

Grace Notes

October 30, 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 30

NEW MEMBERS JOIN

Reformation Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Today's New Members & Friends
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Social Graces kick-off
- 5:00 pm WAVES

Monday, October 31

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

Tuesday, November 1

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 7:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Board mtg.

Wednesday, November 2

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 3

- 10:30 am UMW
- 2:30 pm Beth Moore Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, November 4

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

Saturday, November 5

Sunday, November 6

All Saints Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm WAVES

Charge Conference -

A Charge Conference will be held on Nov. 13th, at 6:00 pm, at Wrightsville UMC, with Oleander UMC and Wrightsville UMC.

Wreath Sales for Youth Mission—Last Chance!

This Sunday is the last Sunday the youth are taking orders for their Christmas wreath fundraiser to help with expenses for the summer mission trip. All orders and payments are due this Sunday, October 30th. Thank you all for your support.



Christy Aley with Harrelson Center at UMW!

UMW will meet at 10:30 am on Thursday, November 3 in the Bullock Activity Center. Our speaker this month will be Christy Aley of the Harrelson Center. She will share information about the 19 non-profit organizations serving our community. The Center is at 20 N. 4th Street. For our November mission, we are asking that you bring nonperishable canned or boxed goods or make a donation. We would like to help struggling families have a good Thanksgiving.

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 10/23/2022

In-person Worship Service:	
8:30 am	25
11:00 am	185
Online Worship Service:	76
Operating Funds Given	\$ 9,576
Building Preservation	\$ 1,180

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



Celebrating a new baby!

Congratulations to Jada and Sean Martinez on the birth of Kanan Paul, born Sunday, October 23 at 8:10 am!

Both Jada, Director of Youth

Ministries at Grace, and her son are doing well and are home. We are thankful for this welcome addition to our church family as we pray blessings over Jada and her family.



SENDING THANKS TO GRACE UMC

Thank you, Grace UMC church family, for your kind messages and cards in the weeks that followed the deaths of our parents, Ken and Nancy Purdy. When our family and friends gathered recently for their joint memorial service, your warm hospitality brought comfort and joy to a difficult day. We appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in preparing the sanctuary and hosting a gracious reception after the service. Our little granddaughters especially enjoyed the wonderful array of cookies, which seemed a fitting tribute to Nana and Papa. Thanks to the Grace family and staff, our family made many fond memories as we remembered and celebrated our parents with you.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Linda Purdy Carter and Jeff Purdy

Prayer Requests

Jean Abernathy	Family of Joseph Murray
Jim Alban	Betty Ann Oaks
Wayne Blalock	Carolyn Parker
Helen Ann Bremer	Melissa Sesi
Judy Davies	Jerry Smith
Marie Dubel	Aaron Swaney
Lynn Ellen	Donna Tripp
Larry Florea	Irene Voneiff
Martin Ginocchio	
Mark Hansen	
Francis Hart	
Tom Jones	
Family of Tom McGibeny, brother of Jane Phipps	



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

You still have time to pre-order a beautiful wooden laser-engraved Christmas ornament depicting Grace church for \$20. Pre-sale orders will be taken from 10/16 - 11/13. Proceeds will go to the 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 Center and in the bulletin. Questions? Please contact Sally Barnes sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com or Karen Evans evans493@gmail.com.



Christmas Love Offering for staff

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will once again this year be collecting a Love Offering to recognize the Grace church staff at Christmas. These wonderful men and women work hard for the church all year. With this special offering, we would like to recognize their extraordinary efforts with a little something extra during the holidays. If you would like to contribute to this effort, your donation can be made in several ways.

- ◆ Write a check payable to Grace UMC with Love Offering on the memo line.
- ◆ Pay with cash placed in an envelope with Love Offering on the front.
- ◆ Make an online donation through PayPal. Please remember to make the notation that it is for the Love Offering.

Check or cash contributions can be made by placing them in the offering plate or by mailing them to the church office. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 13, 2022. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this endeavor.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Great Event!

After attending Trunk or Treat for I don't know how many years, I have now seen it at its best. Our youth and children leaders we now have are the best I have ever seen. Keep up the good work!
Larry & Dianna Florea

Easy way to contribute to UMCOR and charities

United Methodist Committee On Relief, has received \$3,460.33 as a result of qualifying purchases made to Amazon Smile, April 1st - June 30th.

If you are interested in your Amazon purchases to go to UMCOR or your favorite charity, sign up with smile.amazon.com or use the Amazon app with AmazonSmile turned ON, and your everyday purchases will make an impact. So far, AmazonSmile has donated:

- \$81,343.38 to United Methodist Committee On Relief*
- Over \$377 million to US charities
- Over \$422 million to charities worldwide!

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard supplies needed

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard served groceries to 156 families in 3 hours on Saturday, October 22. Please help us stock their shelves with

Thanksgiving needs:

Yams	corn bread mixes	flour
stuffing,	gravy	instant potatoes
cranberry sauce	flour	pie crusts
canned pumpkin	sugar	any other items

For a great Thanksgiving meal.



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.

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. You may place items in the collection box in the Lower Historical Hall. Thank you for your generosity.

November Birthdays

11/1 Kevin Edwards Charlotte Bailey 11/2 Jean Duncan 11/6 Louise Thompson Rick McDow 11/8 Laura Still Ryan Ahlers 11/9 Carole Ellis Jo Ellen Hickmon Joan Pence	11/10 Ann Edwards 11/11 Mike Tripp 11/13 Emily Rogers 11/15 Kristin Gibbs 11/16 Greydon Fuller Charles Lindsey 11/18 Michelle Ginocchio 11/19 Jarvis Simmons Mary Neal 11/20 Julie Godwin	11/21 Alice Edwards Kathy Roberts 11/22 Sabrina Stephens Pat Goodman Sharon Sabo 11/23 Frank Lee 11/24 Rod Roberts Mitch Duncan Charlie Reap Maureen Palmer	11/26 Bettye Broadwater Javier Mory Craig Wengerd 11/30 Rebekah Vaughan
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Cape Fear Chorale performance Nov. 19th

Cape Fear Chorale
presents
with organ & orchestra

Requiem
Gabriel Fauré

Mass
(Selections)
Leonard Bernstein

Dr. Aaron Peisner, Artistic Director & Conductor, Dr. Betsy Curtis, Accompanist

November 19, 2022, 4 pm
Winter Park Baptist Church
Wrightsville Avenue, Wilmington

Free Admission 501 (c)13 Donations Appreciated

A Medley of Holiday Choral Music performance on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00pm (Doors open: 6:00pm)

The Wilmington Choral Society, with over 75 years performing in Wilmington, presents a medley of Holiday Choral Music with favorites including, "Twas the Night Before Christmas", "Sleigh Ride", "The Wexford Carol", Irving Berlin's Christmas", "Winter Wonderland", and more. Also, performing will be the student chorus from The Cape Fear Academy singing holiday selections. Bring the family and feel the holiday spirit through music. Tickets are \$22. and available at the Wilson Center website: <https://wilsoncentertickets.com/show/?id=54601> Discounts are available for children 12 & under.

Wilmington Choral Society
presents

Songs of the Season!

With featured guest chorus from Cape Fear Academy—Alexa Skelly, director
Byron Marshall, conductor
Sheryl Tjon, collaborative pianist
Wednesday December 14, 2022 | 7:00pm | The Wilson Center, CFCC
Visit wilsoncentertickets.com

Altar Flower Chart for 2023 posted

Thanks to all who helped close out the flower donations for 2022! The 2023 Altar Flower chart is now up in the Welcome Center. For those who like to give in memory or in honor of someone on specific dates each year, we thank you for signing up early!



For those interested for the first time, you may donate one or both sides of the altar at \$45 per side. Checks should be made payable to Grace UMC, with "altar flowers" written on the memo line. You may either place a check in the offering plate, or the check may be mailed to the office. Add a note about what the dedication should say or Ginny will reach out to you the week before your selected date. You may also email her at gabby@gracedowntown.net to check dates or submit your dedication. Thank you for this wonderful contribution to our worship service!

- Would like to join Grace United Methodist Church.**
- Need Grace UMC name tag(s).**
- Change of address, phone number, or email.**

Name: _____ No. _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____