

Grace Notes

September 10, 2023

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, Sept. 10

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am New Disciples Conversations
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, Sept. 11

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers
- 10:00 am Basketball
- 6:30 pm SPRC

Tuesday, Sept. 12

- 9:00 am Organ Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Book Club
- 9:30 am Knitwerx @ Panera
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, Sept. 13

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

Thursday, Sept. 14

- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 7:00 pm Basketball (Moore)

Friday, Sept. 15

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers
- 9:00 am Organist practice
- 10:00 am Basketball (Senior League)

Saturday, Sept. 16

Sunday, Sept. 17

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am New Disciples Conversations
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 9/3/2023

In-person Worship Service:		
	8:30 am	34
	11:00 am	165
Online Worship Service:		80
Operating Funds Given	\$	13,293
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	13,912
Building Preservation Given	\$	2,444

Apportionments paid through August

August financial report

Building Preservation Fund Receipts	\$	76,043
Building Preservation Fund Expenses	\$	193,622
Balance	\$	(117,578)
Budget YTD Receipts	\$	413,160
Expenses YTD	\$	45,943
Balance Receipts vs Expenses	\$	(37,783)

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

The service will be available Sunday starting
at **5:00 pm**
This is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg>

Note: Grace United Methodist Church is committed to making our facility as accessible as possible. Should you require mobility assistance, we have wheelchairs and walkers available. We also have audio assist for those with hearing limitations, and large print hymnals. If you have a need that we can address to help you enjoy worship and fellowship more fully at Grace, please let us know by asking an usher or contacting the Trustees.

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Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

Prospective New Member Conversations starting

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

The next Conversations will start today, September 10 and run for three weeks (Sept, 10, 17, 24). Come to any or all three! The class meets in the Parlor from 9:45—10:30 am each of the Sundays. Let Anne Dale know if you would like to participate. Her email is: annewestdale@aol.com

We are glad you are here!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH news

Our mission this month is filling AGAPE Christmas boxes. Project AGAPE, a ministry to Armenia, is a collaborative effort of the NC Conferences and the Armenia Apostolic Church. There are 100 boxes to be filled and are located in the Welcome Center. Each box has an attached list of instructions and items for females and males; ages infant-2 years, ages 3-6, ages 7-12, and 13-18. Examples include socks, hats, mittens, crayons, coloring books, pencils, games, and small toys. If you add an additional item please note it on the sheet. The deadline for returning boxes to the church is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH. Thank you for your help with this.

Prayer Shawl Ministry on September 12th

A group of knitters meets the second Tuesday of the month at Panera Bread on Oleander Drive at 9:30 for breakfast, fellowship, and knitting. Please join us! We will welcome you to our group whether you are a beginner or an experienced knitter. For further information, contact Marie Allison at alli7173@hotmail.com.

Thank You!

Thank You for your donations to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard in August. The toothbrush and toothpaste supply has been well-stocked. And you helped keep individual juices on the no-stove shelf.

The focus for the month of September is family-size juices and canned meat. These items are given to every family. However, lately we haven't had enough, or on some days none.

Please help restock Mother Hubbard's shelves with: **family size juices** (nonperishable juices) any flavor

And, **canned meat:** any size chicken, tuna, SPAM, beef stew and individual size vienna sausages.

Would you like to dedicate Altar Flowers?

Placing flowers on the Altar is an excellent way to celebrate a special occasion or to honor or memorialize a loved one. Each side is \$50 and you may dedicate one side or both. Sign up on the chart in the Welcome Center or call the office for available dates. We still have September dates available.

Prayer Requests

Dan Barnes	Julie Moore
Teresa Biddle	Sandy Moore
Wayne Blalock	Sarah O'Brien
George Braun	Linda Raim
Connie Caulder	Holly Ratcliffe
Brandi Chinn	Vicki Stanfield-Switzer
Colleen	Carolyn Stokley
Warren Frazier	Louise Thompson
Kathy Kipp	Donna Tripp
Jennifer Martin	Caregivers Everywhere
Regina Milihrum	Unspoken, in our hearts
Evelyn Mills	

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETN1 Anthony Augustine, USN	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA	LCpl. Seth Mack, USMC
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
Col. John Delaney, USA	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	Sgt. James Pritchett, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	Michael Tate, USA
Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC
SFC Letty Long, USA	



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

Social Graces returns in September!

Please save the date for the kickoff of the fall/winter Social Graces dinner groups on **Sunday, September 24th** following the 11 am worship.

Registration forms are in the bulletin and at the Welcome Desk. This fellowship opportunity starts with the kick-off in the Bullock Activities Center and then small groups continue to gather and eat together each month (October through January) with times and dates selected by each individual group at the kickoff. Questions? Contact Mary Miller for more information via text, 910-789-0666 or email, marywilm13@gmail.com.



Buddy Walk to support Coastal BUDS, Oct. 14

Monica Oakes is organizing a team for the Buddy Walk on Oct. 14 at Bellville Riverwalk Park and invites you to join in the fun. For more information, contact Monica or go to her fundraising page: <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/4851207>

Bible Book Club this week

It is always a good time to join the Bible Book Club. We are reading through the Bible in a year and through the Psalms twice! Classes are Tuesdays at 9 am in the Bible Classroom.

- Sept. 10 Mark 11- 12; Psalm 100
- Sept. 11 Mark 13-14; Psalm 101
- Sept. 12 Mark 15-16; Psalm 102; NT Overviews: Mark
- Sept. 13 John 1-2; Psalm 103; John 1; blog
- Sept. 14 John 3-4 Psalm 104; Water of Life
- Sept. 15 John 5-6 Psalm 105
- Sept. 16 John 7-8; Psalm 106

Follow the schedule and more at www.bibleproject.com.

"Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful."
(Ps. 149:1)

Praise the LORD!

What a wonderful day, indeed, to worship the Lord on Sunday August 27th, in the morning AND especially later that afternoon at our Hymn Festival and Concert! Recognizing God has gifted us with beautiful gifts of praise, we invited our friends, our neighbors, and our Grace family to join us for an afternoon of thanksgiving and praise that included congregational hymns, solos, duets, a flute solo, an organ with piano piece, a four-hands piano piece, as well as choir anthems. The music in our worship was wonderful!



Thank you to all who joined us for a unique afternoon of praising God. A special thank you to all who diligently practiced singing, playing, and preparing for this magnificent occasion. And a VERY special thank you to Leslie Bergbower, our organist, Greg Bell, guest accompanist, and Jerry Cribbs, our music director, who put in countless hours of planning, preparation, leading, and practice in order to make this a truly spectacular time to worship God together! Our hearts are full; our cup overflows!

Also, thank you to all who contributed to the special offering in our worship. Because you were generous with the gifts God has given to you, we collected \$3,069, during the Hymn Festival and Concert. With humble hands, we donated \$2,000 to the Methodist Home for Children, and the remaining \$1,069 went into Grace's Building Preservation Fund, which continues to boost our worship experience through ongoing projects like enhancing our stained glass windows in the sanctuary.

If you missed our Hymn Festival and Concert on August 27th, stay tuned! A recording will be on our YouTube channel very soon.

September Birthdays

9/1 Tom Powers	9/10 Brian Lewis	9/17 Ann Ipock	9/28 Robert High
9/2 Marion Wise	9/11 George Patterson	9/19 Fred Merritt	9/29 Rick Zigler
9/3 Mary Miller	9/14 Dianna Florea	9/20 Joe Huppmann	9/30 Brian Stetson
9/4 Jeff Wilson	Nikki Howard	9/22 Mac Cunningham	Nancy Pritchett
9/5 Emily Booth	9/15 Marie Allison	Larry Jennings	
9/6 Rob Akerhielm	June Knox	9/25 Marsella Teachey	
9/7 Nancy Bullock	Vicki Hutnick	Katie Stenerson	
9/9 Emery Rasmussen	9/16 Cindy Henry	9/25 Everett Bruce Moore	
Jake Rasmussen		9/27 Anne Wolling	