

Grace Notes

October 16, 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, October 16

YOUTH SUNDAY

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am New Member Group (W202)
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, October 17

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, October 18

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Administrative Council

Wednesday, October 19

- 9:30 am UMW leadership team
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:15 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 4:30 pm Worship Committee
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 20

- 2:00 pm Nurture Meeting
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Basketball
- 6:30 pm Gracelettes

Friday, October 21

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

Saturday, October 22

- 1:00 pm non-church event

Sunday, October 23

New Members Join

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am New Members and friends
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat

By Our Witness

Today we wrap up our worship series, renewing our baptismal vows, recognizing God is making us a witness for the world. What better witness do we have than the faith of our youth and children, who are leading us in worship this morning? May their faith encourage all of us to glorify God and love our neighbors well!

Children & Youth Updates:

The Youth are having a fundraiser selling Christ wreaths and other items to raise funds for their mission trip for the summer of 2023. Information will be located in the Welcome Center.

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

Join us next Sunday, October 23, from 4-6 pm for an evening of food, games, and fun! We need a group to sign up to cook and serve hot dogs, as well as individuals and families to sign up to decorate a trunk or run a game! Spread the word and let's make this a wonderful event filled with our community.



In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 10/09/2022

In-person Worship Service:	
8:30 am	43
11:00 am	174
Online Worship Service:	
	87
Operating Funds Given	\$ 10,488
Building Preservation	\$ 765

September

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$ 464,589
Operating Expenses YTD	\$ 515,589
Balance	\$ (51,000)

September

Annual Bld. Preserv. Receipts	\$ 42,597
Annual Bld. Preserv. Fund Exp.	\$ 30,705
Balance	\$ 11,891

Apportionments are paid through September.

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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by using this QR Code

(point your phone camera

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



State of the Church Informational Sessions

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 27th, for an informational session on the State of the Church. We will discuss the state of Grace UMC in Wilmington, as well as the United Methodist Church worldwide.

All are invited to come and participate. There will be a time to listen, pray, and speak. Your participation in this session means you are also willing to break bread at the table of grace with the body of Christ who will gather on this day.

We will gather at two times, so please indicate if you will attend at the 5:00 pm session, or the 7:00 pm session. Please send your preferred time and number of attendees to ginny@gracedowntown.net, or call the Church office to RSVP. Depending on the number of RSVPs, will we either hold the meetings in the Bible Classroom or a larger area.
Grace and peace—Pastor Benny

21st Century Gifts

Did you know you can tithe and offer your financial gifts online? Your faithful giving is a vital part of the ministry of Grace, as we are in mission together in our community, making disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. There are a couple of ways to give. Use your phone camera to bring up a link to square at the QR Code in the bulletin and this newsletter; log on to our website and click on the collection plate, or set up an ACH draft (call Charles or Ginny on how to do that by calling the church office). Whatever way you donate, thank you for your gifts!

Prayer Requests

Jean Abernathy
Jim Alban
Wayne Blalock
Helen Ann Bremer
David Brown
Chris Bullis
Vivian Carter
Judy Davies
Marie Dubel
Larry Florea
Pearl Gilmore
Martin Ginocchio
Mark Hansen
Francis Hart
Tom Jones

Betty Ann Oaks
Melissa Sesi
Olin Smith
Aaron Swaney
Donna Tripp

Family of Tom
McGibeny, brother of
James



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.

Order a 225th ornament

We came up with something special to offer to commemorate GUMC's 225th anniversary. Such a monumental anniversary deserves recognition. We are taking orders for beautiful wooden laser-engraved Christmas ornaments depicting Grace church. Pre-sale orders will be taken from 10/16 - 11/13.



The cost is \$20, with proceeds going to 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 Desk and inserted into the bulletin.

We hope everyone will want a Grace anniversary ornament. They will arrive in time for gift giving and hanging on your tree. Questions? Please contact Sally Barnes sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com or Karen Evans evans493@gmail.com.

Sign up for Fellowship Time

We need you! We are asking members of the congregation to sign up to do Fellowship Time. We will provide the cookies but need you to make the coffee and set up the table. If you would like to help, please sign up on the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. Should you need instruction on how to make the coffee (hey, we all need help sometimes), see Carole Ellis or Darlene Tyndall.

Cookies needed

No time to sign up but still want to help? The Fellowship Time cookie supply always needs more cookies! It's a routine item that needs replenishing since we have so many amazing members. When you bring them, please put them on the kitchen counter. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Safety and Security Team members

The Trustees are looking for members to create a Safety and Security team who will watch over our church during worship services.

No experience required, only the willingness to serve our church in a very important capacity. Contact Marvin at the GUMCTrustees1@gmail.com. Thank you for considering this important assignment.

UMW Bible Study beginning late October

Welcome Fall! We are a little late organizing our Fall Bible Study meetings but have decided on a new series by Beth Moore. It is a four week class entitled *The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ: Study of Philippians*. Class begins from 9:30-11:30am, October 27, November 10 and November 17 and we'll also have a class on November 3 after the UMW regular monthly meeting. If you are interested, please email Linda Snider at her new email address: lwsnider45@gmail.com so she can get the appropriate number of books (\$20 per book, which is due at first class).

We look forward to seeing all of you and hope that you will want to participate in this Bible Study.

Grace Team help for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard passed out groceries to 165 families Wednesday, September 21 and more than 160 families on Saturday, September 24. Families may come to the Cupboard 1x/week if they don't have a working stove or 3x/month if they do have a working stove. They can always use juice boxes, cereal and canned vegetables.

Looking forward to the holidays they need: yams, stuffing, gravy, instant potatoes and corn bread mixes. They continue to need more volunteers on Saturdays. If you're interested in working with a team from Grace once a month, contact Donna Dawkins (Duckie) at biznis@twc.com. Donna is a Grace member who volunteers on Saturdays.

Temperature Setting in Sanctuary

The Trustees have been experimenting with the thermostat in the sanctuary for the last few weeks. The temperature that has gotten the fewest complaints in that time is 73 degrees. Therefore, we will have the temperature set at 73 degrees for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your input and patience during this trial period.

Greeters still needed!

Please contact Nancy Pritchett to sign up for a turn to be a Grace greeter. No experience necessary, 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.

UNCW Host Family Program
 UNCW is looking for participants for their host family program. The students do not have to live with you for you to join the host family program. UNCW encourages families or individuals to invite the student to share a meal together and to contact them at least once a month to touch base to see how they are doing. The students are here 1-2 years, and we want them to experience community and connection while they are here. If you are interested, please email Alan and Bettye Broadwater at albetvol63@gmail.com.

Would anyone like to dedicate Altar flowers?
 We have a few openings coming up. We especially need someone who would like to honor or memorialize loved ones with flowers on November 27. Thank you to everyone who has given flowers already this year. As a reminder, please put 'for altar flowers' in the memo line or description of your payment. The flower chart is posted in the Welcome Center. You can also drop by or call the Front Desk if you wish to check a date.

 With much gratitude,
Worship Committee

Prayer Partners Needed
 Sunset Park Elementary School and GUMC are once again partnering for the 2022-2023 school year. We need everyone's prayer for the staff of Sunset Park Elementary School. Please consider participating for the success of this mission. Contact Sally Barnes or Karen Evans (sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com or evans493@gmail.com) for more information.

Emmaus Gathering at Trinity
 Trinity UMC (located at 1403 Market Street, Wilmington) is hosting an Emmaus Gathering on October 22 at 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite potluck dish – and a friend! The more the merrier! Let's eat together, sing together, and pray together. Email Sharon Spencer for more information at: swspencer46@gmail.com

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. Thank you for your generosity.

Social Graces

This is your last chance to sign up for Fall/Winter dinner groups. We have had a great response so far, and don't want anyone to miss this great opportunity to get to know other members at Grace. We will have our kick-off lunch on October 30, after the 11 am service (about 12:15) in the Grace Gym. Please bring your favorite potluck dish to share. Drinks will be provided. At this meal you will be in a group of about eight people, and have a good time getting to know each other and planning three additional get-togethers (for November, December and January).

In addition to the groups that meet in the evenings, we will also offer a daytime option of meeting after the 11 am worship. The groups can decide if they want to meet at a restaurant or at the home of a group member.

Please place your sign-up reservation below or by the forms at the Welcome desk, in the offering plate by **Sunday, October 16**. Call Mary Neal (904-392-1704) if you have questions.

Please detach and place in the offering plate.
 I/we want to participate in *Social Graces*
 2022-23 Season


Name: _____

No. of Adults _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

____ I am **only** interested in meetings after the 11 am service



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: _____