

Grace Notes

September 3, 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. 3

Holy Communion

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, Sept. 4

Labor Day holiday, office closed

Tuesday, Sept. 5

9:00 am Organ Practice
9:00 am Bible Book Club
10:30 am UWF
1:30 pm Caregivers Support
5:30 pm Boot Camp

Wednesday, Sept. 6

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

Thursday, Sept. 7

2:00 pm Nurture Bereavement team
5:30 pm Bootcamp
7:00 pm Basketball (Moore)

Friday, Sept. 8

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

Saturday, Sept. 9

8:30 am Choir Retreat

Sunday, Sept. 10

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 8/27/2023

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 44
11:00 am 169

Online Worship Service:

81

Hymn Festival

5:00 pm 222

Operating Funds Given \$ 9,613

Budget receipts needed weekly \$ 13,912

Building Preservation Given \$ 280

Apportionments paid through July

July financial report

Building Preservation Fund Receipts \$72,944

Building Preservation Fund Expenses \$114,525

Balance \$(41,581)

Budget YTD Receipts \$376,237

Expenses YTD \$387,586

Balance Receipts vs Expenses \$(11,349)

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>

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(point your phone camera

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



Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

Children's program kick off!

Join us at BOUNCE in Wilmington from 10am-12pm on September 9th. This is a **free** event but please RSVP to secure your child's spot! Pizza will also be served. Hope to see you there for a fun start to our year!! Contact Kelsey Keenan via email (Kelsey@gracedowntown.net) or text at (910) 599-5290.

Thanks for all participating in the Backpack Blessings last Sunday. If anyone returning to school was unable to be there, stop by the Welcome Center desk to pick up blessed tags.

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.



Help A Child by Donating to the Methodist Home for Children

Please consider a donation to the Methodist Home for Children! MHC provides the following services to children in need throughout North Carolina:

- Foster Care and Adoption
- Juvenile Justice
- Family Preservation
- Early Childhood Services
- Higher Education
- Specialized Services

It takes \$1,000 to support one child for one year. Let's raise \$1,000! There will be a table in the Welcome Center today, Sunday, September 3 with a basket for donations of any amount. If you write a check, please make it payable to Grace UMC with "Methodist Home for Children" in the memo line. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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. Help spread the word.



Prayer Requests

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

Dan Barnes	Sarah O'Brien
Teresa Biddle	Linda Raim
Wayne Blalock	Holly Ratcliffe
George Braun	Valoree Shinn
Warren Frazier	Family of John Thomas Shuping
Kathy Kipp	Carolyn Stokley
Jennifer Martin	Vicki Stanfield-Switzer
Regina Milihrum	Louise Thompson
Evelyn Mills	Donna Tripp
Julie Moore	Caregivers Everywhere
Sandy Moore	Unspoken, in our hearts
Family of Marie Munger	

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.

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 Sunday, September 10 and run for three weeks (Sept. 10, 17, 24). They are held in the Parlor from 9:45—10:30 am each of the three Sundays. Let Anne Dale know if you would like to participate (come to one or all three!) Her email is: annewestdale@aol.com

We are glad you are here!

UWF meets 10:30am Sept. 5 in Bullock Center

Please come for snacks and coffee, all are welcome!

Our speaker will be Associate Pastor Jamie Thompson, our new Minister of Community Engagement.

Our September mission is filling AGAPE Christmas boxes. AGAPE is a humanitarian mission of the NC conferences. In addition to working in education and health care, AGAPE provides Christmas boxes for children and youth which cannot be done by any other organizations. We have 100 boxes to be filled. These will be available in the area by the elevator. Each box will have an attached list of needs. Some examples are socks, hats, mittens, crayons, pencils, games, toys.

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! Class returns this Tuesday at 9 am in the Bible Classroom.

Sept. 3 Matthew 25-26; Psalm 93

Sept. 4 Matthew 27-29; Psalm 94; Witness Matthew

Sept. 5 Mark 1-2; Psalm 95; Mark

Sept. 6 Mark 3-4; Psalm 96; Gospel Mark: Servant Messiah

Sept. 7 Mark 5-6; Psalm 97

Sept. 8 Mark 7-8; Psalm 98

Sept. 9 Mark 9-10; Psalm 99

Follow the schedule and more at www.bibleproject.com



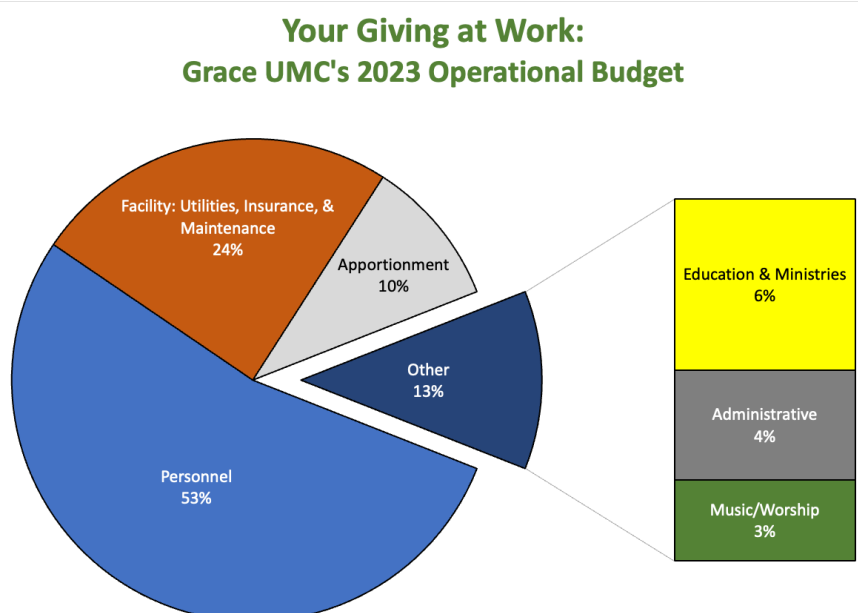
Buddy Walk to support Coastal BUDS, Oct. 14

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>

Wondering how your tithes support Grace UMC?

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.
1 Peter 4:10 (NRSV)

The people that are Grace United Methodist Church have been faithfully bringing their gifts to support God's work in greater Wilmington through 2023. As we begin our discernment and planning for answering God's call in 2024, the GUMC Finance Committee is sharing this illustration of how your financial gifts are supporting GUMC's day-to-day operation¹. This chart is also located just outside the Sanctuary as you depart to or enter from the Welcome Center. It's important to note that 90% of your gifts go directly to God's work in Wilmington. The other 10%, shown as Apportionment, supports work of the United Methodist Church both in North Carolina and around the world. If you have questions, please reach out to our Finance Committee Chair, Mike Mabee, or our Administrative Council Chair, Gary Atwell.



Note:

¹ – The illustration does not include building fund work such as lighting, stained glass, and organ restoration.

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		Fred Merritt	9/29	Rick Zigler
9/3	Mary Miller	9/14	Dianna Florea	9/19	Joe Huppmann	9/30	Brian Stetson
9/4	Jeff Wilson		Nikki Howard	9/20	Mac Cunningham		Nancy Pritchett
9/5	Emily Booth	9/15	Marie Allison		Larry Jennings		
9/6	Rob Akerhielm		June Knox	9/22	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		

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____