

Grace Notes

October 27, 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 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

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 1:30 pm Lay Leadership (Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, October 30

- 10:00 am Yoga
- 11:00 am Staff meeting and lunch
- 2:00 pm Organist Practice
- 5:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 31

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

Friday, November 1

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

Saturday, November 2

- 9:00 am Nurture Potato Bar Setup

Sunday, November 3

ALL SAINTS DAY

- 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
- 12:15 pm Potato Bar
- 4:00 pm Charge Conference
- 4:30 pm Youth

Charge Conference -

There will be a Charge Conference on Nov. 3rd, at 4:00 pm, at here at Grace UMC, along with The Anchor.

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



Please invite your friends and join us from 4-6pm. All are welcome! In addition to our trunk-or-treating, we will have free food, a cake walk, games, crafts, face painting, and so much fun!!

Hope to see you there!

Kelsey Keenan, Director of Children Ministries

Altar Guild Leader Needed

Hello everyone, have you 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. Please contact Joan Cunningham for more information at joansc1960@gmail.com or let Ginny know if you are interested.

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 10/20/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 20
11:00 am 168

Online service: 160

Operating Funds Given \$ 5,048

Average receipts needed weekly \$ 15,362

Building Preservation Given \$ 140

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



Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Basket Raffle

Tickets were drawn yesterday (10/26) for the six themed gift baskets from the Mother Hubbard's raffle, and winners were notified using the contact information provided.

If you still owe money for tickets, or would still like to make a monetary donation, please see Michele Jones.

Thank you to all who participated and donated! Donations will be used to help feed families right here in our community!

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.



Prayer Requests

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

Eddie Mayer
Bill Perks
Luke Russo
Heather Thompson
Dan Walters
Becky Whisnant
Dean Windgassen
Caregivers everywhere
Unspoken, in our hearts
Those whose lives are affected by storms and floods
War-torn countries



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

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN
PO1 Sean Baker, USN
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC
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
SFC Woodrow Long, USA

Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF
SFC Letty Long, USA
Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF
Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
SSgt. James Pritchett, USA
CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Michael Tate, USA
E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

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/>

Thank you Youth and Grace Community for helping our Western NC Neighbors!



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 helped with finishing up the cleanup buckets and they are ready to go once they are needed at the supply warehouse. (See more pictures below and at the Grace Facebook page).



Sheets, socks, underwear and other items were also sent to our friends at App Wesley (at Appalachian State). They are helping folks move and transition as repairs are getting done and after many displacements, they really appreciate our support.

Next up, 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. (jim.buckingham@gmail.com).

