

Grace Notes

November 6, 2022

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 6/Daylight Savings ends

All Saints Sunday

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, November 7

9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
1:30 pm Caregivers Support (LIB)
6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Comm.
6:30 pm Cape Fear Chorale

Tuesday, November 8

9:00 am Organist Practice
5:30 pm Boot Camp
7:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale

Wednesday, November 9

10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:15 am Yoga
4:00 pm Organist Practice
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 10

9:30 am Beth Moore Bible Study
5:30 pm Boot Camp
6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, November 11

9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
9:00 am Organist practice

Saturday, November 12

9:00 am Choir CC and CTK rehearsal

Sunday, November 13

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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 10/30/2022

In-person Worship Service:	
8:30 am	26
11:00 am	189
Online Worship Service:	75
Operating Funds Given	\$ 12,214
Building Preservation	\$ 13,234

October	
Operating Funds Given YTD	\$ 516,758
Operating Expenses YTD	\$ 579,624
Balance	\$ (62,866)

October	
Annual Bld. Preserv. Receipts	\$ 47,607
Annual Bld. Preserv. Fund Exp.	\$ 31,216
Balance	\$ 16,390

Apportionments are paid through October.

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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(point your phone camera
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appears).



Charge Conference -

A Charge Conference will be held on Nov. 13th,
at 6:00 pm, at Wrightsville UMC, with Oleander
UMC and Wrightsville UMC.

Trip to Alabama Theatre for Christmas show!

Grace is planning another bus trip! This time, to
Myrtle Beach. We will leave on Friday, December
2, to see Alabama Theatre's production of The
South's Grandest Christmas Show. We are
currently holding tickets. They are available on a
first come-first serve basis. The show will be the
1:30 matinee with dinner afterwards. Depending
on the final number of confirmed tickets, the
dinner and show will be \$58.

These tickets sell out very quickly so we can only
hold them for a short time before they are
released back for sale. If you are interested, let us
know no later than November 15, by emailing
Marvin Evans at gumctrustees1@gmail.com with
how many tickets you would like. The first 15
people who purchase tickets can ride on the
church bus, and we will caravan the rest.



SENDING THANKS TO GRACE UMC

Thank you, Grace UMC church family, for your
kind messages and cards in the weeks that
followed the deaths of our parents, Ken and
Nancy Purdy. When our family and friends
gathered recently for their joint memorial service,
your warm hospitality brought comfort and joy to a
difficult day. We appreciate the efforts of everyone
involved in preparing the sanctuary and hosting a
gracious reception after the service. Our little
granddaughters especially enjoyed the wonderful
array of cookies, which seemed a fitting tribute to
Nana and Papa. Thanks to the Grace family and
staff, our family made many fond
memories as we remembered and celebrated our
parents with you.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Linda Purdy Carter and Jeff Purdy

Sweet Sundays 2023

The new chart for Sweet Sundays 2023 will be located
in the Welcome Center for all those who would like to
help raise money for Missions. Thank you to everyone
who participated in 2022, whether a baker or someone
who gave money to support mission funds. The cakes
and desserts were delicious. We hope you will
continue this FUNdraiser and some new folks will join
in the fun.

Michele Jones and the Nurture Committee

Prayer Requests

Jean Abernathy	Tom Jones
Jim Alban	Family of Tom McGibeny, brother of Jane Phipps
Wayne Blalock	Family of Joseph Murray
Helen Ann Bremer	Carolyn Parker
Carol Collier	Karen and Charlie Reap
Judy Davies	Jessica Rector
Marie Dubel	Jerry Smith
Lynn Ellen	Aaron Swaney
Larry Florea	Donna Tripp
Martin Ginocchio	Irene Voneiff
Family of Ruth Guthrie	
Mark Hansen	
Francis Hart	



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.

Fair Trade/Equal Exchange Tasting

On Sunday, November 13th, we will be serving Fair Trade Equal Exchange coffees, teas, and a new chocolate bar! Come join us and learn more about the co-ops we're supporting.

Along with Breakfast Blend coffee, we'll have Love Buzz (a heartier roast), and Sisters' Blend (roasted by a women's co-op in Columbia). Choose from any of our three teas – chai, peppermint, or turmeric. We'll also have orange infused chocolate bars (the UMW all thought they were delicious)!

With the holidays right around the corner, these items also make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. As always, many thanks for your support.
-Carolee Doty and the Missions Team

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard supplies needed

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard served groceries to 156 families in 3 hours on Saturday, October 22. Please help us stock their shelves with Thanksgiving needs:

Yams	corn bread mixes	flour
stuffing,	gravy	instant potatoes
cranberry sauce	flour	pie crusts
canned pumpkin	sugar	any other items

Thanks for helping provide items for a great Thanksgiving meal.



Order a 225th ornament

You still have time to pre-order a beautiful wooden laser-engraved Christmas ornament depicting Grace church for \$20. Pre-sale orders will be taken from 10/16 - 11/13. We will continue to take orders after that, but to ensure delivery, order ASAP. Proceeds will go to the GUMC Building Preservation fund. Checks should be made out to GUMC with '225th Ornament' in the memo line. You can also mail a check to the office with your name and phone number. Special donation envelopes are available at the Welcome Center and at the entrances. Questions? Please contact Sally Barnes sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com or Karen Evans evans493@gmail.com.



Christmas Love Offering for 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 through Sunday, November 13, 2022. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this endeavor.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Collection for Living Hope

Living Hope is a faith-based ministry, serving food, free hugs and prayer each Wednesday from 11-1 pm at 411 Red Cross Street. They need donations of sleeping bags (gently used is fine) warm hats, warm gloves, long-johns men's size medium through XXXL and backpacks. You may place items in the collection box in the Lower Historical Hall. Thank you for your generosity.

Greeters still needed!

Thank you to all who have signed up for November! If interested in being a greeter, please contact Nancy Pritchett to sign up for a turn, no experience necessary. It is an easy way to serve at Grace. Just come 30 minutes before the 11 am service with welcoming words and a smile. For further information or (preferably) to volunteer, please contact Nancy Pritchett at 910-791-2827 or nhpritchett@gmail.com.

Upcoming Community holiday events

Cape Fear Chorale performance Nov. 19th

Cape Fear Chorale
presents
with organ & orchestra

Requiem
Gabriel Fauré

Mass
(Selections)
Leonard Bernstein

Dr. Aaron Peisner, Artistic Director & Conductor, Dr. Betsy Curtis, Accompanist

November 19, 2022, 4 pm
Winter Park Baptist Church
Wrightsville Avenue, Wilmington

Free Admission 501 (c)(3) Donations Appreciated

A Medley of Holiday Choral Music

Come see the performance of A Medley of Holiday Choral Music on Wednesday, December 14, at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:00pm).

The Wilmington Choral Society, with over 75 years performing in Wilmington, presents a medley of Holiday Choral Music with favorites including, "Twas the Night Before Christmas", "Sleigh Ride", "The Wexford Carol", Irving Berlin's Christmas", "Winter Wonderland", and more. Also, performing will be the student chorus from The Cape Fear Academy singing holiday selections. Bring the family and feel the holiday spirit through music. Tickets are \$22. and available at the Wilson Center website: <https://wilsoncentertickets.com/show/?id=54601>
Discounts are available for children 12 & under.

Wilmington Choral Society
presents

Songs of the Season!

With featured guest chorus from Cape Fear Academy—Alexa Skelly, director
Byron Marshall, conductor
Sheryl Tjon, collaborative pianist
Wednesday December 14, 2022 | 7:00pm | The Wilson Center, CFCC
Visit wilsoncentertickets.com

Harrelson Center having its annual fundraiser
Thankful Hearts provides significant funding to operate our centralized humanitarian services campus of nonprofit organizations that bring hope, opportunity, and empowerment to our community. We gather together the week before Thanksgiving to welcome the spirit of the season.

Christy Aley was our guest speaker at UMW and invites us to attend.
<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/JoAnnCarterHarrelsonCenterInc/2021>.

THE HARRELSON CENTER
11th Annual
Thankful Hearts
Thursday, November 17
Breakfast 7:30-8:30 am
or Lunch 12-1pm
First Baptist Activity Center
1939 Independence Blvd

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- Would like to join Grace United Methodist Church.
 - Need Grace UMC name tag(s).
 - Change of address, phone number, or email.

Name: _____ No. _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____