

Grace Notes

February 20, 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 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

Monday, February 21

- 7:00 pm Trustees Mtg
- 7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 22

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 11:00 am Rotary
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, February 23

- 10:00 am Staff Mtg
- 11:00 am Yoga Class
- 4:00 pm Organ Practice
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, February 24

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

Friday, February 25

- 9:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, February 27

NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Celebration Luncheon
- 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 distributed,
filled out, 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 2/13/2022

In-person Worship Service: 8:00 am - 23
In-person Worship Service: 11:00 am - 135
Online Worship Service: 52

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

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)

YOUTH MISSION PROJECT

The Youth/Children and the UMW will be collecting old T-shirts (no holes) until the end of February. They will be making shopping bags out of them to give to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. There is a collection basket in the Welcome Center.

RETURN OF FELLOWSHIP TIME

On March 6 the Nurture Committee will begin Fellowship Time between services with coffee and cookies. We ask members of the congregation to bring cookies you have purchased to share with our church friends during Fellowship Time. Bring the cookies to the kitchen and put them in the freezer before March 6. We thank you in advance!

UM WOMEN GOOD NEWS!

Souper Bowl Sunday

The United Methodist Women would like to thank all of you who supported our Super Bowl Soup Sale. We raised \$895 for missions.

Winter Dresses donated!

We are also happy to report that we donated 26 winter dresses, t-shirts, and tights to our local foster kids with Methodist Home for Children. If you still have unfinished winter dress kits, please finish them and get them to the church by February 27. A collection bin is in the Welcome Center.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Beth Barboza	NHRMC Nurses/Doctors/ Staff
Joe Beaman	George Patterson
John Calandro	Kathy and Barry Roberts
Rod Caulder	Gary Rowe
Jackson Cobb	Mary Sloan
Felix	Mai Stephenson
Lori and Dennis Gaffney	Sue and Dean (Brena Conley's sister and brother-in-law)
Michael Godwin	Clay Thigpen family (brother of Emily Booth)
Jeanne Hadaway	Tori Thornton and newborn son, Kaiser
David Hadley	Jennifer and Chris Walker
Billie Lyndon	Jackson Workinger
Fred Merritt	
Don Moore family (brother -in-law of Emily Booth)	
Mary Neal	

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



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. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

Thanks so much,
—Michele Jones

Estimate of Giving Cards 2022

Thanks for filling out an Estimate of Giving Card whether you give to Grace by bank draft or check. You'll receive your 2022 Estimate of Giving Card in the worship service on Feb. 27.

Remember: only one service that day at 10:30am.

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.

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-19.

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

LATEST COVID SAFETY MEASURES

On recommendation of the Covid19 Task Force, the Administrative Council voted to:

- ◆ Make the 8:30 worship service masks optional for fully vaccinated adults, same as the 11 am service. There is room at 8:30 for everyone to socially distance.
- ◆ Restart passing the offering plates in worship the first Sunday of March.
- ◆ Restart offering communion by intinction on the first Sunday of March. We will also have available the individual serve elements that we've been using for those who are more comfortable receiving communion that way.
- ◆ Masks optional for those fully vaccinated at all services at Grace UMC for all ages 3 yrs and above. This move is being made as New Hanover County Schools has gone to a similar stance. This takes effect this Sunday, February 20. We are not checking vaccination status -- we are operating on the honor system.

A printed version of all of Grace's Covid safety measures is available on the Welcome Center reception desk.

GRATITUDE CORNER

Dear Grace Congregation,

Thank you so much for the wonderful retirement reception. I appreciate the many gifts and gift cards that I received.

You are such a warm and loving congregation that I am fortunate to have been a part of for all these years.

Love,

Debbie Ashe

Dear Grace Church family,

I can hardly express how much your love and concern have meant to me during my COVID illness. Every card, call, prayer, and meal was deeply appreciated, and many of you even offered to do more. Thank you so very much. You have truly touched my heart!

With Love and Gratitude,

Billie Lyndon

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.

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:

- 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.

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.

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: _____