

Grace Notes

September 4, 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 4

Communion Sunday

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

Monday, September 5

Office Closed—Labor Day

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

Tuesday, September 6

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

Wednesday, September 7

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am La Leche in Nursery
- 11:15 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 8

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

Friday, September 8

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

Saturday, September 10

- 8:00 am Chancel Choir retreat

Sunday, September 11

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS

WAVES kick off, September 11

Join us for our WAVES evening program kick-off at Flip n' Fly, September 11th 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!

Help Wanted-Ushers

We encourage volunteers to consider serving as ushers at the 8:30 a.m. service. Contact Robert High for more information, 910-395-2430, rshcch@gmail.com.

Event reminders

If you are having a meeting or event and you need to change the thermostat, please help us conserve energy by returning it back to the temperature at which it was set.

Also please schedule meetings through Ginny at Ginny@gracedowntown.net so that she can coordinate the calendar properly and check the rooms to ensure they are ready and not already scheduled. Thank you!

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 8/28/2022

In-person Worship Service:	
8:30 am	42
11:00 am	173
Online Worship Service:	72
Sunday School attendance	56
Operating Funds Given	\$ 11,991
Building Preservation	\$ 481

July

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$ 351,841
Operating Expenses YTD	\$ 399,427
Balance	\$ (47,586)

July

Annual Bld. Preserv. Receipts	\$ 25,706
Annual Bld. Preserv. Fund Exp.	\$ 27,491
Balance	\$ (1,785.00)

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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The Beauty of Grace

Looking for a way to honor or memorialize a loved one? Please consider placing an order for a memorial brick. You can pick up a brochure in the Welcome Center or order online at polarengraving.com/ graceunitedmethodistchurch

Save the Date: Rally Day and Picnic after Worship!

Join us for worship, followed by lunch on September 18 at 10:30 am. On this Sunday morning 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.

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>

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Wayne Blalock
Beth Bowers
Mary Brooks
Jean Bullock
Trina Dixon
Marie Dubel
John Eller
Norman & Antoinette Harris
Linda Hoover
Carl Humphrey
Larry Jennings
Tom Jones
Kathy Kipp
Michele Jones
family of Emily McCusker/
Carole Ellis's granddaughter

the family of Nancy Purdy/
Linda Carter
Rod Roberts
Ray Sasser
Judy Siebold

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.

Organ Fund established

In case you missed it, the Finance Committee has established an organ fund for the future replacement of our present organ console. According to the estimates of the three organ companies contacted for their assessments of our organ console, all three say that our present console has a projected future life of approximately 10 years. This should be ample time to prepare for the sizable investment of approximately \$150,000 to fund a new organ console when it is time to replace our current unit. Thanks to the Finance Committee for preparing for the future by establishing this fund and looking ahead to the financial needs of Grace Church.

-Tom Jones

Would you like to serve at the early service?

More sound board operators are needed. Pastor Benny would like to have operators for the early service as well as the later service. That means we need more volunteers, particularly those who would like to be at the 8:30 am worship service. It is fairly 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 call or email Debbie Cole at cole_25663@msn.com or (910) 233-0429 to sign up and she will schedule a time with you to practice.

George and Gail Braun's new address

The Brauns 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
Mercer Island, WA 98040

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: _____