

Grace Notes

November 17, 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, November 17

New Members join

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

Monday, Nov. 18

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion (walkers)
- 10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support Group
- 7:00 pm Trustees
- 7:00 pm Chorale practice
- 7:00 pm Basketball (Peyton Early)

Tuesday, Nov. 19

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 7:00 pm Admin Council

Wednesday, Nov. 20

- 10:00 am Yoga
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Pastors)
- 10:00 am UWF leadership mtg
- 5:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)

Thursday, Nov. 21

- 10:00 am Basketball (Seniors)
- 2:00 pm Organist Practice
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 6:45 pm Basketball (Moore)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 22

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Grace In Motion (walkers)

Saturday, November 23

- 9:00 am ERT training

Sunday, November 24

- 8:30 am Worship Service
 - 9:45 am Sunday School
 - 10:30 am Chancel Choir
 - 11:00 am Worship Service
 - 4:30 pm Youth
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In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 11/10/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	34
11:00 am	178

Online service:

	78
Operating Funds Given	\$ 13,215
Average receipts needed weekly	\$ 15,362
Building Preservation Given	\$ 380

Apportionments paid through October

October Financial Report

Building YTD Preservation Fund Rcpts.	\$ 40,832
Building YTD Preservation Fund Exp.	\$ 29,886
Balance	\$ 10,945

Budget YTD Receipts	\$ 523,720
Expenses YTD (2024)	\$ 634,939
Balance Receipts vs Expenses	\$ (111,199)

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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at the box and click on the link that appears).



Christmas Love Offering for Grace Staff

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will once again this year be collecting a Love Offering to recognize the Grace Church staff at Christmas. These wonderful men and women work hard for the church all year. With this special offering we would like to recognize their extraordinary efforts with a little something extra during the holidays. If you would like to contribute to this effort, your donation can be made in several ways.

- Write a check payable to Grace UMC with Love Offering on the memo line.
- Pay with cash placed in an envelope with Love Offering on the front.
- Make an online donation through PayPal. Please remember to make the notation that it is for the Love Offering.

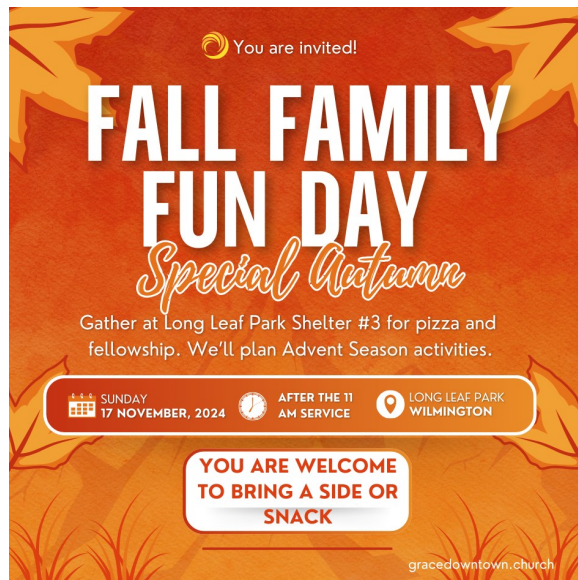
Check or cash contributions can be made by placing them in the offering plate or by mailing them to the church office. **Donations will be accepted at church through Sunday, December 1.** Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this endeavor.

Staff Parish Relations Committee
Ron Moore, Chair



Family Fun Day

Come and join us today, Sunday, Nov. 17th at Long Leaf Park Picnic Shelter #3 after our 11 am Church service. We will join together in fellowship and begin making plans for the Advent season. We will provide Domino's pizza for lunch and those attending are welcome to bring a side! RSVP to Kelsey Keenan @ (910)599-5290.



Prayer Requests

Tom Bartron	Family of Brian Little
Mary Brooks	Bill Perks
Tammy Burnette	Luke Russo
Family of Whit	Dan Walters
Connor, June Knox	Family and friends of Becky Whisnant
Patricia DiGiuseppi	Dean Windgassen
Kitty Eure	Barry Zigler
Christine Garvin	
Manaline Gibson	Caregivers everywhere
Lorelei Hauptmann	Unspoken, in our hearts
Kimberly, Izzy & Colleen	Those whose lives are affected by storms and floods
	War-torn countries



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	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	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.

Grace United Methodist Church Chancel Choir and Grace Ringers

present

Sing Noel! A Musical Celebration

including

**Choir anthems, a 4-hands on piano
duet, an organ/piano duet, and
handbell selections**

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**Sunday
December 15
4:00 pm**

MHC lends a helping hand!

Oct 30 237 families served

Nov 2 172 families served

Please continue to place your donations in the grocery cart near the elevator in the Welcome Center.

- ◆ Travel size personal hygiene items (soap/body wash, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors,
- ◆ Feminine hygiene products (all sizes)
- ◆ Grocery size paper bags with handles
- ◆ Plastic grocery bags
- ◆ Reusable durable grocery bags

Thank you to Grace UMC members! Your donations continue to make a difference each week especially when our supplies become very low.

From the Treasurer

PLEASE, Please, Please! When making contributions and or payments to Grace for more than 1 budget item, (flowers, budget, building preservation), make separate checks for each item. Our newly automated accounting system does not like combined check payments. This increases the likelihood of errors and extra work for staff. Thank you!

Lost and Found

Mary Huppmann is missing her orange plastic tray with Autumn leaves that she had on the dessert table for the Potato/Salad Lunch on 11/3/24. Her name is on the bottom. If you picked it up by mistake please call Ginny at church. Please check around. There is an orange glass plate at church but it is very different from Mary's.
—Judy Heath, Nurture Chairman

There are also many found items in our Lost and found Box located right inside the Fourth Street entrance. Earrings, glasses, a FOB and other items have been found. If you are missing anything, take a look or call the office and describe.

Ushers, liturgists and sound operators needed!

Please consider giving some time to help with the 8:30 am Sunday morning worship. This service has lost several volunteers lately. If you would like to serve, or temporarily fill in during the busy Thanksgiving and Advent Season, we would love to have your help!

Ushers—Contact Bob High or Darrell Davies
(rhshch@gmail.com) (darrellcdavies@yahoo.com)

Liturgists—Contact Rick Zigler (rzigler@aol.com)

Sound Operators—Debbie Cole
(cole_25663@msn.com)

**Starting in January-
Communion Helpers**—Steve Stanfield-Switzer
ssanfieldswitzer@gmail.com

Angel Tree needs your support!

The Angel Tree offers you the chance to share the Joy of Christmas with others less fortunate

Individuals or groups may now pick up a tag with wish lists attached. Families are encouraged to share a tag to buy presents with other families if a list seems too long. All gifts will need to be placed under the tree by December 1. Please do not wrap the items, they will be wrapped later, but DO return the tag. Thank you for your gifts and bringing a smile to a child or family. Contact Regina Milihram (rmilihram@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you!

Methodist Home for
Children's

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Adopt an Angel and help
provide Christmas for a child.
Shop for gifts, or donate a gift
card, bring them back to
church, and make Christmas
special for a child or family in
need.

For more information contact the church office or
Regina Hawse, Methodist Home for Children

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