

# Grace Notes

October 9, 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 9

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am New Member Group (W202)
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm WAVES

#### Monday, October 10

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support (LIB)
- 6:30 pm Finance Committee
- 6:30 pm Cape Fear Chorale

#### Tuesday, October 11

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 3:00 pm Piano Tuning Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm Nominations/leadership
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:00 pm SPRC
- 7:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Bd.

#### Wednesday, October 12

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:15 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 4:30 pm Worship Committee
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, October 13

- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

#### Friday, October 14

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 9:00 am Organist practice
- 2:00 pm Ken and Nancy Purdy Memorial

#### Saturday, October 15

- 9:00 am Cape Fear Chorale rehearsal

#### Sunday, October 16

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am New Member Group (W202)
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service

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### By Our Service

As we continue our worship series, and recommitting to our baptismal vows, we realize once again that God serves us well with His good love. It is by this love that we are given to serve others. This Sunday we remember our God who is reconciling the world (and us) through Jesus Christ (Col 1:20), and may we participate in His kingdom on earth by our service to others.

- 9/18 – by our presence
- 9/25 – by our prayers
- 10/2 – by our gifts (World Communion Sunday)
- 10/9 – by our service
- 10/16 – by our witness (Youth Sunday)

### UMCOR helps disaster victims

If you would like to donate to Hurricane Ian Florida Victims, make checks to UMCOR and send to: The Advance, 458 Ponce De Leon Ave, NE Atlanta, GA 30308 or donate online at the website link: <https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>

### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 10/02/2022

In-person Worship Service:	
8:30 am	30
11:00 am	189
Online Worship Service:	77
Operating Funds Given	\$ 13,044
Building Preservation	\$ 1,080

### 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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### State of the Church Informational Sessions

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 27th, for an informational session on the State of the Church. We will discuss the state of Grace UMC in Wilmington, as well as the United Methodist Church worldwide.

All are invited to come and participate. There will be a time to listen, pray, and speak. Your participation in this session means you are also willing to break bread at the table of grace with the body of Christ who will gather on this day.

We will gather at two times, so please indicate if you will attend at the 5:00 pm session, or the 7:00 pm session. Please send your preferred time and number of attendees to [ginny@gracedowntown.net](mailto:ginny@gracedowntown.net), or call the Church office to RSVP. Depending on the number of RSVPs, will we either hold the meetings in the Bible Classroom or a larger area.  
Grace and peace—Pastor Benny

### Children & Youth Updates:

The Youth are having a fundraiser selling Christ wreaths and other items to raise funds for their mission trip for the summer of 2023. It will be located in the Welcome Center.

### 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.

## Prayer Requests

Jim Alban  
 Michael Balkcum  
 Wayne Blalock  
 David Brown  
 Chris Bullis  
 Vivian Carter  
 Marie Dubel  
 Larry Florea  
 Pearl Gilmore  
 Martin Ginocchio  
 Mark Hansen  
 Francis Hart  
 Tom Jones  
 Betty Ann Oaks  
 Melissa Sesi

Olin Smith  
 Aaron Swaney  
 Donna Tripp  
  
 Florida and all those  
 impacted by storms



Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

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](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).

### Order a 225th ornament and give back to Grace!

We came up with something special to offer to commemorate GUMC's 225th anniversary. Such a monumental anniversary deserves recognition. We are taking orders for beautiful wooden laser-engraved Christmas ornaments depicting Grace church. Pre-sale orders will be taken from 10/16 - 11/20.



The cost is \$20, with proceeds going to GUMC Building Preservation fund. Checks should be made out to GUMC with '225 Anniversary Ornament' in the memo line. You can also mail a check to the office with your name and phone number. Special donation envelopes will be available at the Welcome Desk and in the bulletin starting October 16.

We hope everyone will want a Grace anniversary ornament, and they will arrive in time for gift giving and hanging on your tree. Questions? Please contact Sally Barnes [sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com](mailto:sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com) or Karen Evans [evans493@gmail.com](mailto:evans493@gmail.com).

### Sign up for Fellowship Time

We need you! We are asking members of the congregation to sign up to do Fellowship Time. We will provide the cookies but need you to make the coffee and set up the table. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. Should you need instruction on how to make the coffee (hey, we all need help sometimes), see Carole Ellis or Darlene Tyndall.

### Cookies needed

No time to sign up but still want to help? The Fellowship Time cookie supply always needs more cookies! It's a routine item that needs replenishing since we have so many amazing members. When you bring them, please put them on the kitchen counter. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### 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 at the [GUMCTrustees1@gmail.com](mailto:GUMCTrustees1@gmail.com). Thank you for considering this important assignment.

### Prayer Partners Needed

Sunset Park Elementary School and GUMC are once again partnering for the 2022-2023 school year. We need everyone's prayer for the staff of Sunset Park Elementary School. Please consider participating for the success of this mission. Contact Sally or Karen ([sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com](mailto:sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com) or [evans493@gmail.com](mailto:evans493@gmail.com)) for more information.

### 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](mailto: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 [bnzns@twc.com](mailto:bnzns@twc.com). Donna is a Grace member who volunteers on Saturdays.

### 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](mailto:GUMCTrustees1@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto:nhpritchett@gmail.com).

### Emmaus Gathering at Trinity

Trinity UMC (located at 1403 Market Street, Wilmington) is hosting an Emmaus Gathering on October 22 at 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite potluck dish – and a friend! The more the merrier! Let's eat together, sing together, and pray together. Email Sharon Spencer for more information at: [swspencer46@gmail.com](mailto:swspencer46@gmail.com)