

Grace Notes

September 8, 2024

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 8

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

Monday, September 9

9:00 am Grace In Motion
10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
1:30 pm Caregivers Support
6:30 pm SPRC
7:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 10

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:00 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Finance
7:00 pm Chorale Board Mtg.

Wednesday, September 11

10:00 am Yoga
10:00 am Staff Meeting
4:00 pm Worship meeting
4:00 pm Organist Practice
5:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 12

8:30 am Community Resource Fair
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:45 pm Basketball (Moore)
5:00 pm Parent Night Out

Friday, September 13

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:00 am Grace In Motion (walkers)

Saturday, September 14

9:00 am Chorale rehearsal

Sunday, September 15

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 9/01/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am	34
11:00 am	158

Online service:

76

Operating Funds Given	\$	9,960
Average receipts needed weekly	\$	15,362
Building Preservation Given	\$	1,005

Apportionments paid through July

August Financial Report

Building YTD Preservation Fund Rcpts.	\$	35,101
Building YTD Preservation Fund Exp.	\$	27,994
Balance	\$	7,108
Budget YTD Receipts	\$	422,860
Expenses YTD (2024)	\$	494,688
Balance Receipts vs Expenses	\$	(71,828)

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg>

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or Square

by using this QR Code.

(point your phone camera
at the box and click on the link that appears).



Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

Parent Night Out: September 12th 5:00-8:00 pm

Come and drop your child off Thursday, from 5-8 pm with our amazing Nursery staff here at Grace for a night to yourself! We will provide activities and entertainment for the kids from infancy through elementary age. We just ask you to pack their dinner (or eat beforehand) and send those PJs. We will have them ready to go to bed upon pick up! You may drop off and pick up anytime between the 5-8 pm window. Please RSVP by September 8th so we can be sure to have our team ready!

Prospective New Member Conversations

Are you visiting Grace and would like to know more, or are you considering becoming a member?

Our next New Member Conversations will start October 13 and be followed with sessions on the 20th and 27th. Meetings are held in the Parlor on the first floor toward the music suite, each of the three Sundays from 9:45 - 10:30 am.

Want to participate or have questions? Contact Anne at annewestdale@aol.com or telephone/text at 252-933-2875.

Back-to-school list for Sunset Park

Sunset Park Elementary needs your help with their supply closet. Listed below are the items they need: wide-ruled composition books, play doh, pre-sharpened pencils, colored pencils, 24 packs of crayons, child scissors, glue sticks, pencil boxes, highlighters, paper towels, Kleenex, Clorox or Lysol wipes.

There is a collection box in the Welcome Center.



Prayer Requests

Marion Baker	Family of Sam Spicer
Tammy Burnette	Heather Thompson
Kitty Eure	Dan Walters
Family of Martin Ginocchio	Becky Whisnant
Kevin Hamilton	Dean Windgassen
Laurelei Hauptmann	Laura Witherington
Kimberly, Izzy, & Colleen	Richard Zenk
Eddie Mayer	Nancy Zigler
Edwin Mayer	Caregivers everywhere
Family of Pat Mitchell, Larry Phipps	Unspoken, in our hearts
Bill Perks	War-torn countries
Linda Raim	
Luke Russo	

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN	Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA	SFC Letty Long, USA
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
Col. John Delaney, USA	SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	SSgt. James Pritchett, USA
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	Michael Tate, USA
SFC Woodrow Long, USA	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC



If you have a prayer request, please contact Marilee Tremlett at mtrem3@icloud.com.

Brides Room upfit completed

A special thank you to Dianne and Waylon Lynch who worked tirelessly to paint and renovate the Brides Room. Thank you also to those who contributed financially. If you get a chance, please go take a look! Pictures do not necessarily reflect the beauty, but will be up soon on our website.

One of the several new features is an area with bridal portraits of brides who were married at Grace. It combines a fresh updated look, and a nod to the past. As indicated in the Trustees meeting, comments are more than positive, and as one person simply noted, it looks "amazing."

If you aren't familiar, the Brides Room (204) is the room on the second floor next to the Bible Classroom/conference room area.

Thank you Grace members and our Community!

Thank you to those who donated to help pay for an AED in the Gym! AEDs are critical in emergency situations and it is great to have them in our most needed areas which includes the Choir area, the Sanctuary, the Welcome Center and now one has been installed by Bill Booth in the Bullock Activity Center (gym).

If you would like to be trained, or a refresher, please let Ginny or a trustee know. We will schedule another training in the coming months.

Finally, another big shout out to Bill for installing the latest cabinet! Lives could be saved from these efforts and everyone's support.

WHQR interviews with Pastor Jamie

Pastor Jamie Thompson had the pleasure of participating in an interview with WHQR reporter, Kelly Kenoyer, over the summer. The conversation was part of a larger WHQR project which included a series of profiles to tell the real life stories of how people became unhoused and what it is actually like to experience homelessness.

The profiles of some of the unhoused people and the continuation is titled, "Try to stay positive." *The lives of our homeless neighbors in downtown Wilmington* That story can be found at this link:

<https://www.whqr.org/local/2024-07-22/try-to-stay-positive-the-lives-of-our-homeless-neighbors-in-downtown-wilmington>

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard helps feed families

Clients served: Aug 24th/197
Aug 28th/198
Aug 31st/168

The "No Stove" bags are prepacked with 4 beverages. When a client requests a "No Stove" bag we try to add extra beverages, protein and snacks from our shelf of individual donations. Thank you to Grace UMC members! Your donations continue to make a difference each week especially last Saturday when our supplies were very low.

Please continue to place your donations for "No Stove" bags in the grocery cart near the elevator in the Welcome Center.

- ◆ Water
- ◆ Flavor/Hydration packets to add to water
- ◆ Juice boxes or pouches
- ◆ Protein drinks like Boost and Ensure
- ◆ Fruit Cups
- ◆ Personal hygiene items (all sizes, including shampoo, soap, razors, etc.)

Community Fair this Thursday at Grace

Do you know community members who need help navigating healthcare, finding a job or a home, or connecting to resources and other vital human services? Please tell them about CCLCF/ Cape Fear HOP's Community Connection Event scheduled for September 12th. The event is co-sponsored by Pine Valley Market, Rice-N-Beans, Hope Recovery and NC Works.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION EVENT

Community Connection Event

Designed to Connect Individuals and Families To:

- Human Services
- Educational and Employment Opportunities
- Healthcare Resources
- Housing Information
- Recovery Support
- Other resources in the Community
- Shower Trailer, Barbers, and Food Onsite



Where:

Grace United Methodist Church
401 Grace Street, Wilmington

When:

Thursday, September 12, 2024
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
8:30-9: Continental breakfast
9-Noon: Resource Fair
12-1: Lunch

For more information contact info@carelcf.org or call 910.763.0200

