

# Grace Notes

January 2, 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, January 2

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

#### Monday, January 3

7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale

#### Tuesday, January 4

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

#### Wednesday, January 5

10:00 am Staff Meeting  
11:00 am Gentle Yoga Class  
4:00 pm Organist in Sanctuary  
6:15 pm Grace Ringers  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, January 6

10:30 am UMW  
5:30 pm Boot Camp  
6:00 pm Covid 19 Google Meet  
6:30 pm Basketball

#### Friday, January 7

9:00 am Organist in Sanctuary

#### Sunday, January 9

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Chancel Choir  
11:00 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Children/Youth Programs

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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>

### 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



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

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

#### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 12/26/2021

In-person Worship Service: 10:30 am - 87

Online Worship Service: 54

Operating Funds Given 12/22-12/29 \$19,613

#### 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

Apportionments are paid through November

### 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.



### FAREWELL RECEPTION

Our long term executive assistant **Debbie Ashe** retired at 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!

### 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).



## Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Angie	George Patterson
Tonna and Robbie Bowen	Ann Payne
John Calandro	Joan Pence
Sherry Carter	Derek Phipps
Christians in Haiti	Tom Powers
Debbie Cole	Rosiland
Ray Cox	Tom Schraml
Heaven	Mary Sloan
Laura	Tori Thornton and newborn
NHRMC Nurses/Doctors/ Staff	son, Kaiser Jessica Wilson
Susan Pasquale	

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

### 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!



### GRACE HAS A NEW EMPLOYEE!

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce we have hired **Ginny Peterson** to fill the open position of Administrative and Operational Director.

Ginny has worked in commercial companies, nonprofits, 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 longtime residents of Wilmington. Ginny started 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!

### THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Grace United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for providing Christmas lunch to our staff at Sunset Park Elementary School. There were many smiling staff members thanks to your kindness and generosity. It truly made a positive difference. Thank you to those who donated money, time, prayer, and effort to provide and deliver the beautiful treat to our staff. No matter how large or small your contribution... you made a beautiful difference.

Know that you are a blessing, not just at Christmas time, but all year long. Your Prayer Care Partners are a blessing to those of us who participate. Knowing someone has our back all year long by praying on our behalf and remembering us on special occasions is such a gift, joy, and a comfort. You've also donated supplies at times that are used with gratitude.

There is a lot of behind the scenes work that must take place to coordinate all this goodness that your church provides to our school. Special thanks to Karen Evans and Sally Barnes for their footwork and coordination to help make things happen! You're a blessing. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Merry Christmas Grace United Methodist Church and God Bless you!

Claire McFall  
School Social Worker

**January Birthdays**

1/1	Donald Gore Brena Conley	1/11	Joan Madren Kyna Rose	1/18	Eli Sanborn Debbie Jones	1/28	Holden Fuller Sarah Grace Guthrie
1/3	Tracye Rogers	1/13	Sam Spicer	1/20	Greg Stanley Steve Stanfield- Switzer	1/29	Martha Buskirk
1/5	Ken Wolf Nario Coronel	1/14	Catherine Beaman			1/31	Chris Stenerson
1/7	Conny Keator	1/15	Cameron Dunmire Larry Florea	1/22	Dianne Steele		
1/9	Austin Inman Darrell Davies		Caroline Guthrie Mary Huppmann	1/24	Dan Walters		
1/10	David Holden Don Wofford Karen Reap	1/16	Judy Siebold	1/26	John Tripp		
		1/17	Laura Dunmire Dianne Glasgow	1/27	Kathy Dixon Tonna Bowen Sandy Smith		

**GRACE UMW MEETING JAN. 6**

January 6, 2022, starts a new year for Grace United Methodist Women and we hope to see all of the ladies of Grace at this meeting. January 6 at 10:30 am in the Bullock Activity Center. Snacks will be provided by the Leadership Team and our speaker will be Easton Fitzpatrick with Open Gate.

Open Gate is the public center for the Domestic Violence Shelter and Services, Inc. Come join us and learn of opportunities for helping at the Vintage Value Resale Shops or at the shelter. Also we will hear of plans for Cutting Days on which we will be cutting out and making kits for home sewing of dresses in flannel or corduroy for the young girls of the Methodist Children’s Home. We look forward to see each of you on Thursday, January 6.

*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.*

**The next Covid-19 meeting will be at 6:00pm on Thursday, January 6, on Google Meet.**

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