

# Grace Notes

November 26, 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 26**

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

**Monday, November 27**

8:45 am Grace In Motion Walkers  
10:00 am Basketball (Seniors)  
5:30 pm Basketball (Youth)

**Tuesday, November 28**

9:00 am Bible Book Club  
9:00 am Organ practice  
5:30 pm Boot Camp  
6:30 pm Nominations Committee  
6:45 pm Basketball (Lionheart)

**Wednesday, November 29**

10:00 am Yoga  
4:00 pm Organ Practice  
6:00 pm Basketball (Youth)  
6:15 pm Grace Ringers Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 30**

10:00 am Basketball (seniors)  
5:30 pm Bootcamp  
7:00 pm Basketball (Moore)

**Friday, December 1**

9:00 am Organ Practice  
9:00 am Grace in Motion

**Saturday, December 2**

Chrismon decorating (sanctuary)  
Coastal Buds Christmas Party (gym)

**Sunday, December 3**

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

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### Looking ahead...

**First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3**

**Children and Youth** — Dec. 3, Caroling at New Hanover House (possibly an additional location) with all children and youth families 4-6 pm  
Youth bus Trip to Myrtle Beach Dec. 10

**Children Singing** -Dec. 10 at the 11am service during children's moment children will be invited to sing the first verse of "Away in the Manger"

**Childrens Program Christmas party** at Island Tacos on Gordon road @5pm (Dec. 10)

*Families are invited to join their kids to meet up for some tacos and fun!*

**Lessons and Carols, Dec. 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 Dec. 25 and 26 as well as Monday, January 1, New Year's Day.

*Note: Ginny will be out Nov. 27-28 and return to the office Wed., Nov. 29.*

### Prayer request

Joanne Hamilton has begun the long journey of mourning, having lost her daughter, Julie Moore, to pancreatic cancer on November 19. Cards may be addressed to:

Joanne Hamilton  
83 O's Road  
Andover, VT 05143

Thank you for keeping Joanne, her granddaughter and the rest of Julie's loved ones in your prayers. May they sense the presence of the Holy Spirit, even in the darkest moments and be surrounded in His grace, and protected by His kindness and mercy.

### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 11/19/2023

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 33  
11:00 am 180

Online Worship Service:

Operating Funds Given \$ 14,815  
Budget receipts needed weekly \$ 13,912  
Building Preservation Given \$ 485

Apportionments paid through November  
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### 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>

### Grace United Methodist Church

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website: [gracedowntown.church](http://gracedowntown.church)

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.

### December UWF speakers and news

Our next meeting will be December 5, 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 with luminaries at our Christmas Eve Candlelight services.



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	Sandy Moore
Dan Barnes	Sarah O'Brien
Bill Perks	Charles Palmer
Family of Teresa Biddle	Linda Raim
Lindsey Brown	Ben Selman
David Dahl	Mac Starke
George Ferguson	Dean Windgassen
Family of Anne Gay	Family of Helen Younger
Brian Little	Caregivers Everywhere
Jennifer Martin	Unspoken, in our hearts
Kristi Midgett	War torn countries
Family of Julie 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](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).

Poinsettia Mission Project (Corrected Dates)

Next week's bulletin will contain special envelopes for donations to the Poinsettia Mission Project. Please use these envelopes to name a those you wish to honor or memorialize on December 24th, when the altar will be adorned 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 now Monday, December 18.



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. 26: 2 Timothy 1-4; Psalm 22
- Nov. 27: Titus 1-3; Psalm 23; [NT Overview](#)
- Nov. 28: Philemon 1; Psalm 24 [NT Overview](#)
- Nov. 29: Hebrews 1-2; Psalm 25, [NT Overview](#)
- Nov. 30: Hebrews 3-4; Psalm 26; [Sabbath](#)
- Dec. 1: Hebrews 5-6; Psalm 27
- Dec. 2: Hebrews 7-8; Psalm 28

Follow the schedule and more at: [www.bibleproject.com](http://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](mailto:annewestdale@aol.com).

We are glad you are here!

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 include offering supplies like behavior prizes, or funding for Parent Night and other 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](mailto:nccarricojc@gmail.com).

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 for 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](mailto: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 are available in the Welcome Center on Sunday or via Square.



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, Dominios). 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.

