

Grace Notes

February 13, 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, February 13

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:00 noon Reception for Deborah Ashe
- 5:00 pm **no youth tonight**

Monday, February 14

- 6:30 Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 15

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

Wednesday, February 16

- 9:30 am UMW leadership team
- 4:00 pm Organist in Sanctuary
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 17

- 9:30 am UMW Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, February 18

- 9:00 am Organist in Sanctuary

Saturday, February 19

nothing scheduled

Sunday, February 20

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm Youth Meetings

New Consecration Sunday Highlights

Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022

One service only at 10:30am

Handbells will play

The Chancel Choir will offer two numbers

Guest preacher: Rev David Hollowell

Catered meal will follow the service

(register in worship or by calling the church office by
Wed., Feb. 23)

Estimate Of Giving Cards for 2022 will be given and
turned in during the service.



Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday is right around the corner on March 2nd. During that day we will have Imposition of the Ashes for Grace and our community twice during the day. Pastor Tal will lead from 7:30—9:30 am and Pastor Patricia will lead from 11:30 am —1 pm. Drop in during those times as convenient.

Then in the evening a special Ash Wednesday worship service with the choir will be held at 7 pm. Plan now to participate in this special day that will kick off the Lenten Season.

HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 2/06/2022

In-person Worship Service: 8:00 am - 20
In-person Worship Service: 11:00 am - 134
Online Worship Service: 60

Operating Funds Given 2/02 - 2/09 \$14,669.00
Building Preservation Fund \$ 1,220.00

January

Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 41,137.05
Operating Expenses YTD \$ 57,888.23
Balance \$ (16,751.18)

January

Building Preservation Fund
2022 YTD \$ 3,280.00

Building Preservation Fund
2022 Expenses \$ NA

Apportionments are paid through January

PLEDGING 2022

Whether you give to Grace's Operating Budget by bank draft or by check, thank you for turning in an estimate of giving card at our one worship service on New Consecration Sunday (Feb 27) at 10:30 am. This will help us plan for monetary matters at Grace for 2022.

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg)

CELEBRATION FOR DEBBIE ASHE TODAY!

Debbie has been a gift to Grace UMC for twenty-nine years. She has dropped whatever she was doing to help us and has treated us with kindness and respect throughout those years.

We will honor her with a reception cards and her gift basket after the 11 am service today, (2/13). It isn't too late to add your cards and gifts to the basket. Thank you all for giving Debbie a loving send off.

Annual UMW "Souper" Bowl Sunday

**TODAY!
Welcome Center**

The ladies will be selling 1-quart containers of delicious homemade soup plus four pieces of cornbread for \$10.00. It will be available 9:30am to 10:30am and just after the 11:00 service. This is a great fundraiser for UMW Missions, which enables them to give a helping hand to many other non-profit groups who are serving our community.

Come by and enjoy some delicious soup with or without the big game!



New Consecration Sunday is Coming, February 27

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During the one combined morning worship at 10:30 am on New Consecration Sunday (2/27), we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events on February 27th.

Tom Guthrie
Governing Board Chairperson

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD NEWS

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard continues to be open on Wednesdays and Fridays, 12:00 - 3:00, providing groceries to our neighbors in need. Please consider volunteering. Food was given to 120 households January 15, 165 households January 19 and 50 households on icy cold January 22. On Wednesday, January 26, they served their highest total yet, another 185 households.

Go to www.motherhubbardsnc.org. Click on Volunteers at the top. You will see a description of all the jobs needed each time they're open. Scroll to the bottom of the page and complete the form to volunteer.

You may choose how often you want to volunteer. Please feel free to text or call Donna Dawkins (Duckie) at 919-741-3037 to leave a message or ask questions.

Time to replenish our stock! See the list below of present needs if you would like to donate. They can be dropped off at the Welcome Center or at MHC on Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 am.

Bags: cloth, paper and/or clean plastic
Juice Cereal Healthy Soups

YOUTH NEWS

Great News! The Youth and the Outreach Committee are spearheading a float for inclusion in the Azalea Festival Parade, which is Saturday, April 9th this year. Youth will be working on the floats on Sunday evenings a few weeks leading up to the parade. Could you assist these fantastic young persons with the construction of the float? For more information or if you are willing to help, contact Sally Barnes or Karen Evans.

Speaking of Youth, the Children and Youth will not meet today Sunday, February 13, Super Bowl Sunday. They will resume meeting next Sunday from 5 to 6 pm continuing forward until further notice.

FACE MASK AVAILABILITY

With assistance from the North Carolina Conference, Grace UMC has acquired a number of N95 masks for distribution to our members and others. These are the ones highly recommended for use by the CDC and NC Dept. of Health and Human Services for maximum protection against Covid-019.

These will be located in a box by the door in the Welcome Center that leads into the Sanctuary, for the next two weeks. After that, they will be distributed to neighborhood churches and are non-profit organizations. Take what you think you will need and use; they are conveniently bundled in packs of six. Thank you.

THE CHOSEN SERIES CONTINUES

Pat Goodman with UMW will continue showing *The Chosen*. This is a highly acclaimed movie depicting the life of Jesus.

9:30-11:30 am Thursdays in the Bible Study Room
Come join the UMW Morning Movie.
OPEN TO ALL!

EQUAL EXCHANGE MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

Equal Exchange is a missions ministry of Grace United Methodist Church. Through sales of products such as coffee, tea and chocolate, made possible by the Equal Exchange Co-Op, small scale farmers sell their products at a more fair price, eliminating the middlemen and enabling them to stay on their land and contribute to their communities. **Would you like to serve with this mission opportunity?** A new coordinator is being sought. For more information about the duties, email Sally Barnes, sallybarnes11754@yahoo.com or Karen Evans, evans493@gmail.com for more information.

This is a project of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) which joins with 13 other faith based organizations to help make this possible.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Beth Barboza	Staff
Joe Beaman	George Patterson
Bebe	Ann Payne
John Calandro	Joan Pence
Sherry Carter	Joan Penny
Rod Caulder	Kathy and Barry Roberts
Jackson Cobb	Gary Rowe
Bobbie Davis	Mary Sloan
Felix	Sue and Dean (Brena Conley's sister and brother-in-law)
Jeanne Hadaway	Clay Thigpen family (brother of Emily Booth)
David Hadley	Tori Thornton and newborn son, Kaiser
Theresa Harrell	Bill Young and his sons
Laura Howard	Jennifer and Chris Walker
Billie Lyndon	
Fred Merritt	
Don Moore family (brother-in-law of Emily Booth)	
Mary Neal	
NHRMC Nurses/Doctors/	

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



Family Promise Wish List

If you would like to donate these items to Family Promise, please leave items labelled in the Welcome Center or deliver them to the program at the Harrelson Center (call 769-4730 to arrange).

- body wash
- hand soap
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- disinfectant wipes
- gas gift cards
- gently used lamps
- brooms with dust pans
- shower curtain liners
- bathroom trash cans
- kitchen trash cans

If you are interested in being an outreach ambassador with this mission, please contact Karen Evans evans493@gmail.com or phone 757.871.3763, or Sally Barnes sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com, 631.258.3182 for more details.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Over the last year or so with the pandemic, your email or contact information may have changed. If this applies to you or you are currently not getting the Friday Grace Notes email each week, please email Ginny, at Ginny@Gracedowntown.net. She can check or update your records. We are finding that phone numbers and mailing addresses have also changed. All updates are much appreciated. Thank you!

WEBSITE UPDATES

The Grace UMC website and social media pages are being updated with fresh information and pictures! Let's show our Grace family and our community all of the wonderful things that happen within and outside our walls. Mary Tyndall is in need of pictures from all of our Grace activities.

These include:

- Game Day
- Youth and Children Groups
- UMW & Movie Day
- Sunday School Classes
- Altar Guild-Altar Preparation
- Nurture Committee Meetings & Events
- Missions
- Any pictures that show our vibrant church life!

Please send pictures to Mary Tyndall at mary@gracedowntown.net.

BAKERS NEEDED

Calling all Grace Bakers! Please consider volunteering for a place on Nurture Committees sign up sheet for the "Sweet Sunday" event held the third Wednesday of each month. The proceeds go to one of the many activities that Grace helps. Your help is particularly needed for May 22nd and you sign up on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. Thanks so much, — Michele Jones



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: _____