

Grace Notes

March 6, 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 6

Communion Sunday

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

Monday, March 7

- 1:30pm Caregivers Support in Library
- 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting
- 7:15pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal in gym

Tuesday, March 8

- 9:30am KnitWerks@Grace at Panera Bread
- 11:00am Rotary Club
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, March 9

- 11:15am Yoga class gym
- 1:00pm Senior Games Day, gym
- 4:00pm Organ Practice
- 4:30pm Worship Committee Meeting
- 6:00pm Special Olympics practice, gym
- 6:15pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 10

- 9:30am UMW Bible Study
- 3:00pm Nurture Meeting
- 5:30pm Boot Camp
- 6:30pm Basketball

Friday, March 11

- 9:00am Organist Practice

Saturday, March 12

- 11:00 gym reserved

Sunday, March 13

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 2:30pm Gracelettes - Yoga gym
- 5:00 pm Youth Meetings

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know? Grace began on a lot at the northwest corner of Second and Walnut Street. William Meredith bought the 60 ft. X 60 ft. lot and built a small meeting house. (36 X 36ft.) where he preached to all who came to hear. This building burned down and was rebuilt. On December 24, 1797 a group of men organized the church in Wilmington. This church became a part of the Methodist Episcopal Conference. Meredith died in 1799 and his remains (having been moved several times) are buried in the basement of Grace.

December 24, 2022 will be the 225th anniversary of GUMC!

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

HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 2/27/2022

In-person Worship Service: 10:30 am - 198
Online Worship Service: 84

Operating Funds Given 2/16 - 2/23 \$11,966.00
Building Preservation Fund \$ 726.00

January

Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 41,137.05
Operating Expenses YTD \$ 57,888.23
Balance \$ (16,751.18)

January

Building Preservation Fund
2022 YTD \$ 3,280.00

Building Preservation Fund
2022 Expenses \$ NA

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>

GAME DAY, MARCH 9

Come join the fun at our next game day this Wednesday at 1 pm! Light snacks will be available. Please call the church office to sign up to play or contact:

Karen Evans or
Sally Barnes

Via email at outreach@gracedowntown.net

Worship Services Offered through Easter

You are invited to attend morning worship each Sunday at 8:30 am or 11:00 am, as well as the following special services throughout Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. **A nursery will be available for all services.**

Palm Sunday: This year's Palm Sunday services, April 10, at 8:30 and 11:00 begin in a traditional fashion with the reminder of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as the crowds hail him King and wave palms in adoration. The 11:00 a.m. service will include the presentation of a cantata, *The Seven Last Days*, as shared by the Chancel Choir, narrator, and an instrumental ensemble.



Good Friday: You are invited to attend the Good Friday Tenebrae service on Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m. The Tenebrae (meaning "darkness") Service is an ancient Christian service that depicts the events of the last week of Christ's life on Earth from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through his burial.



Easter Sunday: Please join us for worship Easter Sunday morning, April 17, at 8:30 or 11:00 and rejoice in the glorious message of the risen Christ through the Word and music.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

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

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	Lance Corporal Seth Mack, USMC
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	
Maj. Tim Collins, USMC	CDR Nicholas Madren, USN
Col. John Delaney, USA	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
Ens. Elizabeth Downing, USN	SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	Sgt. James Pritchett, USA
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF	AB Michael Sloan, USAF
Cpl. Chase Krieg, USMC	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
SFC Letty Long, USA	Michael Tate, USA
SFC Woodrow Long, USA	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

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



LATEST COVID SAFETY MEASURES

On recommendation of the Covid19 Task Force, the Administrative Council voted to:

- ◆ Make the 8:30 worship service masks optional for fully vaccinated adults, same as the 11 am service. There is room at 8:30 for everyone to socially distance.
- ◆ Restart passing the offering plates in worship the first Sunday of March.
- ◆ Restart offering communion by intinction on the first Sunday of March. We will also have available the individual serve elements that we've been using for those who are more comfortable receiving communion that way.
- ◆ Masks optional for those fully vaccinated at all services at Grace UMC for all ages 3 yrs and above. This move is being made as New Hanover County Schools has gone to a similar stance. We are not checking vaccination status -- we are operating on the honor system.

A printed version of all of Grace's Covid safety measures is available on the Welcome Center reception desk.

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief arm of Global Ministries, is in communication with partners in the (Baltic) region and actively exploring the coordination of humanitarian response in Ukraine. Support UMCOR's international disaster response efforts by making a gift (towards this effort).

In Christ,

Bishop Leonard Fairley

You may give to this effort by by making your check to Grace UMC and designating it 'Relief For Ukraine.'

UMW EVENT

Monday, March 14 at 10 am- Spring Fabric Cutting Day - We are being given a new supply of fabrics and we will start sewing Spring dresses for the young girls under the care of the Methodist Children's Home.

March Birthdays

3/1 David Vaughan Helen Monk	3/7 Karen Bullock Katie Mintz Jill Chidester	3/15 Judy Holden Milton Kregger	3/22 Jen Stenerson
3/3 Jane Spicer	3/10 Heddy Reichardt	3/16 Martha Wofford	3/24 Bev McDow
3/5 Grace Anne Dunmire Amanda Ladd Barbara Jackson Jeanne Thomasson	3/11 Anne Lewis	3/17 Pat Thomas	3/26 Gary Godwin Will Lindsey
3/6 Sue Flora Sarah Voulgaris	3/13 Ross Inman Laura Witherington	3/18 Lillian Edwards	3/28 Ryan Gibbs Henry Cichoracki
	3/14 Kelley Ahlers Ed Hickmon Deborah Kelly	3/20 Wallace Riddle Jamie Cline Mike Mabee Meredith Ross	3/29 Preston Olinger Sarah Layton

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: _____