

Grace Notes

January 9, 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 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

Monday, January 10

- 2:00 pm Outreach/Missions
- 6:30 pm Finance Committee
- 7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 11

- 9:00 am Organist in Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Knitwerx@Grace
- 11:00 am Rotary Club in gym
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Comm.

Wednesday, January 12

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:30 am Senior Games Day
- 4:00 pm Organist in Sanctuary
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 13

- 9:30 am UMW Bible Study (movie)
- 12:00 am Nurture Committee
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, January 14

- 9:00 am Organist in Sanctuary

Sunday, January 16

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

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 with 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 this 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 or 757-871-3763,

or **Sally Barnes**, at

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 1/02/2022

In-person Worship Service: 10:30 am - 121

Online Worship Service: 61

Operating Funds Given 12/29-1/08 \$5,405

December

Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 659,715.13

Operating Expenses YTD \$ 697,141.69

Balance \$ (37,426.56)

2021 Operating Budget = \$ 754,879

December

Building Preservation Fund

Received 2021 YTD \$ 50,762.28

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 December

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)

RETIREMENT RECEPTION POSTPONED

Debbie Ashe has been a gift to Grace Church 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.

The Covid spike has caused us to postpone her retirement celebration until Sunday, February 13th. Please continue to place your cards with cash, check or gift cards in her basket on Sundays or mail them to the church.

We want Grace well and healthy to give her a wonderful send-off on February 13th after the eleven o'clock service.

Grace Nurture Committee

NEW OFFICE HOURS

The New Year is off to a great start. With the change in the Administrative and Operations Director role, there also has been a change in the normal church office hours. The new hours are 9 am to 5 pm. Front desk volunteers are now split to two shifts per day, 9 to 1, and 1 to 5. Thank you to the many welcoming volunteers who greet and direct visitors and our congregation and help immensely!

Also a reminder that the Church office will also be **closed Jan. 17** for the Martin Luther King holiday.

SPRC Meets Tuesday

Staff-Parish Relations Committee will meet at 6pm Tuesday, January 11 in the Church office.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Angie	Ann Payne
John Calandro	Joan Pence
Sherry Carter	Derek Phipps
Christians in Haiti	Tom Powers
Jerry Cribbs	Rosiland
Heaven	Kathy and Barry Roberts
Laura	Family of Tom Schraml
Laura Howard	Mary Sloan
NHRMC Nurses/Doctors/ Staff	Tori Thornton and newborn son, Kaiser
Susan Pasquale	Jessica Wilson
George Patterson	Bill Young and his sons

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

Human Intimacy Studies

Study on the matters of Human Intimacy is coming this winter. The United Methodist General Conference (the highest decision making body in our denomination) will meet in Aug-Sept 2022. The Conference will be voting on the denomination's stand regarding ordination and marriages of/for LGBTQ+ persons.

In preparation for this Tal will lead a study on this matter. The study will last for 5 one hour sessions. We will come to understand the proposals before the conference, and we'll explore the scriptures that speak overtly to this matter. Dates and more information to be released in the coming weeks.

REMINDER-GAME DAY AT GRACE!

THIS WEEK, JANUARY 12, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

BULLOCK CENTER

Questions? Contact either:

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sallymbarnes11754@yahoo.com, or

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YOUTH NEWS

A quick reminder that Youth will not be meeting on January 16th at the request of the moms who will be at the Gracelettes weekend.

They will meet today (Jan 9), and again on Sunday, January 23. Both are from 5-6 pm and will be game nights.

Look for more information later this month.

COVID CASES ON THE RISE

Given the anticipated post Christmas rise in covid cases, both the NC Conference of the UM Church and Grace's Administrative Council encourage you to get vaccinated and to get your booster. Check with your physician to be sure your state of health will safely allow you to take the vaccine.

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: _____