

Grace Notes

October 15, 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, October 15

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, October 16

8:45 am Grace In Motion Walkers
10:00 am Basketball
5:00 pm Basketball
7:00 pm Trustees mtg.
7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale

Tuesday, October 17

9:00 am Organ Practice
9:00 am Bible Book Club
9:30 am Knitwerks@Panera
5:30 pm Boot Camp
6:30 pm Admin Council mtg.
6:45 pm Lion Heart Basketball

Wednesday, October 18

9:30 am UWF leadership team
10:00 am Yoga
4:00 pm Staff Meeting
5:00 pm Basketball
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 19

5:30 pm Bootcamp
5:30 pm Down to Cook (kitchen)
7:00 pm Basketball (Moore)

Friday, October 20

8:45 am Grace In Motion Walkers
9:00 am Organist practice
10:00 am Basketball (Senior League)
4:45 pm Fanjoy wedding rehearsal

Saturday, October 21

Wedding: Spencer and Bella
8:30 am Choir rehearsal

Sunday, October 22

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 10/8/2023

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 23
11:00 am 169

Online Worship Service:

Operating Funds Given \$ 12,024
Budget receipts needed weekly \$ 13,912
Building Preservation Given \$ 574

Apportionments paid through September

September financial report

Building Preservation Fund Receipts \$ 129,847
Building Preservation Fund Expenses \$ 239,840
Balance \$ (109,992)
Budget YTD Receipts \$ 452,708
Expenses YTD \$ 507,420
Balance Receipts vs Expenses \$ (54,711)

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

The service will be available Sunday starting
at **5:00 pm**

This is the link:

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

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



Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

Thank You!

"I thank my God every time I remember you,
constantly praying with joy in every one of my
prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the
gospel from the first day until now (Phil 1:3-5)."

Remembering these words from Paul's letter to the
Philippians expresses my sentiments for all of you,
Grace friends and members, as I am thankful for your
prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and
your witness of Love in our community.

This week you will receive your third quarter
statements in the mail, and once more, thank you for
supporting the mission of Grace UMC, as we follow
Jesus into our neighborhoods, making disciples of
him for the transformation of the world. At the
moment, our general fund is borrowing from other
funds to operate the ongoing, daily business of the
church. Please continue to support this growing
mission of Grace UMC, as we certainly cannot do
this work without God and your contribution.

Let us maintain our Baptismal covenant together;
through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our
service and our witness. I thank God that I get to be
in ministry together with you!

Grace and peace,

+Benny

Welcome New Disciples!

This Sunday, and last, we welcome several new
disciples into full fellowship of Grace UMC.

This Sunday's newest members will be:

Judy DiMizio

Mark and Jill Kwasniewski

Dennis and Susan Murphy

Please stay and welcome them after the 11 am
service.

You are invited! Coffee time with Pastor Jamie

Come, get to know our Associate Pastor,
Jamie Thompson better. "Coffee with
Pastor Jamie," is your opportunity to
interact, explore, converse and dream as
you like with our newest Minister of
Community Engagement. There is no
preplanned agenda or objective other than
to get to know each other better. This
week's coffee will be at:



Bitty and Beau's
4949 New Centre Drive
10:30 am on Tuesday, Oct. 17

If you can't make this one, watch for more Coffee
dates soon.

Prayer Requests

Dan Barnes
Teresa Biddle
Wayne Blalock
George Braun
Lindsey Brown
Connie Caulder
Brandi Chinn
Al Dorminy
Kris Florea
Jennifer Martin
Kristi Midgett

Julie Moore
Sandy Moore
Charles Palmer
Linda Raim
Holly Ratcliffe
Ben Selman
Vicki Stanfield-Switzer
Louise Thompson
Donna Tripp
Caregivers Everywhere
Unspoken, in our hearts

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETN1 Anthony Augustine, USN
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC
Col. John Delaney, USA
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC
Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF

Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
LCpl. Seth Mack, USMC
PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Sgt. James Pritchett, USA
CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Michael Tate, USA
E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC



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

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat!

Join us on Sunday, October 22nd from 4-6 pm. All are welcome!! Please invite your friends and family for an evening of fun. In addition to our trunk or treating, we will have free food, a cake walk, games, crafts, face painting, and so much fun!!

We are in great need of our Grace family to sign up and volunteer to make this community event possible. Please consider this opportunity to serve by cooking/ serving food, running games/ passing out prizes, and decorating trunks/ passing out candy.



Those who decorate a trunk will automatically be entered into a competition with a chance to win some prizes. Use this QR code to the online sign up or you can sign up in the Welcome Center! Hope to see you!

SOUP AND SALAD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023
12:15 pm

BULLOCK ACTIVITY CENTER

Please sign up to bring a crockpot of soup of your choice.

Signup Sheets are in Sunday School Classes and the Welcome Center.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

PRESENTED BY THE
NURTURE COMMITTEE



September focus for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

For the month of October please help stock Mother Hubbard's Cupboard shelves with:

* Boxes of CEREAL, BREAKFAST BARS/ GRANOLA BARS for people who have no stoves nor refrigerators and BATHROOM TISSUE

Thank you for your support of this great ministry!

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

The Grace Nurture Committee is sponsoring a RADA CUTLERY fundraiser. RADA is celebrating its 75th anniversary with a wonderful catalog of kitchen knives and other goodies.



This fundraiser will start October 8th and run through November 12th. We all know the upkeep of our church is high, so all the benefits will go to our Grace Preservation Fund.

A table will be set up in the Welcome Center each Sunday with catalogs and RADA knives to help you select your gifts for any occasion!

Come see us and help us support our wonderful church. Contact---Darlene Tyndall---910-617-4011

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.

Oct. 15 Acts 23-24; Psalm 130; [Yakal / Hope](#)
Oct. 16 Acts 25-26; Psalm 131
Oct. 17 Acts 27-28; Psalm 132
Oct. 18 Romans 1-2; Psalm 133; [NT Overview 1-4](#)
Oct. 19 Romans 3-4 Psalm 134; [Paul's Magnum Opus](#)
Oct. 20 Romans 5-6; Psalm 135; [NT Overview 5-16](#)
Oct. 21 Romans 7-8 ; Psalm 136

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

Note Cards

The Nurture Committee are selling note cards in the Welcome Center on Sundays. The front of the cards displays a copy of an original pen and ink picture of Grace Church by popular local artist, Ronald Williams, and they are blank inside. These are the same cards that the Agape Circle sold several years ago. The price is \$15 for 10 cards. All proceeds will go to Grace Church.

Virginia Skillman to be honored

According to the Star News, our "trailblazing" congregation member, Virginia Skillman, will get inducted into the NC Tennis Hall of Fame in Jan. Read more at this link: https://wilmingtonstarnews-nc.newsmemory.com/publink=1443db5fa_134ad36

Congratulations Virginia!

* **Thank you note!** *
* This is a note of thanks to those who have *
* sent thoughtful cards, beautiful prayers, *
* meals, visits and telephone calls during this *
* time of challenges in our lives... We *
* appreciate Pastor Benny's visits and the *
* worship services that are recorded each *
* Sunday. We say "Thank you" to each person *
* who participates every Sunday in our *
* worship services. We miss being in church *
* each Sunday, but also understand doctor's *
* orders, "Crowds are not allowed." With *
* grateful hearts we are so thankful for prayers *
* as we continue onward with treatments. *
* —Linda and Dick Raim *

Smiles needed!

Do you have an extra smile and a handshake to share with Grace members and visitors on Sunday mornings? If so, please consider becoming a Grace Greeter. Volunteers would need to be in the Worship Center at 10:30 on a Sunday morning - monthly, quarterly, your choice. Contact Nancy Pritchett at nhpritchett@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer.

Wesleyan Annual Crafts Bazaar

Wesleyan Chapel invites all fellow church congregations to its Crafts Bazaar with handmade crafts, attic treasures and home made baked goods.

Saturday, Nov. 4th
9 am to 2 pm

(Located across from Poplar Grove on the corner of Route 17 and Sidbury Road, Scotts Hill.

Words of Appreciation

Carolyn McAleese sends her gratitude for the support she has received following the death of her son, Steve Shulse. She says thank you to all for wonderful cards, visits, calls, food, and acts of kindness, and to Pastor Benny and the staff and volunteer committees for a touching and meaningful memorial service. Carolyn states it has meant so much to her and the rest of Steve's family and loved ones and has helped tremendously during this difficult time.

Buddy Walk to support Coastal BUDS, Oct. 14

The Buddy Walk is tomorrow, Oct. 14, at Bellville Riverwalk Park and Monica Oakes has coordinated a team to participate. Come show your support and cheer on the walkers! For more information, contact Monica or go to her fundraising page: <https://www.classy.org/team/520799>

Grace congregation member Jessica Wilson is the Coastal BUDS executive director. Several of the organization's life-skills classes and other events and celebrations are held here at Grace.

Divine Grace October Mission Project

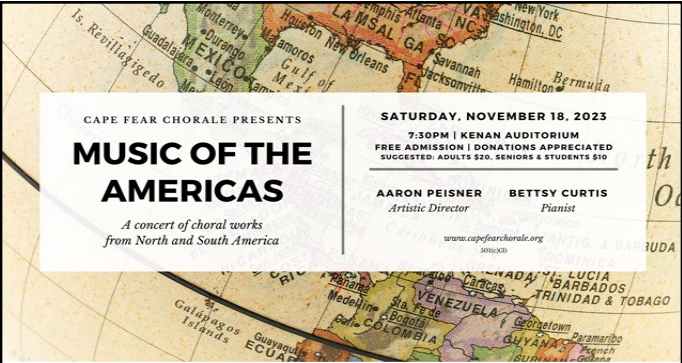
This month, we plan to support **Grace UMC Fall Festival** on Sunday, October 22nd from 4-6. Divine Grace members (and others) are encouraged to decorate a trunk or help any way you can for October's service opportunity. More information about the event can be found on the front of this *Grace Notes*.

The Divine Grace **November** gathering will be on Thursday, November 9th at 6:00 pm at the Quanto Basta restaurant at 107 Second Street. We will listen to Duke Ladd perform and enjoy a meal. Look for more information soon about this upcoming event. Join us!

For more information or to let others know you plan to attend, contact Mary Tyndall at: mary@gracedowntown.net

Cookies anyone?

One of the great ways Grace UMC shows its wonderful hospitality is Fellowship Time. If you would like to donate cookies or treats one Sunday (or multiple Sundays) just place them in the kitchen. Thank you!



Music of the Americas Concert Sat. Nov.18

Cape Fear Chorale is embarking on a new concert venture, Music of the Americas. The aim of this project is to explore a vast and diverse body of choral repertoire that may be unfamiliar to our community in the Cape Fear region, thereby expanding our cultural horizons and giving voice to underrepresented composers.

At this performance, patrons will hear musical works by composers from Mexico, Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela, and the United States, which span a time period from the Renaissance to the 21st century and encompass genres including popular and folk songs, formal classical compositions, bossa nova, calypso, spirituals and gospel. What all these works have in common is their expression and celebration of culture and humanity through the choral art. Our mission is not just to perform these pieces, but to bring them to life in a way that resonates with our community, enriching it with a meaningful, educational, and inclusive musical experience. This concert will be held at Kenan Auditorium at 7:30 pm.

Liz Thigpen, Executive Vice President,
Cape Fear Chorale

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____