

Grace Notes

February 27 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 27

NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY

10:30 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Celebration Luncheon
5:00 pm Youth Meetings

Monday, February 28

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting
7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 1

9:00 am Organist practice
11:00 am Rotary Club Lunch
5:30 pm Boot Camp

Wednesday, March 2

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00—9:00 am Imposition of Ashes
11:00 am—1:00 pm Imposition of Ashes
11:15 am Yoga
4:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 3

10:45 am UMW meeting
5:30 pm Boot Camp
6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, March 4

9:00 am Organist Practice

Saturday, March 5

2:00 pm Reception-Annie Daniel

Sunday, March 5

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Ash Wednesday, March 2

Grace will help you mark the beginning of Lent 2022 in several ways:

Imposition of Ashes offered in two sessions:
7am-9am, and again from 11 am-1 pm in the sanctuary.

Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm in the sanctuary.

Palm Sunday, April 10

This day marks the beginning of Holy Week as the Church remembers the last week of Jesus' earthly life.

8:30 am - Regular service with Palm Sunday message.

11 am -- "The Seven Last Days" - a 30 minute cantata walking us through Jesus' final week. The choir will be joined by a small orchestra for this service.

Good Friday, April 15

7:30 pm service This service will include the Stripping of the Altar - an ancient ceremony driving home the death of Jesus, God's sacrifice for us.

Easter Sunday, April 17

8:30 and 11 am services Come and joyfully celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 2/20/2022

In-person Worship Service: 8:00 am - 31
In-person Worship Service: 11:00 am - 138
Online Worship Service: 63

Operating Funds Given 2/16 - 2/23 \$ 4,990.00
Building Preservation Fund \$ 670.00

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 February

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>

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 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!

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know? Grace began on a lot at the northwest corner of Second and Walnut Street. William Meredith bought the 60 ft. X 60 ft. lot and built a small meeting house. (36 X 36ft.) where he preached to all who came to hear. This building burned down and was rebuilt. On December 24, 1797 a group of men organized the church in Wilmington. This church became a part of the Methodist Episcopal Conference. Meredith died in 1799 and his remains (having been moved several times) are buried in the basement of Grace.

December 24, 2022 will be the 225th anniversary of GUMC!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Anthony, Elizabeth & Caroline Elizabeth Augustine	Fred Merritt Regina Milihram Mary Neal
Beth Barboza	NHRMC Nurses/Doctors/Staff
Joe Beaman	
Bob (Pat Goodman's bro.)	George Patterson
John Calandro	Cathy Perry
Rod Caulder	Kathy and Barry Roberts
Jackson Cobb	Gary Rowe
AC English (Darlene Tyndall's brother-in-law)	Will Sibley
Larry Florea	Mary Sloan
Lori and Dennis Gaffney	Mai Stephenson
Michael Godwin	Sue and Dean (Brena Conley's sister and brother-in-law)
Jeanne Hadaway	Tori Thornton and newborn son, Kaiser
Hank	
David Hadley	Jennifer and Chris Walker
Family of Mollie Inman	Becky and John West
Billie Lyndon	Jackson Workinger

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	CDR Nicholas Madren, USN
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
Maj. Tim Collins, USMC	SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
Col. John Delaney, USA	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Ens. Elizabeth Downing, USN	Sgt. James Pritchett, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	AB Michael Sloan, USAF
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF	Michael Tate, USA
Cpl. Chase Krieg, USMC	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC
SFC Letty Long, USA	
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

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.

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.

MORE UMW news . . .

March 3 - Our next UMW meeting will be held in the Bullock Activity Center, 10:45 am. Philip Chryst will be talking to us about the Anchor Church and other ministries that he is involved with and of course he will appreciate our support. Susan Michaels and Jeanne Thomasson will be our gracious providers of sweet/salty treats as we arrive.

March 14 - Spring Fabric Cutting Day - we are being given a new supply of fabrics and we need to start sewing Spring dresses for the young girls under the care of the Methodist Children's Home.

GRATITUDE CORNER



Dear members of Grace United Methodist Church,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you all so very much for all of the love, support and grace you have given me over the years since I was a baby. This includes the amazing gifts I received in my Graduation basket this past summer. I appreciate the gift cards, supplies and messages of encouragement and congratulations from you all.

I also want to thank Grace UMC for the Scholarship that I was very honored to receive which helped with purchasing my books and taking care of other school expenses.

I have had a great first semester at UNC-Greensboro. My classes went well and I was the only Freshman on my D1 Women's Golf Team to qualify to play in all 5 Fall tournaments, along with scoring my first under Par college round of 71!. I am currently #2 player on the team and I am looking forward to the Spring golf season and my classes in second semester.

Thank you all so much once again for helping to bring me up in this amazing church family of Grace. I am very thankful and grateful.

**God Bless and big hugs,
Grace McKenna Holcomb**

HELP WANTED

As we celebrate Consecration Sunday, we all know there is more to stewardship than a financial pledge – donations of time and talent are just as important. That's why the Grace Worship Committee is holding a "job fair" before and after the service on Consecration Sunday. Opportunities to help include serving as ushers, greeters, altar guild members, liturgists, funeral hosts/hostesses and acolytes. Please stop by to learn how you can help continue the Grace tradition of strong and meaningful worship.



March Birthdays

3/1 David Vaughan Helen Monk 3/3 Jane Spicer 3/5 Grace Anne Dunmire Amanda Ladd Barbara Jackson 3/6 Sue Flora Sarah Voulgaris	3/7 Karen Bullock Katie Mintz Jill Chidester 3/10 Heddy Reichardt 3/11 Anne Lewis 3/13 Ross Inman Laura Witherington Kelley Ahlers 3/14 Ed Hickmon Deborah Kelly	3/15 Judy Holden Milton Kreger 3/16 Martha Wofford Patty Rowe 3/17 Pat Thomas Lillian Edwards 3/18 Wallace Riddle 3/20 Jamie Cline Mike Mabee Meredith Ross	3/22 Jen Stenerson 3/24 Bev McDow 3/26 Gary Godwin Will Lindsey 3/28 Ryan Gibbs Henry Cichoracki 3/29 Preston Olinger Sarah Layton
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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. 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.

GRACELETTES' EVENT SCHEDULE

The Gracelettes are a gathering of young to middle aged women, married and single. The group meets typically, at 6:30 pm on the third Thursday of every month (however, subject to change). Their most recent activity was assisting with Cinderella's Closet. Check Cinderella's Closet Facebook page for updates on that ministry.

- March – April L. Yoga TBA
- April – Jessica W. * April 21st
- May – Liz M. *May 19th
- June – Jen R. * June 16th
- July – Meredith *Paddling Boarding * July 21st
- August – *open
- September – Jen S. *September 15th
- October – Julie C. * October 20th
- November – Rebekah V. *November 3rd
- December – Hope I. *December 8th

For more information, contact: April Lester and join the Gracelettes Facebook Group.

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:** _____