

# Grace Notes

October 13, 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, October 13

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Prospective New Members (Parlor)  
10:30 am Chancel Choir  
11:00 am Worship Service  
4:30 pm Youth program

#### Monday, October 14

9:00 am Grace In Motion (walkers)  
10:00 am Basketball (seniors)  
7:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal  
7:45 pm Basketball

#### Tuesday, October 15

9:00 am Organist Practice  
9:00 am Bible Study  
5:30 pm Bootcamp

#### Wednesday, October 16

10:00 am Yoga  
10:00 am Staff Meeting (pastors)  
10:00 am UWF leadership team  
4:00 pm Organist Practice  
4:00 pm Worship Committee  
5:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)  
6:15 pm Grace Ringers  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, October 17

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

#### Friday, October 18

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

#### Saturday, October 19

8:30 am Choir Practice

#### Sunday, October 20

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Prospective New Members (Parlor)  
10:30 am Chancel Choir  
11:00 am Worship Service  
4:30 pm Youth program

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### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 10/6/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	34
11:00 am	163

Online service:

Operating Funds Given	\$	10,399
*Correction funds given for 9/29	\$	13,180
Average receipts needed weekly	\$	15,362
Building Preservation Given	\$	715

Apportionments paid through September

#### 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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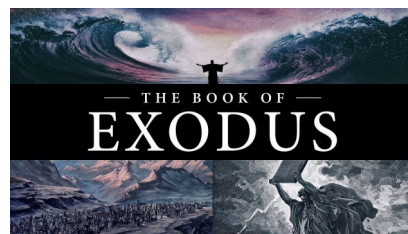
Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

### Special Music for Moses series finale, October 20

Grace's Chancel Choir will share the choir anthem, MOSES, with the congregants at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, October 20. This will be the final Sunday of Pastor Benny and Pastor Jamie's sermon series, *Embracing the Wilderness*, based on selected scripture from the book of Exodus.

MOSES is a dramatic anthem which portrays the electrifying exchange between God and Moses. God ultimately convinces Moses that he will be God's instrument to persuade Pharaoh to free the Israelites.

You will be spiritually stirred by this upbeat and rhythmic musical offering composed by Ken Medema and sung by the Chancel Choir. Please plan to attend this special worship service of the spoken word and music!



### Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat!

Join us October 27th from 4-6pm. 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! Please see me to sign up or you can sign up in the Welcome Center! Hope to see you there!  
Kelsey Keenan, Director of Children Ministries

### Prospective New Member Conversations

Are you visiting Grace and would like to know more, or are you considering becoming a member?

Our next New Member Conversations will start October 13 and be followed with sessions on the 20th and 27th. Meetings are held in the Parlor on the first floor toward the music suite, each of the three Sundays from 9:45 - 10:30 am.

Want to participate or have questions? Contact Anne at [annewestdale@aol.com](mailto:annewestdale@aol.com) or telephone/text at 252-933-2875.

Marion Baker  
 Tom Bartron  
 Mary Brooks  
 Tammy Burnette  
 Henry Cichoracki  
 George Collins  
 Family of Whit Connor, June Knox  
 Patricia DiGiuseppi  
 Kitty Eure  
 Christine Garvin  
 Laureleli Hauptmann  
 Kimberly, Izzy, & Colleen  
 Brian Little  
 Clint Lowrey  
 Eugene Miller

Bill Perks  
 Linda Raim  
 Luke Russo  
 Family of Sam Spicer  
 Heather Thompson  
 Family of Mary Ellen Vaughan  
 Rebekah Vaughan  
 Dan Walters  
 Becky Whisnant  
 Dean Windgassen  
 Teachers & Caregivers  
 Unspoken, in our hearts  
 War-torn countries

### Prayer Requests

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
Col. John Delaney, USA	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	SSgt. James Pritchett, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	Michael Tate, USA
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC



**If you have a prayer request, please contact Marilee Tremlett at [mtrem3@icloud.com](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).**

### Thank You

We want to thank you for the calls, cards, e-mails, visits, flowers, food and, most of all, prayers following Nancy's surgery and recuperation. We appreciate our Grace Church family so much. All we can do in response to your love is to pay it forward. God bless you all.

**Rick and Nancy Zigler**

### New information management features coming!

Soon, the Grace giving and database system is getting an upgrade. We will transition from our current system, ACS, to a new version called REALM. This decision to go to a Cloud-based system was made because of better security and ease and improvement of information management, (staying in touch with each other). We will be helping the congregation learn how you can benefit from this change in the coming weeks, including availability of a new app you will be able to download to your smart phones. Stay tuned for more information in the next several weeks.



### Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Basket Raffle

You are invited to support the 3rd Annual Mother Hubbard's Cupboard "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" raffle with a drawing on October 26th. Tickets for one of six themed gift baskets are \$10 per ticket and donations will be used to help feed families right here in our community. Michele Jones will have a display in our Welcome Center and it will include information on the items in each of the baskets. There is a basket for almost anyone, from children, on up! Thank you in advance for your interest!

### Nurture Potato & Salad Bar lunch! After the 11am service Sunday, November 3rd

Join us for a baked potato and salad bar provided by the Nurture Committee. Sign ups are now available at the welcome desk and in Sunday School rooms. We are asking the congregation to bring toppings for the potatoes which can be noted on the sign up.



### Hurricane Helene Update

The United Methodist Church has been actively providing relief in western North Carolina. In the first week after the storm, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) distributed one million bottles of water. In addition, UMCOR's caring presence has provided free childcare for families of first responders, fed thousands of neighbors, set up charging stations and wifi hotspots, and more.

Response from United Methodist churches around North Carolina and beyond has been tremendous. And Grace's response fits right in. We have collected approximately \$5,000 for hurricane relief, with more money arriving. Grace forwards those funds to UMCOR, where 100% goes directly to storm relief. Grace volunteers have served at the Conference warehouse in Goldsboro, NC preparing cleaning kits for shipment to Western North Carolina, and we are nearly complete with the build out of approximately 20 cleaning kits. With the help of our youth, we will be finalizing the packing of these kits and then will send them to our Conference warehouse. With the completion of these kits, our focus will shift to other efforts.

Looking ahead, we can continue to send money, but we will also prepare to send an Emergency Response Team (ERT). Since all team members must complete ERT training prior to deployment, we are working to schedule a training session and will send an announcement when a date is confirmed.

John Chickering will host a storm response information session (via Zoom) on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. You can find the link in the Grace Friday Enews.

The session will provide an overview of storm response (including the role of the United Methodist Church), and will describe the work ERTs typically do when deployed.

Anyone interested in deploying to western North Carolina as part of a Grace UMC team should contact John ([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)).