

Grace Notes

May 29, 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, May 29

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service/Confirmation
- 5:10 pm Human Sexuality w Pastor Tal

Monday, May 30

Closed in observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31

- 9:00 am Organ Practice
- 9:30 am Human Sexuality w Pastor Tal
- 11:00 am Rotary Club
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, June 1

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am La Leche League, nursery
- 11:15 am Yoga
- 4:00 pm Organ Practice
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics BB practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir practice

Thursday, June 2

- 10:30 am UMW monthly meeting
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, June 3

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

Sunday, June 5

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

**Office closed Mon., May 30 for Memorial Day
Yoga returns this Wednesday**

Attention all Graduates and Parents of Graduates!

Grace United Methodist Church plans to recognize our 2021-2022 graduates at the 11 am service on Sunday, June 5. We need your help with the collection of the names and schools of graduates and we invite all to be present in worship that Sunday. If you are a graduate, parent or caregiver of a graduate or graduates, during the 2021-2022 school year (December or June) with a HS diploma, a two- or four-year degree, or higher, please reply to Ginny@Gracedowntown.net to let us know!

Please include each student's name, email, school and program of study, and graduation date. We ask that you send us this information as soon as possible, but **no later than noon on Tuesday, May 31**. Thank you for making this a special day in the life of the church.

UMW June Meeting speaker, Annie Anthony, CFVC

The guest speaker for the June 2 meeting will be Annie Anthony from the Cape Fear Volunteer Center discussing the Big Brother/Big Sister program.

We started setting up in the alcove of the Bullock Activity Center once again because the acoustics and fellowship are so much better. As many of you know, our hostesses are serving light refreshments rather than having a luncheon. Hostesses this month are Brena Conley and Dianna Florea. Come and bring a friend.

Martha Worsley will be at the meeting to pick up dresses, fabric and sewing notions to be shipped to Haiti. If you have completed dresses, please get them to the church by that day. A basket is in the Welcome Center. Some of the dresses will go to our local foster kids.

In-person/Online Attendance for 5/22/2022

In-person Worship Service:
8:30 am 28
11:00 am 169
Online Worship Service: 49 views

APRIL

Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 201,884
Operating Expenses YTD \$ 228,823
Balance \$(26,939)

APRIL

Annual Bld. Preservation Receipts \$ 16,130
Annual Bld. Preservation Fund Expenses \$ 32,840
Balance \$ (16,709)

Apportionments are paid through April.

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>

Farewell Baskets for Pastors Tal and Patricia

Congregation members are reminded to put your cards, and cash or check thank-yous in the baskets for Tal and Patricia. Tal's retirement reception will be held after the 11 am service on June 12 and a reception for Patricia's retirement will be held immediately after the 11 am service on June 26. The baskets we are filling are located in the Welcome Center on Sundays and will be given to Tal and Patricia at the two receptions. During the week the baskets are in the Church office.

Both of these individuals have added greatly to our worship here at Grace and they deserve a huge send off by our Grace UMC family. Please join us for both of these receptions in June and send them off in Grace's loving style.

Game Day

Game day will be held on Wednesday, June 8th at 1:00 for all who are interested. If possible, please call the church or visit the Welcome Center to sign up.

Scholarships now being accepted

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!

VBS Adventure Coming July 10-14

Join us July 10th-14th from 5:30-7:45 pm, as we go off-road for a "Monumental Adventure" through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the Southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. Rising Pre-K through 5th grades are invited to join us on this journey. Grades 6th-12th are encouraged to join our volunteer crew and help make our VBS the best one yet!

We are also in need of volunteers of all ages for many roles to help make this event a success! For those who cannot volunteer, we have a donation list that will be in the Welcome Center on Sundays and in the Children's Wing during the week; thanks in advance!

Register to participate or volunteer at vbspro.events/p/growingrace. Kelsey (kelsey@gracedowntown.net) will be available to answer questions and assist in the registration process after the service in the Welcome Center.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Garland Atkins	Susan Long
Joe Beaman	Maggie (friend of Pastor Tal's mom)
Merlyn Crawford	Tom McCarthy & Judy
Mac Cunningham	Charlie McCarthy
Mark Farmer and his wife Terry	Susan Michaels
Joan Florea and Joe Florea	Mike (Mary Tyndall's brother)
The family of Lori Gaffney	Rev. Benny Oakes and his family
Patrick and Bonnie Gallagher	Steven Powers
Justin George	Amy Roth
Linda Hoover	Kathy Sherwalt
Izzy & family (Brena Conley's granddaughter)	

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

Would you like to learn something new?

Handbell Beginner/Technique Class is now being held on Wednesdays at 6:15 in the Handbell Room. Contact Debbie Jones for more information, or just show up. This is not a long term commitment, just an opportunity for those who are interested in learning more about handbells.

Cinderella's Closet Update

After a two-year hiatus, Cinderella's Closet finally opened its doors to the community again for the 2022 prom season. This year, we held private appointments for 20 young ladies from New Hanover County and are happy to report that all left with a dress, accessories, and makeup for prom. It was such a blessing to see their smiling faces again! Thank you to everyone at Grace and the Wilmington community at large for your continued support during these past few years.

For the 2022-2023 prom season, we plan to hold our spring shopping event for the community and the Cinderella's Closet committee looks forward to working with our volunteers. To kick the season off, we will begin accepting dress donations in August and we welcome any assistance with sorting and racking donations in our two storage rooms.

If you have any questions about Cinderella's Closet or wish to volunteer, please contact Hope Inman at cinderellasclosetilm@gmail.com.

Still Plenty of Opportunity to Help with Fellowship

The Nurture Committee is asking congregation members to sign up for Fellowship Time beginning June 5 and for every Sunday going forward through August 28. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. If no one signs up for a Sunday, there will be no Fellowship Time for that Sunday. If you have any questions on what and when to do this, see Carole Ellis or Darlene Tyndall. Thank you in advance for your help!

Beauty of Grace Brick Opportunity

As Memorial Day approaches, The Beauty of Grace committee has an opportunity for you to memorialize your loved ones. Please consider an engraved memorial brick to be placed in the garden around the supports under the portico. This will help beautify Grace for the glory of our Lord and honor a loved one at the same time. Please consider placing your order soon. Our permit with the city requires the first brick installment to begin **before** the end of July.

Please visit: <https://polarengraving.com/graceunitedmethodistchurch> or please contact: Karen Evans at her email address: outreach@gracedowntown.net or phone number: (757) 871-3763.

Assistant Pastor to be hired

Applications for the position of Assistant Pastor at Grace United Methodist Church will be accepted beginning in July. Hiring is being delayed so that the incoming senior pastor, the Rev. Benny Oakes, may participate in the decision. The position will be for 20 hours per week. An exact job description will be posted later.

Sunset Park sends thanks!

The ministry of GUMC has touched all of us at our school. From those who participated in the beautiful Prayer Care Partner program and shared your prayers, cards, and gifts, to the students who received school supplies and the food and treats that all the staff enjoyed, we appreciate you and all that you have done for us. I'm aware that it's difficult to know whether what one does for someone else truly makes a difference, especially when it's not face-to-face contact. I'm here to tell you that what you did for us was beautiful, timely, needed, and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your love and support. Bless you all! We hope you have a wonderful summer!
Sincerely, Claire McFall, MSW, School Social Worker
FIT Team Chair, Sunset Park Elementary School

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Sunday, June 5— **Pentecost, Holy Communion Sunday**
Recognition of Graduates @ 11 am worship service

Sunday, June 12— **Tal's retirement reception** held in Bullock Activity Center (gym) after the 11 a.m. service

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

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 10— **First Sunday in the pulpit for The Rev. Benny Oakes**
July 10-14 **Vacation Bible School 5:30—7:45 pm**

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

Letter to the Congregation

Grace UMC is fortunate to have a fine musical instrument in our Sanctuary. The Moller/Rogers Pipe Organ has been serving our Church since it was installed in 1961 and 1996 respectively. Like any fine and delicate instrument, it has needed periodic maintenance, service, and upgrades. The console (keyboard) was replaced in 1996 after a service life of 33 years. The pipe portion of the organ could possibly last indefinitely, given proper maintenance. However, due to many financial demands on the church, some repairs have been deferred. Now our organ needs overdue repairs, some that could be significant. Our Trustees have been attempting to obtain estimates from three separate organ companies for the past several months. Two possible solutions have been suggested:

1. Repair our existing pipe organ;
2. Replace our organ with a new electronic/digital organ.

When all the information has been received by the church, reviewed by the Trustees and the Administrative Council, a decision will be made as to how to proceed. It was suggested at the last Administrative Council meeting that this information be shared with the congregation now and to keep you abreast of further developments. If you have questions or comments, please contact a member of the Administrative Council or a member of the Board of Trustees of Grace United Methodist Church.

—Tom Jones, Trustee

Volunteer Opportunities at MHC

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard continues to be a consistent, compassionate resource for hungry people in the greater Wilmington area, but the Cupboard needs some reinforcements. Many of our volunteers have been working almost every week since April of 2020. **We could really use you!**

Below are available volunteer opportunities, most of which do not require volunteers to interface with clients, but are necessary for us to continue to serve the individuals who come by during Wednesdays and Saturdays—35,000 last year! To help, please reach out to one of the MHC persons leading up the particular opportunity that appeals to you most. Training is available. And, your help is greatly appreciated!

Group of 5+ needed to cover one Monday each month (9:00 - 11:00) pre-packing TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) boxes, No stove and diabetic bags: Sue Cause @ sbcause@hotmail.com

Group of 5+ needed to cover one Friday each month (9:00 - 11:00) pre-packing, no stove and diabetic bags: Jane Harshbarger - jane.harshbarger@gmail.com

Many individuals are needed to pick up boxes from local liquor stores or egg containers from local Harris Teeters and drop off at the cupboard when convenient for you! Steve Bucci - sfbucci@gmail.com

Group of 3+ to cover one Monday from 11-1 pm, handing out pre-packed boxes of non-perishables. Margaret Isaac - isaacgmjp@gmail.com

2+ individuals to write donation thank you notes. Marie Cooke - marievcooke@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration!
Jane Radack, MHC

Wooden crosses donated for Acolyte use

The acolytes will be wearing new wooden crosses made from one of our old church pews. This handiwork was done by the wonderful woodworking skills of George Braun. We have been blessed by George's handyman skills for many years and thank him for his dedication and service to our gorgeous church. We hope you will help us express our appreciation to George.

Furniture Donations

Thank you to all who have helped provide furniture and supplies for the Anchor apartments. If you have furniture and/or household supplies to donate there is another nonprofit all-volunteer ministry called 2SHARE that assists people in our community in need of basic furnishings. They work to get families literally off the floor and provide them with the basics that help make a home. Between October 2018, when they began, and March 2022 they have made deliveries to 346 households in Greater Wilmington, helping over 1600 people, 60% of whom are children. Below is a list of needs. For more detailed information go to their website at www.2shareinc.org or their facebook page "2SHARE".

2SHARE Needs List:

All items must be clean and in good working order.

Living rooms: sofas; living room chairs, mechanical recliners (not electric), coffee tables, end tables (no glass tops), floor and table lamps; small area rugs up to and including 7X9; We do not take sofa beds, china cabinets, hutches, low boy tables, accent pieces, most desks, filing cabinets.

Kitchen: standard size kitchen tables and chairs; small dining rooms tables and chairs; pots and pans (no scratches on Teflon surfaces), utensils, dishes, flatware, tumblers & water glasses; microwave ovens, toaster ovens, electric toasters, blenders; We do not take major appliances.

Bedrooms: dressers, small armoires, nightstands, bedding new or very gently used; towels; mattresses, if they pass our inspection; we will accept box springs to the same inspection standard as mattresses but only if we are taking the mattress. We do not as a rule take headboards or foot boards.

There are often exceptions and special needs, so it is always best to contact us and ask. We reserve the right of refusal at time of pickup. We are an all-volunteer ministry so the more lead time we have, to pick up a donation, the better.

Don Arabian, 2SHARE coordinator
703-220-0762, Wilmingtonfagv@gmail.com

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Give through Paypal at our website or Square by using this QR Code (point your phone camera at the box and click on the link that appears).



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: _____