

Grace Notes

March 13, 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, March 13

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth Meetings
(Yoga cancelled)



Monday, March 14

10:00 am UMW Spring Fabric Cutting Day
6:30 pm Finance Meeting
7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal gym

Tuesday, March 15

11:00 am Rotary Club
5:30 pm Boot Camp
6:30 pm Admin Council

Wednesday, March 16

9:30 am UMW Leadership Team
11:15 am Yoga Class
4:00 pm Organ Practice
6:00 pm Special Olympics practice
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 17

9:30 am UMW Bible Study
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, March 18

9:00 am Organist Practice

Saturday, March 19

CC Practice

Sunday, March 20

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth Meetings

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour, so we don't miss you Sunday morning! :)

OUTREACH/MISSIONS NEWS

Azalea Float Request

Calling all children, youth, parents and parishioners! Please participate with our float in the Azalea Festival Parade on Saturday, April 9. There will be room for at least two parents and two children to ride on the float. We are also looking for members who would like to walk along beside the float to wave at the crowd, hand out bookmarks or pull their children in a wagon. Please volunteer to help spread the word about our wonderful church! Notify Karen Evans or Sally Barnes at the committee's new email: outreach@gracedowntown.net.

Soup Kitchen Opportunity

Grace UMC has a mission opportunity for you! We would like 3-4 willing participants to create a team to serve soup once a month with Pastor Philip at the Holy Ghost Deliverance Tabernacle of Prayer at 425 So. 4th Street. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community in a meaningful way. If interested, send an email to: outreach@gracedowntown.net.

Coming Soon

"The Beauty of Grace" plans to offer an opportunity to help our church while at the same time honoring or memorializing someone special. Be on the lookout for additional information in the Grace Notes and the church bulletin in the coming weeks.

HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 3/6/2022

In-person Worship Service:	8:00 am -	41
In-person Worship Service:	11:00 am -	151
Online Worship Service:		44
Ash Wednesday		97

Operating Funds Given 3/3 - 3/9	\$ 11,966.00
Building Preservation Fund	\$ 1,100.00

February

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$ 91,984.20
Operating Expenses YTD	\$ 109,915.04
Balance receipt vs. expenses	\$ (17,930.84)

February

Building Preservation Fund 2022 YTD	\$ 6,961.00
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Building Preservation Fund 2022 Expenses	\$ 14,064.09
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Apportionments are paid through February

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>

Study On UM Stance on LGBTQ Matters

The United Methodist Church is reviewing its stand on ordination of LGBTQ+ persons and performing marriages for same gender persons. We'll offer a study on this matter this spring, beginning late April.

This study, led by Tal, will explore the scriptures that speak overtly to this matter. We'll see why Christians read these passages in differing ways. The goal of this study is not to tell you what to think, but to give you tools to clarify your own thinking. Be advised that this class will deal with adult topics.

We will also look at the leading proposal being brought before General Conference regarding these matters. What decisions will each church have to make? When will they have to make them?

This study will encompass five sessions, each about an hour in length. It will be offered both on Sunday evenings and Tuesday mornings.

Sunday evening sessions will be offered at 5:10pm on April 24, May 1, May 15, May 22, and May 29. (Note: we will skip May 8 for Mother's Day.) Childcare will be provided by the Children's Ministry as they meet on Sundays during this time.

Tuesday morning sessions will meet at 9:30am on April 26, May 3, May 17, May 24, and May 31. (Note we skip May 10.) No childcare will be offered for the Tuesday sessions.

This cumulative series builds across the five sessions. The expectation is that participants will discuss these matters while respecting one another's viewpoints.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Garland Atkins	Family of Mollie Inman
Susan Atwell	Billie Lyndon
Anthony, Elizabeth & Caroline Elizabeth Augustine	Megan Mabee
Family of Beth Barboza (Jeanne Hermann)	Tom McCarthy & Judy Fred Merritt
Joe Beaman	Mike (Mary Tyndall's brother)
Bob (Pat Goodman's bro.)	Regina Milihram
Russell Buskirk	Jeffrey Morefield
Rod Caulder	Edna Mory
Jackson Cobb	Mary Neal
Mike Corleto	NHRMC Nurses/Doctors/ Staff
Sandy Cyphers	George Patterson
Christine DePlazzy (Karen Evans' daughter-in-law)	Kathy and Barry Roberts
AC English (Darlene Tyndall's brother-in-law)	Gary Rowe
Larry Florea	Sonya Rowe
Lori and Dennis Gaffney	Will Sibley
Patrick Gallagher	Mai Stephenson
Bonnie Gallagher	Tanner
Family of Michael Godwin (Norm and Kathy Perry)	Marsella Teachey
Jeanne Hadaway	Tori Thornton and newborn son, Kaiser
Hank	Donna Tripp
David Hadley	Jennifer and Chris Walker
	Becky and John West

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
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



Immediate Opportunities for Worship Helpers

After two years of Covid precautions, we are thrilled to be returning to less restrictive worship services. With the loosening of restrictions comes the need for more volunteers to help with worship. We have immediate needs for the following:

- **Worship Vice Chair** – This person will attend the Worship Committee meetings, lead meetings in absence of the Chair, and assume the responsibilities of Chair in 2023.
- **Greeter Coordinator** – This person will recruit and schedule greeters for the 8:30 and 11:00 services and keep the office informed of the greeters' schedule.
- **Funeral Team Leader** – This person will recruit, train and schedule church members to serve at the church at the time of any funeral or memorial service. The team members will be available to answer any questions the family might have, let them in the door, and help them feel comfortable. Note: the funeral home takes care of the logistics, and the Nurture Committee handles any reception duties.
- **Bread Provider** – This person will provide loaves of bread for communion.
- **Grape Juice Provider** – This person will provide grape juice for communion.

If you're interested in learning more about these opportunities, please contact Catherine Beaman at catbeaman@gmail.com or call 910-233-4007.

DID YOU KNOW?

At one time, the small meeting house at Second and Walnut fell into disrepair. In 1816, Bishop Asbury ordered a new building be erected at Front and Walnut. Built in 1816, this building was later destroyed by fire on Sunday, April 30, 1843.

On April 2, 1844, the cornerstone of the new Front Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South was laid. On a Sunday in 1886, a steamer by the wharf at the foot of Walnut Street caught fire. This fire spread throughout the northwest section of the city burning warehouses, dwelling and churches, including Front Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Grace will celebrate its 225th anniversary on Dec. 24, 2022. *Grace Notes* will include bits of history like this one leading up to the anniversary date.

Parking Lot Reminder

Please use the Wells Fargo main parking area on Fourth Street and not the side lot on Walnut if parking on Sundays. The lot managers have asked us not to use the side lots unless the main lot is completely filled so that they are able to tell if there unauthorized users. They give tickets to anyone outside the hours of 10 – 2.

If you are accidentally given a ticket while parking there for Sunday Church services, and Sunday School, bring the ticket to the office on Monday and Ginny will request for it to be waived.

UKRAINE DISASTER RESPONSE

You may support UMCOR's international disaster response efforts by making a gift (towards this effort). When giving, please make your check to Grace UMC and designating it "Relief For Ukraine."

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: _____