

Grace Notes

October 22, 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 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

Monday, October 23

- 8:45 am Grace In Motion Walkers
- 5:30 pm Basketball
- 7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale

Tuesday, October 24

- 9:00 am Organ Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Book Club
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp

Wednesday, October 25

- 10:00 am Yoga
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Organist
- 5:00 pm Basketball
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 26

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

Friday, October 27

- 8:45 am Grace In Motion Walkers
- 9:00 am Organist practice

Saturday, October 28

No activities

Sunday, October 29

Reformation Sunday

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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 10/15/2023

In-person Worship Service:		
	8:30 am	32
	11:00 am	152
Online Worship Service:		75
Operating Funds Given	\$	7,218
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	13,912
Building Preservation Given	\$	75
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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Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The new tri-fold which is included with your bulletin will be distributed to Grace UMC prospective new members and guests. Perhaps you have a friend who would be interested in learning more about Grace. Please share this tri-fold with them.

We want to thank The UPS Store at 310 N. Front Street, owners Rhett and Connie Banfield, for printing our tri-folds at no charge to Grace UMC. If you are in the area of their UPS Store, please stop by and thank Rhett and Connie for their generosity. They recognize and are grateful for Grace's contributions to the Wilmington community!

Help Wanted!

We are looking for a few wonderful folks who can drive our church bus to bring people to Grace from several locations on Sundays. If you can give about an extra hour for one Sunday every couple of weeks, please contact Marvin at: GUMCTrustees1@gmail.com. The rewards are the smiles and gratitude of the passengers!

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat!

Join us today, 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!!



Soup and Salad Lunch Postponed

We are postponing our October 29th, Soup and Salad Lunch, to another future date to be named later, so that we may include more people in our community. Any time we are able to sit down to a meal with each other creates a bonding opportunity. Therefore, we encourage you to make lunch plans with neighbors on October 29th instead!



Rada Early Order

Thank you Grace shoppers. Some of you have shopped early with our RADA sales. I plan to send an early order in by Wednesday, October 25th. If any of you need an early pickup, please bring me your order and check this Sunday - October 21st. You still have until November 12th to complete your order, so don't stress! I'll be sending a second order on November 12th. We should have orders before Thanksgiving! Thank you from Grace's Building Preservation Fund for your support of this fundraiser!

Happy Shopping!
Darlene Tyndall, dtyndall@bellsouth.net



Prayer Requests

Morris Allison	Julie Moore
Dan Barnes	Sandy Moore
Teresa Biddle	Sarah O'Brien
Family of Wayne Blalock	Charles Palmer
George Braun	Linda Raim
Lindsey Brown	Ben Selman
Betty Cox	Vicki Stanfield-Switzer
Al Dorminy	Louise Thompson
Jennifer Martin	Dean Windgassen
Kristi Midgett	Caregivers Everywhere

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETN1 Anthony Augustine, USN	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA	LCpl. Seth Mack, USMC
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
Col. John Delaney, USA	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	Sgt. James Pritchett, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	Michael Tate, USA
Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC



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

In Sympathy

Grace extends its love and condolences to Chip, Laura and Lee and other family and friends of Wayne Blaylock, who died October 13th. His service will be here at Grace United Methodist Church on Friday, November 3 at 11 am with Pastor Benny Oakes officiating. The family will greet guests in the Welcome Center one hour before the service.

Divine Grace next meeting, Nov. 9

The next Divine Grace 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

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. 22: Romans 9-10; Psalm 137; [NT Letters, Historical](#)

Oct. 23: Romans 11-12; Psalm 138; [NT Letters, Literary](#)

Oct. 24: Romans 13-14; Psalm 139

Oct. 25: Romans 15-16; Psalm 140

Oct. 26: 1 Corinthians 1-2 Psalm 141; [NT Overview](#)

Oct. 27: 1 Corinthians 3-4; Psalm 142;

Oct. 28: 1 Corinthians 5-6; Psalm 143

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

Facilities Notice

The thermostat in the Sanctuary has been replaced and programmed for optimal conditions for our guests, the pipe organ and the stained glass windows. Temperature changes are automatic so please do not change the setting.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard donations

This month, please help stock Mother Hubbard's Cupboard shelves with:

- Boxes of CEREAL, and BREAKFAST BARS/GRANOLA BARS for people who have no stoves or refrigerators
- BATHROOM TISSUE



Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

Note Cards supporting Grace

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.

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.

United Women of Faith collecting for LCFL

Our UWF October mission is collecting items for Lower Cape Fear LifeCare. Especially needed are breakfast bars, individual fruit cups, individual bags of chips or crackers, flavored tea bags, hot chocolate packets, plastic silverware, paper towels, paper napkins and bottled water. A container for these items is in the Welcome Center.

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.

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. This concert will be held at Kenan Auditorium at 7:30 pm. Saturday, Nov. 18. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

Liz Thigpen, Executive Vice President,
Cape Fear Chorale