

Grace Notes

December 19, 2021

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, December 19

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

Tuesday, December 21

- 9:00 am Organist in Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Rotary Club in gym
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Administrative Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 22

- 11:00 am Gentle Yoga Class
- 4:00 pm Organist in Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 23

- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, December 24

Church Office Closed

- 9:00 am Organist in Sanctuary
- 3:00 pm Organist in Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
- 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 26

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

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>

LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP WITH THE OUTREACH OF GRACE?

We have ideas for outreach at Grace but they require many hands and feet to be successful! Would you like to be a part of expanding our prayer partner program, to help start a monthly fellowship and game night at Grace, to enable Grace to have a presence at parades and festivals, to conduct a Christmas fundraiser, or to restart the Welcome table? These opportunities, and more, will be a part of the new year!

There are exciting times ahead for Grace! If you would like to be a part of these events, please contact **Karen Evans**, at

evans493@gmail.com or 757-871-3763,

or **Sally Barnes**, at

sallybarnes11754@yahoo.com or

631-258-3182.

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."

Romans 12:4-5 ESV



HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 12/12/2021

In-person Worship Service: 10:30am - 213

Online Worship Service: 104

Operating Funds Given 12/1-12/8 \$33,442.00

November

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$	563,960.13
Operating Expenses YTD	\$	633,048.66
Balance	\$	(69,088.53)
2021 Operating Budget = \$ 754,879		

November

Building Preservation Fund		
Received 2021 YTD	\$	47,947.28
Building Preservation Fund		
Spent 2021 YTD	\$	48,225.95

Disaster Recovery (Boiler)

Insurance Receipts	\$	67,859
Expenses to date	\$	80,963

CHARGE CONFERENCE NEWS

If you accepted a nomination for a committee position at the Charge Conference held on November 16, 2021, please note your term of service at GUMC begins on January 1, 2022.



UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES SCHEDULES

DECEMBER 19:
8:30am and 11:00 am Worship Service

DECEMBER 26
ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:30AM

JANUARY 2
ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:30AM

JANUARY 9
Resume regular schedule of two worship services at 8:30am and 11:00am.



FAREWELL RECEPTION

Our long term executive assistant **Debbie Ashe** is retiring the end of December.

The Nurture Committee is placing a basket in the office where church members may wish to place cards, gift cards, or a monetary gift to thank Debbie for her many years of service to the congregation. On **January 16** after the church service we will have a reception for Debbie and at that time we will present her with the thank you basket.



UMW MORNING MOVIE

Beginning on Thursday, **January 13**, Pat Goodman with the UMW will be showing **The Chosen** - Season One on a weekly basis for a total of five weeks. This is a highly acclaimed movie depicting the life of Jesus.

Movie/Meeting Dates:

January 13, 20, 27, February 10, 17
9:30-11:30am in the Bible Study Room
(**January 6 and February 3 are both UMW Meeting Days.**)

Come join the UMW Morning Movie.
Open to all!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Angie	Frank Pasquale's daughter,
Archer	Marielle
Tonna and Robbie Bowen	Susan Pasquale
John Calandro	Ann Payne
Sherry Carter	Joan Pence
Vivian Carter	Derek Phipps
Debbie Cole	Tom Powers
A. C. English	Sara Ragan
Wade Fox	Rosiland
Julie Godwin	Gary Rowe
Christians in Haiti	Tom Schraml
Cheryl High	Mary Sloan
Family of Dick Hull	Shar Streeter
Laura	Jim Teachey
Brian Little	Jack Thomas
NHRMC Nurses/Doctors/ Staff	Family of Laura Weaver

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers

LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	CDR Nicholas Madren, USN
Maj. Tim Collins, 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
Cpl. Chase Krieg, USMC	Michael Tate, USA
SFC Letty Long, USA	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC
SFC Woodrow Long, USA	

If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Patricia at patricia@gracedowntown.net or 910-470-6310

UMW PRAYER REQUEST

A special prayer request from United Methodist Women (UMW):

Due to the great unrest in the Country of Haiti, we are very worried about our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been working with the orphanage in Croix de Bouquet. Therefore, we the Grace UMW unit asks that you each please pray for Daniel and Kenny and their sewing schools in Haiti whom we have supported through donations to Martha Worsley and for Rebecca, a bright young woman, whom Martha helps to support as she continues to go to school and learn English. For Paula and the orphanage and school Bright Beginnings in the village of Croix de Bouquet, Haiti. They have been the recipients of our pillowcase dresses over the past three years. Martha Worsley has been and is an officer in the Harbor District of United Methodist Women and is a mission worker who has gone to Haiti yearly for a number of years, working with the children at Bright Beginnings and teaching sewing. Last summer the Grace UMW ladies were able to send four sewing machines and many dresses through Martha to this group of workers and children. Please pray for their safety, for the protection of Christians in Haiti and for the county coming together and being able to create a safe place to live."

GAME DAY AT GRACE!

FINAL CALL ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR PLAYERS!

JANUARY 12, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

BULLOCK CENTER

Just contact either:

Sally Barnes, at 631-258-3182 (text or call) or email at sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com, or

Karen Evans, at 757-871-3763 (text or call) or email at evans493@gmail.com

RSVP— PLEASE LET US KNOW BY JANUARY 8, 2022 SO WE CAN SET UP ENOUGH TABLES.

ANY INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS CAN CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 910 763 5197 AND SIGN UP.

Refreshments will be available!



CHRISTMAS EVE AT GRACE

Celebrate Christmas Eve at Grace UMC
Friday, December 24, 2021
Candlelight Worship Services
at
5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Come and celebrate
the birth of Christ through
the spoken Word, scripture, carols,
choir anthems, and organ music.

Bring your family and invite a friend!

Childcare will be offered for ages 3
and under.



*The Church Office will be closed on
Friday, 12/24, Monday, 12/27 &
Tuesday, 12/28 in observance of the
Christmas Day Holiday.*



On Nov 16 the Administrative Council, on recommendation of the Covid19 Task Force, altered Grace's Covid19 safety measures in the following ways:

- *Masks optional for full vaccinated folks at the 11am service, Sunday School, and all mid-week gatherings.*
- *Masks expected for all at the 8:30am service regardless of vaccination status.*
- *Youth in grades 6 and above who are fully vaccinated can treat masks as optional everywhere but the 8:30am service.*
- *Youth and children in grades 5 and below are expected to wear masks regardless of vaccination status.*
- *Children ages 2 yrs and younger should not wear masks.*
- *Food and drink can now be served self service.*

Please check the appropriate box or boxes and place in the offering basket.

- 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: _____