

Grace Notes

June 12, 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, June 12

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Pastor Tal's retirement reception

Monday, June 13

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, June 14

- 9:00 am Organ Practice
- 9:00 am Knitwerks@Panera
- 11:00 am Rotary Club
- 6:00 pm SPRC meeting

Wednesday, June 15

- 9:30 am UMW Leadership Team
- 11:15 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organ Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir practice

Thursday, June 16

- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball
- 6:30 pm BAA recital, Sanctuary

Friday, June 17

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 9:00 am Organist in Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm BAA recital, Sanctuary

Saturday, June 18

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day/Tal's last Sunday

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

Called Charge Conference

Grace will have a called Charge Conference on Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30 pm at the church. The purpose is to officially set the compensation package for our incoming pastor. All members of Grace's Administrative Council are voting members of the called Charge Conference.

Tal's Reception

Pastor Tal will be retiring after the 11 am service on June 19th; however this Sunday, June 12th, is our reception to honor his service to Grace. Please join us in the Bullock Activity Center, after the 11 am service.

Let's fill his retirement basket full of well wishes!

Anchor Celebration for Philip Chryst and family

The Anchor is hosting an open house celebration of the Chryst family and their time at the Anchor. It will also be a time to thank all the volunteers that have put in countless hours of time at The Abbey. Please join us on Sunday, June 26, between 2:00 and 4:00 pm at The Abbey of the Holy Ghost, 425 South 4th Street.

Scholarship Deadline Approaching

Grace Scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 academic year are being accepted now through June 13. Applicants can apply by emailing: scholarship@gracedowntown.net to request a link to the application. Please contact Liz Moore at (910) 200-5641 if you have questions. Thanks!

In-person/Online Attendance for 6/5/2022

In-person Worship Service:	
8:30 am	39
11:00 am	144
Online Worship Service:	58 views
Operating Funds Given	\$ 9,430
Building Preservation	\$ 555

MAY

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$ 252,126
Operating Expenses YTD	\$ 283,477
Balance	\$(31,350)

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Annual Bld. Preservation Receipts	\$ 19,804
Annual Bld. Preservation Fund Expenses	\$ 26,602
Balance	\$ (6,797)

Apportionments are paid through May.

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>

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Youth And Children News

Mission Trip supplies requested

The youth mission team will be going to Jacksonville, Florida for their mission trip this summer. They will be participating in construction-based work. The Team is asking for donations of water, bottled gatorade, and snacks (ex: chips, fruit snacks, cookies, crackers, etc) for them to take on the trip. Any donations will be greatly appreciated!

VBS approaching Fast

There is also a sign up for supplies for VBS in the Children's Nursery and Sunday School area. Please visit the display and help spread the word that Vacation Bible School at Grace is July 10-14th from 5:30—7:45 pm. Rising Pre-K through 5th grades are invited to join us on this journey. Grades 6-12 are encouraged to volunteer to help make our VBS the best one yet!

PLEASE WEAR NAME BADGES

A gentle reminder to please wear your name badges on Sundays. This is a simple way for us to grow in fellowship and help new members, visitors and our new pastors learn everyone's name.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Camille	Barbara Jackson's daughter
Mary Lacy Corbett	Tom McCarthy & Judy
Mac Cunningham	Charlie McCarthy
Bobbie Davis	Susan Michaels
The family of June Gallagher	Rev. Benny Oakes and his family
Ken Gurganus	Barry and the family of Kathy Roberts
Adam George	Perry Schafer
Amelia Gifford	Chris Sipson
Karen (Kay) Hall	Peggy Wardell
Garrett Kelly	
Charlie Kenley	
Susan Long	
Billie Lyndon	

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	LCpl. Seth Mack, 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
SFC Letty Long, USA	Michael Tate, USA
SFC Woodrow Long, USA	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC
Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC	



If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Patricia at patricia@gracedowntown.net or 910-470-6310

COMING SOON!

At the end of June, Rev. Benny Oakes will become the Senior Pastor of Grace UMC. Benny will bring an exciting level of energy and vision! Benny's first Sunday at Grace will be July 10. Here is a picture of his family and their names~



Kaelyn (22) - just graduated Summa Cum Laude from NCSU with a degree in Elementary Education. She plans to live and work in Raleigh for the time being... she may decide to live/work in Wilmington. Plans not concrete yet.

Abby (19) - just completed her first year at NCSU, majoring in Chemical Engineering. She's looking forward to spending the summer with us in Wilmington, getting to know the people at Grace.

Wife -Monica (Benny jokes: "certainly the better half of us") - works as a liason for Amedisys Hospice, and her job will transfer to the Wilmington area. Additionally, she's led children's and family ministries at Apex UMC, Ebenezer UMC, Buckhorn UMC, and most recently, First UMC - Elizabeth City. She is looking forward to volunteering at Grace, and has signed up to participate in VBS.

Rev. Benny Oakes

Hailey (24) - will complete her Master of Education degree from ECSU in December 2022, and she is currently teaching 2nd grade, as well as instructing dance classes for children and youth part time in Elizabeth City.

Carter (12, turns 13 on July 6th) - will complete the 7th grade at NEAAAT (a STEM school) later this month, and she is excited about moving to Wilmington as well.

NC Conference of United Methodist Church to meet

The NC UMC Conference will be held in Greenville, NC June 15-18. In addition to Pastor Tal and Pastor Patricia, who will be out of the office starting Tuesday, Jim Tyndall and Pat Goodman will also attend.

DID YOU KNOW?

Grace Church was divided by the North Carolina Conference into two separate pastoral charges. In 1853, Fifth Avenue Methodist church was established. At the close of the Civil War, the slaves that attended Grace withdrew from Grace, later to become St. Stephen AME Church.

Another church started on Bladen Street as a mission of Grace in 1883. This church was Epworth Methodist Church (now located near Greenfield Lake). Grace members also began a Sunday School in 1889 at the Giblem Masonic Lodge at 8th and Princess Street. This grew into the Market Street Mission (and is now Trinity UMC). In the 1950's, the Grace Men's Club worked on the construction of Wrightsboro Methodist Church. Grace has been a mission-minded church for many years.

December 24 2022 will be the 225th anniversary of GUMC.

Become a Member of Cape Fear Chorale

Auditions

for fall season will be held
Saturday, June 18, 2022 throughout the day.
Visit www.capefearchorale.org/auditions to register



LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Tuesday, June 14-18— **Pastor Tal, Pastor Patricia, Jim Tyndall, and Pat Goodman attend the Methodist Annual Conference in Greenville, NC.**

Sunday, June 19— **Tal's last Sunday in the Pulpit, Father's Day**

Sunday, June 26— **Patricia's retirement reception after the 11 am service and last Sunday in the Pulpit**

June 26—July 2— **Youth Mission Trip**

Sunday, July 3— **Rev. David Hollowell preaches at 8:30 & 11 NOTE: Note no Communion this Sunday**

Sunday, July 10— **First Sunday in the pulpit for The Rev. Benny Oakes, and Holy Communion**

Sunday, July 10— July 14—**Vacation Bible School 5:30—7:45 pm**

Sunday, July 17— **Church Wide Picnic in the Bullock Activity Center after worship at 11**

