

Grace Notes

June 19, 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 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

Monday, June 20

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 7:00 pm Trustees Mtg.

Tuesday, June 21

- 9:00 am Organ Practice
- 9:00 am Knitwerks@Panera
- 11:00 am Rotary Club
- 6:30 pm Administrative Council

Wednesday, June 22

- 11:15 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir practice

Thursday, June 23

- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, June 24

- 9:00 am Grace In Motion Walkers (gym)
- 9:00 am Organist practice

Saturday, June 25

Sunday, June 26

- YOUTH MISSION TRIP
- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Pastor Patricia's last Sunday and reception

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.

Patricia's Reception

On Sunday, June 26th there will be a reception after the 11 o'clock service for Patricia's retirement, at which time she will receive her basket. Let's fill her 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 located at 425 South 4th Street.

Guest Pastor David Hollowell to preach 7/3

Thanks to Rev David Hollowell for preaching and leading the worship services at Grace on Sunday, July 3. You'll be blessed by what David has to offer. Note: there won't be Holy Communion offered.

Music Trivia

Question: Do you know how many organ pipes our Grace Instrument has?

Answer: 1,730 pipes are housed in the organ chamber above the Sanctuary.

In-person/Online Attendance for 6/12/2022

In-person Worship Service:	
8:30 am	29
11:00 am	188
Online Worship Service:	68 views
Operating Funds Given	\$ 13,694
Building Preservation	\$ 1120

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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/>

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Grace Church Family:

Thank you for allowing us to serve Jesus Christ among you for the past seven years. It has been a joy and a privilege. Together we have faced the challenges of three hurricanes to strike our area and a global pandemic. You were a faithful presence to us during the unexpected upheaval of the death of Tal's father. Through it all you have maintained your faithful witness to the abundant mercy of our Lord. It is truly a joy to watch the many ways you share the love of Christ inside and outside the walls of Grace.

You were very generous to us at the farewell reception you offered us on June 12. We thank you for that. To the staff: You folks are the best! You consistently go above and beyond what your job descriptions require. I couldn't have asked for a better group of folks to work with.

With Benny Oakes coming to be your next Senior Pastor, you have good days ahead of you. He will bring to you fresh energy and new vision that will take you to new and exciting places in Christ's service. I am excited for both Grace Church and for Benny over what I know will be a fruitful partnership.

Thank you for these last 7 years. Thank you for everything.

Tal & Julie Madison

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

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

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 are 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.

Monica (Benny's wife who Benny jokes: "is certainly the better half of us") - works as a liaison 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. She is currently teaching 2nd grade, as well as teaching 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.

Youth And Children News

Mission Trip supplies requested

The youth mission team will be going to Jacksonville, Florida for their mission trip on the 26th. 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, still opportunities to help!

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!

Does This Sound Like You?

"I've been wanting to volunteer at Grace but I don't know of anything that wouldn't require a lot of time or physical effort."

If so, do we have an idea for you! You can be a volunteer at the reception desk in the Welcome Center. You will be able to meet some church members, make new friends, and maybe even have a good time. You can spend as little as one four-hour shift per month at the desk. More if you like, and all you need to do is answer the phone and open the door to let visitors and members in. You will need to spend a few minutes learning the "how-tos," and then you may start. Please call the church office, (910) 763-5197, or email Ginny at Ginny@gracedowntown.net to sign up or ask questions. See you soon!

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 soon, our new pastors learn everyone's name.

New Pastor Picnic on July 17

Come one, come all to meet and greet our new pastor on July 17 after the 11 am service. The church will provide fried chicken and beverages, but each church family are asked to bring their favorite side dish to complement the fried chicken. The Graceettes will provide desserts! Each family must sign up on the registration slip provided or call the church by July 10 so that we know how much chicken to purchase. Please take this opportunity to meet our new minister and his family as well as to enjoy some good Methodist food and fellowship.

(PUT REGISTRATION SLIP FOR COVERED DISH IN OFFERING PLATE, OR CALL THE CHURCH WELCOME DESK BY JULY 9.)

Family Name _____

Number attending _____