

Grace Notes

August 21, 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, August 21

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

Monday, August 22

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

Tuesday, August 23

- 11:30 am Rotary Club
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, August 24

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 25

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

Friday, August 26

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

Saturday, August 27

Sunday, August 28

Backpack Blessing

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

Backpack Blessing

Join us for our backpack blessing on Sunday, August 28th at both services. We invite students of all ages and any of those working in the education field to bring their bags to church. We will bless you as you begin this new school year! Contact Kelsey Keenan with any questions and if you aren't able to attend we can set up a time to meet and do a blessing.



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 along with a sign up/RSVP will go out soon.

Altar Flowers Thank you to all who given altar flowers in honor or memory of someone this year! To make sure your donations get credited properly, please designate "for altar flower fund" in the memo line of your check, or let us know in the description line of an electronic payment. To sign up for future dedications, visit the flower chart in the Welcome Center.



In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 8/14/2022

In-person Worship Service:	
8:30 am	30
11:00 am	154
Online Worship Service: 72	
Operating Funds Given	\$ 37,703
Building Preservation	\$ 10,980

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 July.

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

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.

Address for Margaret Batchelor

Margaret recently had a fall which caused her to move to an assisted living facility in Cary to be closer to her daughter. She would sure appreciate staying in touch with everyone.

Margaret Batchelor
Spring Arbor of Cary
1705 Kildaire Farm Rd
Cary, NC 27511

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Anthony, Elizabeth & Caroline Augustine	Carl Humphrey
Wayne Blalock	Larry Jennings
Gail and George Braun	Kitty, mother of Debbie Jones
Marie Dubel	Kathy Kipp
Carole Ellis and family of Emily (Carole's granddaughter)	June Knox
Michael Cupps	Michele Jones
Marie Dubel	Camden McCarty
John Eller	Nancy Purdy and family
Carole Ellis	Rod Roberts
Family of Cynthia Evans	Ray Sasser
Larry Florea	Donna Sotello
Amelia Gifford	Barbara White
Norman & Antoinette Harris	
Linda Hoover	

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	

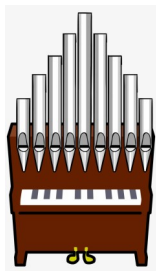


If you have a prayer request, please contact Marilee Tremlett at mtrem3@icloud.com.

Organ Fund established

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



Organ Repairs to begin next week

The Administrative Board at its August meeting approved the repairs to the Moeller pipes in the organ. These repairs will begin as soon as possible. Cost is \$36,900, all funded by donations from church members with no impact on the annual budget. The pipes will continue to serve Grace for another 30 to 40 years. Thank you Grace members for your support!

Tom Jones

The Outreach/Missions Team needs you.

We are looking for volunteers to champion a committee or become a member of our team. In the July 22nd Grace Notes, Pastor Benny mentioned the acronym WON. He said, "This Christ-centered foundation has its beginning in relationship...relationship with God (Worship/Witness), relationship with the community outside of Grace (Outreach) and relationship with Grace (Nurture)". We hope that you consider helping with one of the many Outreach/Missions projects Grace needs your help with. Please contact Sally Barnes at sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com or Karen Evans at evans493@gmail.com.

UMW Visitation Team

This ministry was started several years ago to remain connected to UMW members who could no longer attend Grace. Today, our visitation team visits not just UMW members, but all women from Grace church. Our mission: Visit once per month, encourage conversation, and keep a connection to Grace.

Members are paired in teams of two and follow a schedule of who to connect with each month. It is a one-afternoon commitment per month. Visitors call ahead to schedule a date and time for the visit. Beautiful handmade cards and Upper Room devotional magazines are available to take on the visits. These are distributed each month at the daytime UMW meeting, or placed in the visitation box in the church office for pickup.

For many reasons, some of our faithful members have had to leave the team. **We are in need of some new members!**

Please prayerfully consider joining our group for this chance to bring your personality and gifts of service to these dear ladies who are often home bound or in a nursing facility. Please contact me or any of the UMW leadership team, for further information.

Blessings and thanks to all our team and new members! Pat Thomas: 910-791-2908 or email: clementine_17@yahoo.com.

- 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: _____