

Grace Notes

September 18, 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 18

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

Monday, September 19

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 6:30 pm Cape Fear Chorale (gym)
- 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, September 20

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Admin Council

Wednesday, September 21

- 9:30 am UMW Leadership team
- 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 22

- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball
- 6:30 pm Gracelettes (offsite)

Friday, September 23

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

Saturday, September 24

Sunday, September 25

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm WAVES

Welcome!

In today's Worship service we receive the following disciples to Grace United Methodist Church. Another group will be received soon.

Joe Beaman
Nancy and Jeff Wilson
Monica, Abby and Carter Oakes

If you would like to explore what it means to make Grace United Methodist your church home, read more on our upcoming info sessions on the next page.

Grace Renewal

Rally Day equals renewal! Today, we begin a season of renewal, as we notice God's redemptive love reconciling all things to himself. (Colossians 1:19-20) Our response to God's claim on our lives is to love and serve Him, recommitting ourselves to our baptismal vows to support the Church through our presence, our prayers, our gifts, our service, and our witness. This is the first of five Sundays when we will highlight each of these promises. Journey with us as we renew our faith and hope in His love!

- 9/18 – presence**
- 9/25 – prayer**
- 10/2 – gifts (World Communion Sunday)**
- 10/9 – service**
- 10/16 – witness (Youth Sunday)**

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 9/11/2022

In-person Worship Service:	
8:30 am	35
11:00 am	158
Online Worship Service:	92
Operating Funds Given	\$ 8,843
Building Preservation	\$ 850

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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Only a few spots left—Trip to Lord of Light

The next GUMC bus trip 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 Narrowway Theater at 5:45 pm to see "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. 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.

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

Please email Marvin Evans at email gumctrustees1@gmail.com if interested. The hotel is estimated for \$100, with an additional discount possible with enough people.

Prayer Requests

Michael Balkcum	Mark Hansen
Wayne Blalock	Carl Humphrey
Beth Bowers	Larry Jennings
Mary Brooks	Tom Jones
Jean Bullock	The Purdy family
Kaiser Dennis	Judy Siebold
Tina Dixon	Baby Teal granddaughter of Sandra & David Miller
Marie Dubel	Aaron Swaney
Larry Florea	
Pearl Gilmore	

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.

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.

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

Other opportunities for the early service include an additional usher and volunteers to open the church. Send Ginny a message if you are interested, ginny@gracedowntown.net and she will connect you.

Grace Welcoming Friends

Grace members are known for their warmth and welcoming ways. A Grace Friend helps new members become connected to our Church family in a personal and direct way.

As new members join, they are paired with a current member called a Grace Welcoming Friend. This relationship will last about three months. The Grace Friend responsibilities include:

- Be present when the new member joins.
- Get to know the new member.
- Take or arrange a tour of Grace for the new member.
- Explain the function of different committees, missions, and volunteer opportunities,

Please contact Anne Dale, annewestdale@aol.com, for additional information.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

The Brauns address was cut off in last week's *Grace Notes*. To send cards or correspond by mail send to:

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