

Grace Notes

September 17, 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. 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
- 12:15 pm Nurture Mtg.
- 4:00 pm WAVES

Monday, Sept. 18

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers
- 10:00 am Basketball
- 7:00 pm Trustees Mtg.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

- 9:00 am Organ Practice
- 9:00 am Bible Book Club
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Admin. Council (open to all)

Wednesday, Sept. 20

- 9:30 am UWF leadership team
- 10:00 am Yoga
- 11:00 am Kitchen training for Coastal Buds
- 4:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, Sept. 21

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

Friday, Sept. 22

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

Saturday, Sept. 23

Set up for Social Graces

Sunday, Sept. 24

- 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
- 12:15 pm Social Graces kick-off
- 4:00 pm WAVES

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 9/10/2023

In-person Worship Service:		
8:30 am		31
11:00 am		158
Online Worship Service:		
		64
Operating Funds Given	\$	7,855
Budget receipts needed weekly	\$	13,912
Building Preservation Given	\$	620
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	\$	450,943
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.

Last chance to register for Social Graces

The kickoff of the fall/winter Social Graces dinner groups is next weekend, **Sunday, September 24th** following the 11 am worship. The registration deadline is **today** to attend.

Registration forms have been in the last two bulletins and are also located 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.

Methodist Home for Children helped by Grace

Thank you Grace members for your generous support of the Methodist Home for Children.

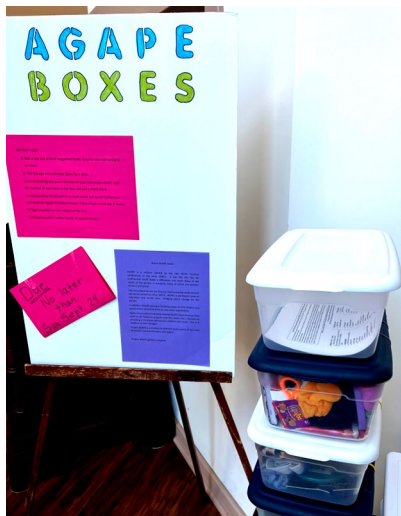


Because of your love and generosity, they will be able to take care of **five** children for one year! That is such a blessing!! Thank you!

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 boxes are located in the Welcome Center. Each one 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 great mission.

Prayer Requests

Dan Barnes
 Teresa Biddle
 Wayne Blalock
 George Braun
 Connie Caulder
 Brandi Chinn
 Colleen
 Kathy Kipp
 Jennifer Martin
 Evelyn Mills
 Julie Moore
 Sandy Moore

Sarah O'Brien
 Linda Raim
 Holly Ratcliffe
 Valoree Shinn
 Vicki Stanfield-Switzer
 Carolyn Stokley
 Louise Thompson
 Donna Tripp
 Stew Wolling
 Caregivers Everywhere
 Unspoken, in our hearts

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



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

Divine Grace Women's Group September Social.

This women's group fills a niche between Graceettes and The United Women in Faith (UMW). This group is a social group that is mission minded. The members meet the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm, to enjoy fellowship and volunteer their time and talents for service projects during the year.

When: Thursday, September 28th, 6:00 pm
 Where: Osteria Cicchetti
 1125-K Military Cutoff Rd
 Wilmington, NC 28405

September Mission Project: Bring family-sized juices and canned meats to Grace UMC for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

RSVP: Mary Tyndall at mary@gracedowntown.net

*Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 26th to secure an accurate headcount for the restaurant.



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.

"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.

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/team/520799>



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. 17 John 9-10; Psalm 107
Sept. 18 John 11-12; Psalm 108; NT Overviews John 1-12
Sept. 19 John 13-15; Psalm 109; NT Overviews John 13-21
Sept. 20 John 16-18; Psalm 110;
Sept. 21 John 19-21; Psalm 111;
Sept. 22 Luke 1; Psalm 112; NT Overviews Luke 1-9; Luke the Gospel of the Savior for Lost People Everywhere
Sept. 23 Luke 2-3; Psalm 113; Birth of Luke

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