

Grace Notes

October 6, 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 6

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
4:30 pm Youth program

Monday, October 7

9:00 am Grace In Motion (walkers)
1:30 pm Caregivers Support
10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
6:30 pm SPRC
7:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal
1:30 pm Caregivers Support

Tuesday, October 8

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am KnitWerks @ Panera
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Finance
7:00 pm Chorale Board mtg (library)

Wednesday, October 9

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 10

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

Friday, October 11

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

Saturday, October 12

1:00 pm Memorial Service- Dr. Sam Spicer

Sunday, October 13

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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 9/29/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 17
11:00 am 166

Online service:

72

Operating Funds Given \$ 1,180
Average receipts needed weekly \$ 15,362
Building Preservation Given \$ 265

Apportionments paid through September

September Financial Report

Building YTD Preservation Fund Rcpts. \$ 37,872
Building YTD Preservation Fund Exp. \$ 27,994
Balance \$ 7,069
Budget YTD Receipts \$ 468,326
Expenses YTD (2024) \$ 558,857
Balance Receipts vs Expenses \$ (90,530)

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

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

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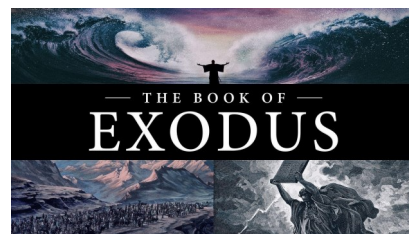
Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

Special Music for Moses series finale, October 20

Grace's Chancel Choir will share the choir anthem, MOSES, with the congregants at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, October 20. This will be the final Sunday of Pastor Benny and Pastor Jamie's sermon series, *Embracing the Wilderness*, based on selected scripture from the book of Exodus.

MOSES is a dramatic anthem which portrays the electrifying exchange between God and Moses. God ultimately convinces Moses that he will be God's instrument to persuade Pharaoh to free the Israelites.

You will be spiritually stirred by this upbeat and rhythmic musical offering composed by Ken Medema and sung by the Chancel Choir. Please plan to attend this special worship service of the spoken word and music!



Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat!

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

Prospective New Member Conversations

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

Our next New Member Conversations will start October 13 and be followed with sessions on the 20th and 27th. Meetings are held in the Parlor on the first floor toward the music suite, each of the three Sundays from 9:45 - 10:30 am.

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

Marion Baker
 Tom Bartron
 Mary Brooks
 Jeanne Brotman
 Tammy Burnette
 Henry Cichoracki
 George Collins
 Family of Whit Connor, June Knox
 Patricia DiGiuseppe
 Kitty Eure
 Christine Garvin
 Laureleli Hauptmann
 Janine Himes
 Kimberly, Izzy, & Colleen
 Brian Little
 Clint Lowrey
 Eddie Mayer

Edwin Mayer
 Family of Pat Mitchell,
 Larry Phipps
 Eugene Miller
 Bill Perks
 Family of Thomas E. Powers, Sr.
 Linda Raim
 Luke Russo
 Family of Velma Ruth Sawchuk
 Family of Sam Spicer
 Heather Thompson
 Family of Mary Ellen Vaughan
 Rebekah Vaughan
 Dan Walters
 Becky Whisnant
 Dean Windgassen
 Teachers & Caregivers
 Unspoken, in our hearts

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.**

New information management features coming!

Soon, the Grace giving and database system is getting an upgrade. We will transition from our current system, ACS, to a new version called REALM. This decision to go to a Cloud-based system was made because of better security and ease and improvement of information management, (staying in touch with each other). We will be helping the congregation learn how you can benefit from this change in the coming weeks, including availability of a new app you will be able to download to your smart phones. Stay tuned for more information in the next several weeks.



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

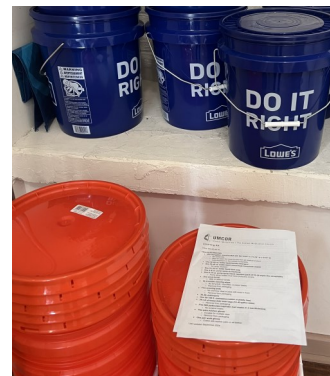
You are invited to support the 3rd Annual Mother Hubbard's Cupboard "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" raffle with a drawing on October 26th. Tickets for one of six themed gift baskets are \$10 per ticket and donations will be used to help feed families right here in our community. Michele Jones will have 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!

Helping Western NC in the aftermath of Helene

By now most of us have seen the images that have flooded in from the western part of our state and many have asked about how to help. Many of you have already donated funds to Grace with Hurricane Helene or UMCOR in the memo line. Thank you, those funds are being directed to most impacted counties in Western NC through the Western Conference! Here are a few other ways Grace and our community is supporting Hurricane Helene victims...

Cleaning Buckets:

Bring in cleaning supplies that will get sorted and put in buckets, or join with friends and fill one based on the UMCOR list at this link: <https://nccumc.org/disaster/kits/cleaning/> Some empty buckets are available in the Welcome Center and it also is ok to fill a used bucket, as long as it has a handle and lid. A small supply of leather palmed gloves have been donated as well as N-95 masks.



The cleanup portion will be continuing on for months so, if we run out of buckets this weekend, there will be more coming soon. You don't need to add a \$3 check for shipping to the bucket as it is indicated on the back of the list, as they will be delivered. And, if you unable to get all items listed, just note the missing items.

Personal items for App State students:

Also, because of a relationship with Appalachian Wesley Foundation, we have a more immediate opportunity to help App State students recover.

As mentioned in the previous two newsletters the ASU Wesleyan mission team was planning on staying with us to serve in mission with Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry. They have had to cancel their trip for now, so that they can help their own students and community. This group is requesting new packages of underwear, socks, twin and full sheet sets and blankets. This collection will be in a bin in the Welcome Center near the elevator.

Thank you for your generosity!
 Questions—call the church office or email Ginny@gracedowntown.net.

Save The Date: Nurture Potato & Salad Bar lunch!

Join us after the 11am service on Sunday, November 3rd for a baked potato and salad bar provided by the Nurture Committee.