

Grace Notes

November 19, 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, November 19

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

Monday, November 20

8:45 am Grace In Motion Walkers
10:00 am Basketball (Seniors)
1:30 pm Caregivers Support
5:30 pm Basketball (Youth)
6:30 pm Trustees

Tuesday, November 21

9:00 am Bible Book Club
5:30 pm Boot Camp
5:00 pm Organ Practice
6:30 pm Admin Council
7:30 pm Chancel Choir
6:45 pm Basketball (Lionheart)

Wednesday, November 22

9:00 am Organ Practice
10:00 am Yoga
1:00 pm Office closes early
6:00 pm Basketball (Youth)

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day

Office closed

Friday, November 24

Office closed

9:00 am Organ Practice

Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26

Christ the King Sunday

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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 11/12/2023

In-person Worship Service:		
	8:30 am	29
	11:00 am	145
Online Worship Service:		85
Operating Funds Given	\$	15,539
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	13,912
Building Preservation Given	\$	3,970

Apportionments paid through October

October financial report

Building Preservation Fund Receipts	\$	132,547
Building Preservation Fund Expenses	\$	278,662
Balance	\$	(146,114)
Budget YTD Receipts	\$	502,246
Expenses YTD	\$	572,845
Balance Receipts vs Expenses	\$	(70,599)

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg>

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Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

Office Closings and deadlines

The church office will be closed early beginning Wednesday, November 22nd (1pm) and all day Thursday and Friday 23rd and 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please send any news items no later than Tuesday by noon.



Looking ahead...Please invite your neighbors!

Christ the King Sunday, November 26
First Sunday of Advent, December 3
Lessons and Carols, December 17
December 24 Services at 8:30 am, 11:00 am, and
Christmas Eve candlelight communion services
at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm

The office will also be closed December 25 and 26 as well as Monday, January 1, New Year's Day.

Help us help Sunset Park Elementary!

Grace UMC wants to build upon our outreach to Sunset Park Elementary through various opportunities and our presence at the school. Volunteer opportunities include: library assistance (labeling/shelving books), reading buddies, staff luncheon during Teacher Appreciation Week, collection of books for a year-end giveaway. Other ways to contribute is offering supplies like behavior prizes, food for Parent Night or funding. When you shop at Harris Teeter, you can also link your Harris Teeter card to the school and then HT sends a portion of the money back to them.

For more information, please contact Jane & Charlie Carrico, nccarricojc@gmail.com.

December UWF speakers and news

Our next meeting will be December 5th at 10:30 am. It will start in the Bullock Center with refreshments and business then move to the sanctuary where Joan Cunningham and Janice Fladd will present an explanation/service of the symbolism of our Chrismon decorations. Please join us for this very interesting program.

Our mission this month will be unwrapped toys for Sister Isaac and the Angel Tree for the Methodist Home for Children.

UWF would like to thank the congregation for filling 54 Agape boxes and 18 Health Kits.

These were taken to the Disaster Response and Mission Support Center in Goldsboro which ships UMCOR items. We continue to collect pop tops and no longer used eye glasses.

Remember or honor your loved ones!

The youth will be remembering and honoring Grace family members you love at our Christmas Eve evening service with luminaries.



If you would like to purchase a luminary, please see Jada Martinez or a youth in the Welcome Center. We ask for a donation of \$5, and all proceeds go towards our summer 2024 mission trip. Thank you in advance—Jada

Prayer Requests

Morris Allison	Sarah O'Brien
Dan Barnes	Charles Palmer
Family of Teresa Biddle	Bill Perks
Family of George Braun	Jessica Phillips
Lindsey Brown	Linda Raim
David Dahl	Ben Selman
George Ferguson	Mac Starke
Family of Anne Gay	Dean Windgassen
April Lester	Family of Helen Younger
Brian Little	Caregivers Everywhere
Jennifer Martin	Unspoken, in our hearts
Kristi Midgett	War torn countries
Julie Moore	
Sandy Moore	

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETN1 Anthony Augustine, USN	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Col. John Delaney, USA	Sgt. James Pritchett, USA
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	Michael Tate, USA
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC
Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF	



If you have a prayer request, please contact Marilee Tremlett at mtrem3@icloud.com.

Come along to the Christmas Show Dec. 16!

Thanks to everyone who has said they would like to go on the trip to Carolina Opry! We have at least 10 but still need a few more to get the group rate. It is a Saturday show and dinner at a seafood restaurant, then home again. Please contact Marvin immediately if you want to go and haven't let him know yet so he can secure the tickets to this fun seasonal trip! His email is GUMTrustees1@gmail.com.

Bible Book Club this week

It is always a good time to join the Bible Book Club. We are reading through the Bible in a year and through the Psalms twice! Classes are Tuesdays at 9 am in the Bible Classroom.

Nov. 19: 1 Thessalonians 1-2; Psalm 15 [NT Overview](#)
Nov. 20: 1 Thessalonians 3-4; Psalm 16
Nov. 21: 1 Thessalonians 5-6; Psalm 17
Nov. 22: 2 Thessalonians 1-3; Psalm 18, [NT Overview](#)
Nov. 23: 1 Timothy; Psalm 19; [NT Overview](#); [Titus](#)
Nov. 24: 1 Timothy; Psalm 20; [Public Reading of Scripture](#)
Nov. 25: 1 Timothy Psalm 21;

Follow the schedule and more at: www.bibleproject.com.

Prospective New Member Conversations

Are you visiting Grace and would like to know more, or are considering becoming a member? Mark your calendar now for January 14, 21 and 28 to join Pastor Benny in the next series of New Member Conversations. The three sessions cover UMC education, Grace UMC education, and connecting to the life and ministries of Grace UMC/Wilmington community. These are held in the Parlor from 9:45—10:30 am each of the three Sundays. Let Anne Dale know if you would like to participate (come to one or all three!) To sign up or if you have questions, please call or text Anne Dale 252-933-2875, or email her at email address: annewestdale@aol.com.

We are glad you are here!

Poinsettia Mission Project

Next week's bulletin will contain special envelopes for donations to the Poinsettia Mission Project. Please use these envelopes to name a person or persons you wish to honor or memorialize on December 24th, when the altar will be decorated with beautiful poinsettias. The names will be included as an insert to the bulletin. A donation of \$5 or more per name is suggested. The deadline for submissions is Monday, December 11.



Cinderella's Closet fundraising gala returns! Save the Date now for February 23rd, 2024

Join us and participate in the Roaring 20's Gala to make a meaningful impact with Cinderella's Closet. Sponsors and raffle items are needed to make this evening a success. All proceeds will go towards our 2024 prom shopping event.



Email cinderellasclosetilm@gmail.com or message us on Facebook if you are interested. You may also contact April Lester, Alicia Powell, Hope Inman or Julie Crow. A notebook with more information can be found at the Welcome Desk. **Tickets will be on sale in the Welcome Center Sunday.**

Bring smiles to Methodist Home for Children!

The Angel Tree offers you the chance to share the Joy of Christmas with a local child and/or family. It will be in the Welcome Center beginning Sunday, November 19. The Angel gift tags listing the children and families in the Wilmington area are provided by the Methodist Home for Children. The tag contains a 'wish list' of items, the child's name, age, sizes and gift ideas. It is suggested that 3-4 items on the tag be purchased; everything listed is not expected to be purchased.

If selecting a tag and shopping isn't of interest, perhaps consider contributing a gift card to a Local Grocery Store, Target, Walmart, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, local restaurant or Fast Food (Chick fil-A; McDonalds, Subway, Domino's). Please do not wrap the gifts. Enjoy shopping for these special gifts; sharing Christmas Joy with you and the recipients!

Please remember to include the tag when you return the items. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 3, 2023.



Help support international students arriving

New students will be arriving from international countries seeking families for support for the spring semester. The students do not live with you. You get together about once a month. Please contact John Larkins at UNCW if interested. Bettye and Alan Broadwater are also happy to talk to any families interested. UNCW contact: larkinsj@uncw.edu