

Grace Notes

June 26, 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 26

YOUTH MISSION TRIP June 26-July 2

- 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 reception

Monday, June 27

New Flooring installation

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

Tuesday, June 28

- 9:00 am Organist Practice
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, June 29

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:15 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organist Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir practice

Thursday, June 30

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

Friday, July 1

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

Saturday, July 2

Sunday, July 3

Rev. David Hollowell will be guest pastor

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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 6/19/2022

In-person Worship Service:	
8:30 am	41
11:00 am	142
Online Worship Service:	(views) 82
Operating Funds Given	\$ 6,612
Building Preservation	\$ 460

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/>

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Patricia's Reception Today!

Today, 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 send her off with lots of love and appreciation!

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. We are all invited to attend later today, Sunday, June 26, between 2:00 and 4:00 pm at The Abbey of the Holy Ghost located at 425 South 4th Street, Wilmington.

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: Holy Communion will resume in August.

Also Ginny will be out of the office for a few days beginning July 1. Debbie Ashe will be filling in for her as Benny starts his time here.

PLEASE WEAR NAME BADGES



YOUR NAME
HERE

Wilmington, North Carolina

A gentle reminder to please wear your name badges on Sundays. This is a simple way for us to grow in fellowship and help to help new members, visitors, and our new pastors learn everyone's name. If you need a name badge, notify Catherine Beaman at catbeaman@gmail.com or by phone, 910-233-4007.

To My Dear Grace UMC family,

From the time of my first job, filling Easter baskets and selling hot dogs, milkshakes and candy by the pound (which I confess I sampled too frequently) at White's Dime Store, through my banking career, until today, I can honestly say that being one of the Pastors at Grace United Methodist Church is my best job ever! I love you all from the depths of my heart. You have loved me and nurtured me through many challenges and joys--the wedding to that sweet Italian man, Pasquale Patrick DiGiuseppe, surgeries and sickness of both Pat and me, and his death. You have been gracious about my ministry, which I always feel is inadequate, and have encouraged me in my Christian life. I'm so excited about retirement but so sad about leaving you, who are all a part of my family. You will continue to be in my heart and prayers, as I hope I will be in yours.

Pastor Tal and I are leaving you, but you will not be left alone. The same Holy Spirit who came to the disciples after Jesus left them to go to Heaven will continue to be with you, to guide you and to give you peace. Much prayer has surrounded the appointment of Pastor Benny Oakes as your new pastor and I believe that he and his wife, Monica, and their daughters will be just the church family you need. I know you will keep them covered in prayer as you have Pastor Tal and me. By the power of the Holy Spirit within you, may you all be filled with the fullness of God, who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think, according to His power that works in us.

With love and prayers, Pastor Patricia

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Ava Kathryn Alban & parents-Cory & Rachel Alban	Tom McCarthy & Judy Charlie McCarthy
Barbara Bloom	Susan Michaels
Camille	Rev. Benny Oakes and his family
Larry Florea	Barry and the family of Kathy Roberts
The family of June Gallagher	Perry Schafer
Adam George	Marjorie Sears
Amelia Gifford	Chris Sipson
Judy Lovellette	Brian Tripp
Karen (Kay) Hall	Peggy Wardell
Garrett Kelly	
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

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!

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.

Summer Scheduling

During the summer, schedules often change with meetings being cancelled and new opportunities popping up. If your group activity or meeting is changing for the summer, please let Ginny know to release your space in case someone else needs it.

A couple of events everyone should be aware of:

Sanctuary access will be limited starting Monday, June 27 for the new flooring to be laid, both on the steps up to Walsh Hall and the entryway from the Welcome Center into the Sanctuary. Most likely it will be wrapped up by Thursday.

Vacation Bible School will meet in various areas throughout the building from July 10th—14th. Basketball and Rotary Club have been canceled due to the decoration of the Activity Center (gym). Actual hours for the kids are in the evening, 5:30—7:45. If you have an evening meeting for that week, you may want to check in with Ginny or Kelsey, Director of Children Ministries.

Youth And Children News

Prayers for our Mission team

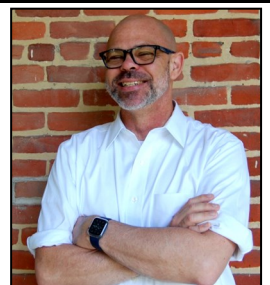
This Sunday, the youth mission team will be going to Jacksonville, Florida to serve those with substandard housing. Please pray for a meaningful and safe mission trip.

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! Sign up will close July 1, sign up here: vbspro.events/p/growingrace.

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 preaching at Grace will be July 10.



The Rev. Benton W. "Benny" Oakes



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 is asked to bring their favorite side dish to complement the fried chicken. The Gracelettes 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 _____