

# Grace Notes

November 3, 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

#### ALL SAINTS DAY

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:15 pm Potato Bar luncheon
- 4:00 pm Charge Conference**
- 4:30 pm Youth

#### Monday, Nov. 4

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion (walkers)
- 10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
- 6:00 pm Chorale Board mtg.
- 7:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, Nov. 5

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 10:30 am United Women of Faith
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

#### Wednesday, Nov. 6

- 10:00 am Yoga
- 10:00 am worship planning (pastors)
- 2:00 pm Organist Practice
- 5:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, Nov. 7

- 10:00 am Basketball (Seniors)
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:45 pm Basketball (Moore)

#### Friday, November 8

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

#### Saturday, November 9

No events scheduled

#### Sunday, November 10

##### New Members join

- 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 10/27/2024

In-person Worship Service:	8:30 am	20
	11:00 am	166
Online service:		47
Operating Funds Given	\$	16,213
Average receipts needed weekly	\$	15,362
Building Preservation Given	\$	505

Apportionments paid through October

#### September Financial Report

Building YTD Preservation Fund Rcpts.	\$	37,872
Building YTD Preservation Fund Exp.	\$	27,994
Balance	\$	9,878
Budget YTD Receipts	\$	468,326
Expenses YTD (2024)	\$	558,857
Balance Receipts vs Expenses	\$	(90,531)

**Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.**

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### 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.

### GRACE STAFF

Rev. Benton W. Oakes, III M.Div. - Senior Pastor

Rev. Jamie Thompson - Associate Pastor

and Minister of Community Engagement

Rev. Dr. Jack Jones - Pastor of Congregational Care

Jerry Cribbs - Director of Music Ministries

Leslie Bergbower - Organist

Kelsey Keenan - Director of Children's Ministry

Janet Keenan—Nursery Leader

Rich McKeon—Custodian

Ginny Peterson - Director of Operations & Admin.

Charles Sanders - Accountant

To contact any staff by email use this format:

*firstname@gracedowntown.net*

### 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, November 17, 2024 or mailed to the church by November 25, 2024. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this endeavor.

Staff Parish Relations Committee  
Ron Moore, Chair

### Charge Conference

There will be a Charge Conference on Nov. 3rd, at 4:00 pm, here at Grace UMC, along with The Anchor.

## Prayer Requests

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

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](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).**

### November UWF meeting

Our November UWF meeting will be Tuesday, November 5th (Election Day). Come to the meeting and then go vote in case you have not already early voted. Our speaker will be Roxann Lansdowne from Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. We ask those who wish to contribute to this mission, to bring non-perishable foods, beverages, water, TP, toiletries, etc. No glass bottles, please. We will also be passing our mission basket for money to go to MHC.

Dresses and other clothing items made are due at this time. These will be sent to the Methodist Home for children along with long-sleeved white t-shirts. Last month, with our cash donations and speaker gratuity, we were able to send \$275 to Canine Rescue which trains and provides dogs for our disabled veterans.

Our December meeting will be a singing presentation by the "Harmony Belles". Our mission will be toys for Sister Isaac's Center Christmas baskets that go to our community.

Thanks to everyone for all the support UWF receives from you. Any questions? Contact Dianna Florea 937 307-3556 or 910 398-8790.

### Many Thanks

The UWF wishes to thank everyone for their support of the AGAPE boxes. They have been delivered to UMCOR so they can be sent to Armenia in time for Christmas.

Last year we delivered 34 boxes. This year we delivered 46 boxes plus 3 bags of additional items to be used to fill boxes. Again, thanks to everyone for their support of this project. You have provided some Christmas cheer to children who would not otherwise have anything for Christmas.

### Mother Hubbard's Cupboard helps feed families

Collections continue and can be placed in the cart near the elevator in the Welcome Center. Thanks!

- ◆ Water
- ◆ Flavor/Hydration packets to add to water
- ◆ Juice boxes or pouches
- ◆ Protein drinks like Boost and Ensure
- ◆ Fruit Cups
- ◆ Personal hygiene items (all sizes, including shampoo, soap, razors, etc.)

### Parents Night Out

**November 7th 5:00- 8:00 pm**

Come and drop your child off with our amazing Nursery staff here at Grace for a night to yourself! We will provide activities and entertainment for the kids from infancy through elementary age. We will have a pizza dinner option at \$5 per child, when you RSVP let me know if you would like this! Pack their PJs and we will have them ready to go to bed upon pick up! You may drop off and pick up anytime between the 5-8pm window. Please RSVP by November 5th so we can be sure to have our team ready! RSVP to Kelsey Keenan (910) 599-5290.

### Hurricane Helene Assistance

Friends, we are preparing to send an Emergency Response Team (ERT) when invited by the Western North Carolina Conference. ERT deployments last 5 days (including travel) and focus on the work to clean up after the storm. All members of an ERT must complete training prior to deploying.

**Grace UMC will host ERT training in two sessions.**

**Virtual on Zoom:** Thurs. 11/21 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

**In-Person at GUMC:** Sat. 11/23 9 am – 2:30 pm

**Both sessions are required.**

Anyone interested in deploying to western North Carolina as part of a Grace UMC team should contact John Chickering ([john@chickering.net](mailto:john@chickering.net)).

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact John Chickering or Jim Buckingham. ([jim.buckingham@gmail.com](mailto:jim.buckingham@gmail.com)).

### 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

**Liturgists**—Contact Rick Zigler

**Sound Operators**—Debbie Cole

Let Ginny know if you need contact information.

## November Birthdays

11/1 Charlotte Bailey	11/14 Faye Rubinson	11/23 Randy Musselwhite	11/27 Muriel Holland
11/2 Jean Duncan	11/16 Greydon Fuller	11/24 Rod Roberts	11/30 Rebekah Vaughan
11/6 Louise Thompson	Charles Lindsey	Mitch Duncan	
11/8 Laura Still	11/17 Roland Jones	Maureen Palmer	
11/9 Carole Ellis	11/18 Michelle Ginocchio	11/26 Bettye Broadwater	
Jo Ellen Hickmon	11/19 Jarvis Simmons	Javier Mory	
	Mary Neal	Craig Wengerd	