12 Girls on June 10, 2023

"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, find out more information and/or sign up in the Welcome Center this Sunday, or contact Sally Barnes or Karen Evans.

Their theme this year 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](mailto: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](http://www.ihsdance.com).

## Prayer Requests

Tonna Bowen	Linda Raim
Marilyn Cooper	Holly Ratcliffe
Howard Finch	Steve Shulse
Gary Godwin	Crystal Smith
Kevin Hathcock	Donna Tripp
Family of Bethany Scott, (daughter of Rebecca and Frank Lee)	

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](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).

### T-Shirts are here!!!

Thank you to all who have purchased t-shirts to help raise funds for our mission trip. If you ordered a shirt, please stop by the youth room upstairs during the Sunday school hour or see Jada Martinez to pick it up. We greatly appreciate your support!

### Attention all Graduates and Parents of Graduates!

Grace United Methodist Church plans to recognize our 2022-2023 graduates at an upcoming worship service. We need your help with the collection of the names and schools of graduates. And, we invite all to be present in worship that Sunday. If you are a graduate, parent or caregiver of a graduate or graduates, during the 2022-2023 school year (December or June) receiving a HS diploma, a two- or four-year degree, or higher, please reply to [ginny@gracedowntown.net](mailto:ginny@gracedowntown.net) to let us know! Please include each student's name, email, school and program of study, and graduation date. We ask that you send us this information **as soon as possible**, but no later than noon on **Tuesday, May 16**. Thank you for making this a special day in the life of the church.

### Help! Ushers needed

Grace still needs two or more additional ushers to form a team for the 8:30 am services, starting immediately. If you are interested, please contact Bob High at [rbhcch@gmail.com](mailto:rbhcch@gmail.com) for details on how you may serve in this important role in the life of the Church.

### Get on the bus!

There are seats available on the church bus trip to the Alabama Theater to see their new show, "ICONIC," on Friday, May 26. The trip includes the show and a visit to "The Original Benjamin's Seafood Buffet" in Myrtle Beach! The show and buffet price is \$64.50 per person. (Price will be confirmed depending on number of participants.)



To reserve your spot, send an email to Marvin at: [gumctrustees1@gmail.com](mailto:gumctrustees1@gmail.com) no later than May 11. The seats move very quickly so we need to make our reservations soon!

Looking forward to another wonderful fellowship time!

### Bible Book Club this week

Bible Book Club with Pastor Benny will meet on Tuesday. It is never too late to start or join the class. Just start with the reading of the day and/or show up. There is no need to try to catch up.

- May 7** Psalm 122; Hosea 1-5; OT Overviews
- May 8** Psalm 123; Hosea 6-10
- May 9** Psalm 124; Hosea 11-14
- May 10** Psalm 125; Joel 1-3; OT Overviews
- May 11** Psalm 126; Amos 1-5; OT Overviews
- May 12** Psalm 127; Amos 6-9
- May 13** Psalm 128; Obadiah 1; OT Overviews
- May 14** Psalm 129; Jonah 1-4; OT Overviews

THE WILMINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

**America's Favorite Songs  
A Patriotic Concert for All!**

Sunday, May 21, 2023  
4:00 pm

Featuring  
Guest Brass and Instrumental Ensembles

The Wilson Center  
Wilmington, NC

### The Wilmington Choral Society continues its 72nd season on Sunday May 21st by performing a tribute to America and our Veterans.

The Chorus will sing such notable tunes as "God Bless America," "Salute to the Armed Forces," "When the Saints go Marching In," and of course "The Star Spangled Banner." The Chorus will also perform "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Stars and Stripes Forever," "This Land is Your Land," and a choral rendition of "God Bless the USA." Tickets can be found online at: <https://wilsoncentertickets.com/show/?id=63401> or call: 910-362-7999.

### UWF Mission Project for May

UWF is collecting the following NEW items for Operation Pretty Things: lipstick & lip gloss, nail polish, eyeliner, eyeshadow, mascara, blush, makeup brushes and hand lotion. OPT is dedicated to loving and empowering victims of domestic violence. The collection bin will be located on the ledge near the elevator entrance on the first floor (Welcome Center). The church is always invited to donate to our monthly mission projects.