

Grace Notes

October 2, 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 2

World Communion Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am New Member Group (W201)
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, October 3

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 6:30 pm Cape Fear Chorale

Tuesday, October 4

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 5:30 pm Nominations meeting
- 7:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Bd.

Wednesday, October 5

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am Le Leche in Nursery
- 11:15 am Yoga
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 6

- 10:30 am United Methodist Women
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, October 7

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 1:00 pm Organist practice

Saturday, October 8

- 9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, October 9

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am New Member Group (W201)
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm WAVES

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 9/25/2022

In-person Worship Service:	
8:30 am	34
11:00 am	162
Online Worship Service:	105
Operating Funds Given	\$ 8,405
Building Preservation	\$ 550

August

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$ 423,823
Operating Expenses YTD	\$ 462,692
Balance	\$(38,870)

August

Annual Bld. Preserv. Receipts	\$ 38,967
Annual Bld. Preserv. Fund Exp.	\$ 29,071
Balance	\$ 9,896

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg)

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By Our Gifts

On this World Communion Sunday, we join the table of grace prepared by the Lord for the entire world. Also, as we continue to worship through this season of renewing and recommitting to our baptismal vows, we realize we have received good gifts from the Lord to share with the Church and our community.

By these gifts, we are encouraged through the Scriptures that, "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

10/2 – GIFTS (World Communion Sunday)

10/9 – service

10/16 – witness (Youth Sunday)

Children & Youth Updates:

There will be no WAVES program this Sunday evening (10/2) but instead we will have a mission opportunity to help Hope Recuperative Care weed some overgrown flower beds, October 2nd @5pm. All ages are welcome; 5th grade and under will need adult supervision.

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

Join us 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.



UMW meets this week!

Erin Balzotti, along with a volunteer from Novant Health, will be the guest speakers at the October 6 meeting of UMW. She will be discussing volunteer programs and opportunities. We gather at 10:30 am with the program beginning at 10:45. Coffee and water will be provided. Since no one signed up for refreshments for October and December, please bring a snack. —Marie Allison

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

Michael Balkcum	Pearl Gilmore
Wayne Blalock	Martin Ginocchio
David Brown	Mark Hansen
Chris Bullis	Francis Hart
Vivian Carter	Tom Jones
Marie Dubel	Melissa Sesi
Larry Florea	Olin Smith
Florida and those impacted by Hurricane/TS Ian	Aaron Swaney



ETN1 Anthony Augustine, USN	LCpl. Seth Mack, USMC
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	CDR Nicholas Madren, USN
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
Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC	

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

NOW is the time

The Outreach/Missions Team needs you. We are looking for volunteers to champion a committee or become a member of our team. Please join us for a committee meeting on Friday, October 14, at 1:00 pm at the home of Karen Evans at 3041 Smeades Drive, Leland, NC 28451.

Coming Soon

In anticipation of the near future, we will be having a few "State of the Church" listening sessions. All will be invited to listen and provide input as we discern our current and future path at Grace United Methodist Church and beyond in the broader community.

More information about the sessions, along with dates and times, will be announced shortly.

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.

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 @GUMCTrustees1@gmail. Thank you for considering this important assignment.

Reminder, New Member series

Please join Pastor Benny for a New Member Group, today, Oct. 2, and running the following two Sundays during the Sunday School hour, from 9:45-10:25 am, in the Wesleyan Classroom (W202).

The purpose of the group's three sessions is UMC education, Grace UMC education, and connecting to the life and ministries of Grace UMC/ Wilmington community. To sign up or to ask questions, please call or text Anne Dale at (252) 933-2875, or email her at annewestdale@aol.com.

Temperature adjustments

To moderate the temperature in the Sanctuary to find the level that is comfortable to the largest majority, the trustees are making incremental adjustments to the thermostats for the next few Sunday worship services. These adjustments will be small. Please let our trustees know whether you are cold or hot as they experiment over the next few services. You may also send them an email at GUMCtrustees1@gmail.com.

October Birthdays

10/1 Susan Pasquale		10/16 Rodney Lester		Olivia Walsh
10/2 Mac Starke		Susan Hickman		Dick Raim
10/3 Benjamin Stockman	10/11 Tom Ames	Ruby Justice	10/26 Sherry Carter	
10/4 Janice Fladd	Dana Tuttle	10/19 Jackson Cline	10/27 Darlene Tyndall	
Jennifer Lewis	10/12 Carol Ballard	Ellie Wilson	Frank Pasquale	
Albert Tuttle	Jason Fuller	10/22 Rich Reichardt	10/28 Pat Patton	
10/5 Gabrielle Ross	10/13 Esther Nance	Gail Braun	10/29 Susan Gardner	
10/6 Karen Evans	Cliff Tyndall	Mary Trout	10/30 Alan Broadwater	
10/9 Michael Voulgaris	Karen Wrenn	10/23 MaryClaire Mintz		
10/10 Cheryl High	10/14 Samuel Edwards	10/24 Barbara Carlin		
Lucy Rowe	10/15 Lana Stanley	Richard Crow		

Social Graces

It's time again to sign up for the Fall/Winter dinner groups. This is a great opportunity to get to know other members at Grace. These groups are for couples or singles.

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 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 11am service

