

Grace Notes

September 25, 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 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

Monday, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 27

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 5:30 pm Nominations meeting

Wednesday, September 28

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:15 am Yoga
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 29

- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, September 30

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 1:00 pm Organist practice
- 5:00 pm Wedding rehearsal

Saturday, October 1

- 5:00 pm Reid Wedding

Sunday, October 2

World Communion Sunday

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

Coming Soon

In anticipation of the near future, we will be having a few "State of the Church" listening sessions. All will be invited to listen and provide input as we discern our current and future path at Grace United Methodist Church and beyond in the broader community.

More information about the sessions, along with dates and times, will be announced shortly.

Sermon Series continues

During the next few Sundays we continue our reflection on what we started last week for Rally Day, and we encourage you to 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 week will highlight prayer.

9/18 – presence

9/25 – PRAYER

10/2 – gifts (World Communion Sunday)

10/9 – service

10/16 – witness (Youth Sunday)

Journey with us as we renew our faith and hope in His love!

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 9/18/2022

In-person Worship Service:	
10:30 am	177
Online Worship Service:	100
Operating Funds Given	\$ 6,147
Building Preservation	\$ 815

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

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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Are you interested in joining or learning more about Grace?

Please join Pastor Benny for a New Member Group, scheduled for October 2, 9, and 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 to ask questions, please call or text Anne Dale at (252) 933-2875, or email her at annewestdale@aol.com.

Thermostat adjustments

To moderate the temperature in the Sanctuary to find the level that is comfortable to the largest majority, the trustees will be making incremental adjustments to the thermostats for the next few Sunday worship services. These adjustments will be small. Please let our trustees know whether you are cold or hot as they experiment over the next few services. You may also send them an email at GUMCtrustees1@gmail.com.

Thank you for your patience.

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

Michael Balkcum
Wayne Blalock
Beth Bowers
Mary Brooks
Chris Bullis
Jean Bullock
Kaiser Dennis
Marie Dubel
Larry Florea
Pearl Gilmore
Mark Hansen

Carl Humphrey
Larry Jennings
Tom Jones
The Purdy family
Baby Teal granddaughter
of Sandra & David Miller
Aaron Swaney



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.

NOW (Nurture, Outreach, Witness/ Worship) is the time

The Outreach/Missions Team needs you. We are looking for volunteers to champion a committee or become a member of our team. Please join us for a committee meeting on Friday, October 14, 2022, at 1:00 PM at the home of Karen Evans at 3041 Smeades Drive, Leland, NC 28451.

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

Fall Festival is coming back!

Fall Festival at Grace will be held October 23rd, from 4-6pm! This event will be open to our community. We will have trunk or treating and games and food sponsored by our own church groups here at Grace. Sign-ups to help are up in the Welcome Center. For more information, contact Kelsey Keenan at Kelsey@gracedowntown.net



Last Chance—October Grace UMC Bus Trip

On Friday, Oct. 28, Grace UMC will take an overnight bus trip to watch the production, "Lord of Light" at The Narrowway Theater, Fort Mill, SC! 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.

For more details about this trip and please email Marvin Evans (gumctrustees1@gmail.com) if interested. Hurry, there are only a few tickets left.

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: _____