

Grace Notes

September 11, 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, September 11

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Baby Shower for Jada
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm Waves kickoff

Monday, September 12

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 6:30 pm Cape Fear Chorale (gym)
- 6:30 pm Finance Meeting

Tuesday, September 13

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:00 pm SPRC
- 7:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Board

Wednesday, September 14

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:15 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 15

- 10:30 pm UMW Bible Study Group
- 6:30 pm Basketball
- 6:30 pm Gracelettes (offsite)

Friday, September 16

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 9:00 am Organist practice

Saturday, September 17

- 8:00 am Chorale Sectionals

Sunday, September 18

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Chancel Choir
- 10:30 am Unified Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Rally Day luncheon

Baby Shower for our Director of Youth Ministries

Apologies for short notice, but all interested are welcome to drop by during the Sunday School hour today (Sunday, Sept. 11 at 9:45 am) for an impromptu baby shower in honor of Jada Martinez. Jada is due in October and Gracelettes are hosting a celebration. If you want to help her welcome the new baby, in addition to your presence or prayers, her registry is on Amazon at <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/2KC8PRFTWFLSK>



Rally Day and Potluck!

Join us for worship at 10:30 am, followed by lunch on Sunday, September 18. Next Sunday, we will have one combined worship service at 10:30 am, noticing God's presence among us all, as we offer our unified presence as Christ's body. Watch the preview at the Facebook or this link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/21au8xg46gbsj8c/Rally%20Day%20Promo.mp4?dl=0>

The Nurture team is providing chicken, the Gracelettes are providing desserts, and we ask each family to bring a side dish to share with eight people. An invitation/RSVP is an insert in today's bulletin or sign up online at this link: <https://forms.gle/Lc371pXvM1XHafUb8>

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 9/4/2022

In-person Worship Service:	
8:30 am	31
11:00 am	171
Online Worship Service:	94
Sunday School attendance:	38
Operating Funds Given	\$ 16,771
Building Preservation	\$ 1,395

August

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$ 423,823
Operating Expenses YTD	\$ 462,692
Balance	\$ (38,870)

August

Annual Bld. Preserv. Receipts	\$ 38,967
Annual Bld. Preserv. Fund Exp.	\$ 29,071
Balance	\$ 9,896

Apportionments are paid through August.

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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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WAVES kick off, today! September 11

Join us for our WAVES evening program kick-off at Flip n' Fly, Sunday, Sept. 11 at 5:15. We will be jumping from 5:30-6:30. Please go ahead and purchase your tickets for this time so we can all jump together! Children 2& under are free, Children 2-6 are \$10, and Ages 7& up are \$15. Here is the link: <https://flipnfly.com/>, please also fill out the waiver to jump in advance and if our child or youth does not have grip socks, they can be purchased for \$4. We are so excited to see you there!

Are you interested in joining or learning more about Grace?

Please join Pastor Benny for a New Member Group, scheduled for October 2, 9, & 16, during the Sunday School hour, from 9:45 - 10:25 am, in the Wesleyan Classroom, (W202). The purpose of the group's three sessions is UMC education, Grace UMC education, and connecting to the life and ministries of Grace UMC/Wilmington community. To sign up or if you have questions, please call or text Anne Dale 252-933-2875, or email her @ annewestdale@aol.com.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Wayne Blalock	The Purdy family
Beth Bowers	Rod Roberts
Mary Brooks	Ray Sasser's family
Jean Bullock	Judy Siebold
Tina Dixon	Baby Teal and The
Marie Dubel	Stellings family
John Eller	
Larry Florea	
Linda Hoover	
Carl Humphrey	
Larry Jennings	
Tom Jones	
Michelle Jones	
Kathy Kipp	

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.

Greeters needed!

Are you willing to share your welcoming words and smile to those attending the 11:00 services on Sundays at Grace Church? If so, we really need you to serve as a greeter in the Welcome Center for the 30 minutes before the service begins.

For further information or (preferably) to volunteer, please contact Nancy Pritchett at 910-791-2827 or nhpritchett@gmail.com. Thank you!!!

Would you like to serve at the early service?

We need more sound board operators. Pastor Benny would like to have operators for the early service as well as the later service. That means we need a few more volunteers, particularly those who would like to be at the 8:30 am service. It is simple to learn and 8:30 is a great service to give it a try. Debbie says if she can do it, anyone can!

Please contact Debbie Cole, cole_25663@msn.com, or (910) 233-0429 to sign up and she will schedule a time with you to practice. Thank you in advance!

September Gracelettes, Thursday, Sept. 15

Come enjoy games, fun, and fellowship!
September 15, 6:30 pm



Address: 131 Camarillo Way Rocky Point 28457

Bring a yummy bite to share.

Feel free to carpool for company on the way out here! Let Jen Stenerson know if you can make it on the Gracelettes What's App, or call or text 910 297-7687 for more information.

George and Gail Braun's new address

The Braun's have moved to be closer to family in Washington. If you would like to stay in touch with the Braun family, they would love to hear from you. Cards and letters can be mailed to:

The Brauns
7445 SE 24th Street
Apt. 22

Grace UMC Bus Trip, Friday, Oct. 28

The Narrowway Theater, Fort Mill, SC, presents the ultimate battle between good and evil in their production, "Lord of Light"! From Creation to Revelation, Lord of Light is an action-packed, one-of-a-kind portrayal of the unseen battle in heavenly realms. With aerial artists, stunning blacklight effects and sword-wielding angels and demons, this show is a physical representation of what happened spiritually during the three days Jesus was in the tomb. All Hell really does break loose in this sensational thriller!

Ticket prices for the production:

Adult with dinner (ages 19 - 54)	\$44.95
Senior with dinner (ages 55 and above)	\$42.95
Youth with dinner (thru age 18)	\$24.95

DINNER INCLUDES...

- Flame-roasted, parmesan barbecue chicken breast
- Garlic alfredo tortellini tossed in parmesan with toasted pumpkin seeds
- Fresh house salad with Italian dressing
- Warm breadstick
- Devil's food torte with angelic icing topped with raspberry sauce
- Iced tea or water

The church bus will depart Grace at 11:30 am on Oct. 28 for our hotel in Fort Mill (TBD). Once we are checked in and settled, we will leave for the theater at 5:45 pm. Then at 6:30 pm, it's time for dinner and the theater! The next morning after breakfast (included in the price of the room), we will return to Grace.*

Tickets are on sale now. There is an additional discount for groups of 15 or more with advance purchase. The hotel stay will be around \$100, but we can obtain a group discount after we determine how many rooms are needed. Please email Marvin Evans (gumctrustees1@gmail.com) if interested.

* The Billy Graham Library in Charlotte NC is currently undergoing a major renovation. Should that renovation be completed, we will spend a few hours there on Saturday morning and have lunch before returning to Grace. Admission to the library is free to the public! We were there on a previous trip and it is fantastic!

- 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: _____