

Grace Notes

October 20, 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 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

Monday, October 21

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion (walkers)
- 10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support
- 7:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, October 22

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Admin. Council

Wednesday, October 23

- 10:00 am Yoga
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 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 24

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

Friday, October 25

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

Saturday, October 26

- 10:00 am AGO rehearsal
- Fall Festival Setup

Sunday, October 27

- 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
- 4:00 pm Fall Festival

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In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 10/13/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	26
11:00 am	167

Online service:

	72
Operating Funds Given	\$ 23,734
Average receipts needed weekly	\$ 15,362
Building Preservation Given	\$ 1,600

Apportionments paid through October

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.

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

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

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or Square

by using this QR Code.

(point your phone camera

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



Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat, Sunday, Oct. 27


Please join us October 27th from 4-6pm. All are welcome! 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 still in 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

Altar Guild Leader Needed


Hello everyone, if you have always wondered who puts the flowers and candles on the Altar each week now is your chance to find out. We need someone who is willing to keep the traditions that we have like getting together to make Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Altars. We need a leader for this outstanding group of volunteers. Contact Joan Cunningham for more information at joansc1960@gmail.com.



Thank you

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy, love and support you have extended to our family during this time of loss.

Thank you.



Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Jack and Betsy Jones

Marion Baker	Eddie Mayer
Tom Bartron	Eugene Miller
Mary Brooks	Bill Perks
Tammy Burnette	Linda Raim
Henry Cichoracki	Luke Russo
George Collins	Family of Sam Spicer
Family of Whit Connor, June Knox	Heather Thompson
Patricia DiGiuseppi	Family of Mary Ellen Vaughan
Kitty Eure	Rebekah Vaughan
Christine Garvin	Dan Walters
Laurelei Hauptmann	Becky Whisnant
Family of Janine Himes	Dean Windgassen
Kimberly, Izzy, & Colleen	Teachers & Caregivers
Brian Little	Unspoken, in our hearts
Clint Lowrey	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.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard helps feed families

Please continue to help with the "No Stove" bags, which are prepacked with four beverages. When a client requests a "No Stove" bag we try to add extra beverages, protein and snacks from our shelf of individual donations.

Please continue to place your donations in the grocery cart near the elevator in the Welcome Center.

- ◆ Water
- ◆ Flavor/Hydration packets to add to water
- ◆ Juice boxes or pouches
- ◆ Protein drinks like Boost and Ensure
- ◆ Fruit Cups
- ◆ Personal hygiene items (all sizes, including shampoo, soap, razors, etc.)

Your donations are greatly appreciated! Since Mother Hubbard's Cupboard tries to give food to last about a week, they try to give each client as much food as they can carry. Food in glass/breakable containers is not given out because bags may break before the client gets home. Many clients walk several blocks or ride the bus to MHC. You may also make donations on the website: <https://www.motherhubbardsnc.com/>

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!



Prospective New Member Conversations

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

Our second New Member conversation will be held today, October 20. The final session will be on the 27th. Meetings are held in the Parlor on the first floor toward the music suite, from 9:45 - 10:30 am.

Want to participate in a future session or have questions? Contact Anne at annewestdale@aol.com or telephone/text at 252-933-2875.

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

Thank you for your support as our church joins others to respond to the destruction by Hurricane Helene in Western NC. Your continued prayers are immensely important. Our youth will be completing the final packing of our cleaning kits this weekend. Financial support continues to arrive.

We are preparing to send an Emergency Response Team (ERT) when invited by the Western North Carolina Conference. ERT deployments last 5 days (including travel) and focus on the work to clean up after the storm. All members of an ERT must complete training prior to deploying.

Grace UMC will host ERT training in two sessions.

Virtual on Zoom: Thurs. 11/21 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

In-Person at GUMC: Sat. 11/23 9 am – 2:30 pm

Both sessions are required.

Anyone interested in deploying to western North Carolina as part of a Grace UMC team should contact John Chickering (john@chickering.net).

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact John Chickering or Jim Buckingham. (jjim.buckingham@gmail.com).

"...when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." - Jesus (Matthew 25:40 CEB)

Dear Friends in Mission,

THANK YOU! The dear people you just helped with your gifts to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be — *Thank you!*

...May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,

*Roland Fernandes, General Secretary
UMCOR Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church*