

# Grace Notes

December 26, 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 26

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

#### Monday, December 27

Church Office Closed

#### Tuesday, December 28

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Organist in Sanctuary  
11:00 am Rotary Club in gym  
5:30 pm Boot Camp

#### Wednesday, December 29

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

#### Thursday, December 30

5:30 pm Boot Camp  
6:30 pm Basketball

#### Friday, December 31

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Organist in Sanctuary

#### Sunday, January 2

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

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### 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>

### HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

#### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 12/19/2021

In-person Worship Service: 8:30am - 27  
11:00am - 163

Online Worship Service: 71

Operating Funds Given 12/8-12/15 \$17,839.00

#### 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

### 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**. There are currently 60 copies available of the list of officers for 2022 at the reception desk in the Welcome Center. Each family is invited to take one.



### UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES SCHEDULES

#### 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.



### 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](mailto:evans493@gmail.com) or 757-871-3763,

or **Sally Barnes**, at

[sallybarnes11754@yahoo.com](mailto: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



### 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	NHRMC Nurses/Doctors/ Staff
Archer	
Tonna and Robbie Bowen	Susan Pasquale
John Calandro	George Patterson
Sherry Carter	Ann Payne
Vivian Carter	Joan Pence
Debbie Cole	Derek Phipps
Family of Eloise	Tom Powers
A. C. English	Sara Ragan
Wade Fox	Rosiland
Julie Godwin	Gary Rowe
Christians in Haiti	Tom Schraml
Heaven	Mary Sloan
Cheryl High	Shar Streeter
Family of Dick Hull	Jim Teachey
Laura	Tori Thornton and newborn son, Kaiser
Brian Little	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](mailto: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](mailto:sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com), or

**Karen Evans**, at 757-871-3763 (text or call) or email at [evans493@gmail.com](mailto: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!



### 2021 TAX CREDIT

In order to get tax credit for 2021, all gifts to Grace UMC must be either postmarked by the end of this calendar year or hand delivered to the church by the end of the year. Note that the church office will be closed on Friday, December 31.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING DATES

**MONDAY, 12/27  
TUESDAY, 12/28  
FRIDAY, 12/31**

### GRACE HAS A NEW EMPLOYEE!

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce we have hired a new employee to fill the open position of Administrative and Operational Director. Her name is Julia "**Ginny**" **Peterson**. (She likes to be called Ginny). Ginny's resume is full of different experiences such as marketing, communications, administration, etc. that she has had throughout her career. She has worked in commercial companies, as well as at another church, and most recently has been operating her own home-based consulting business. She also has experience working with many different types of software, some of which are used here at Grace. Ginny was raised in the Methodist Church and she and her family are long time residents of Wilmington. Ginny will start working at Grace on Monday, December 20. Please extend a warm welcome to Ginny and feel free to stop by the office and introduce yourself. We are blessed to have Ginny become a part of our Grace Family!

### KENTUCKY TORNADOES

Recently tornadoes devastated sections of the mid-west leaving many without the basic necessities. The United Methodist Church is there to help.

If you would like to give to the UM mission to that area, make your check payable to Grace United Methodist Church and designate it, 'Kentucky Tornadoes.' The giving will help those in need in this area and will be funneled through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).



*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: \_\_\_\_\_