

# Grace Notes

April 14, 2019

## 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, April 14 - Palm Sunday

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

#### Monday, April 15

5:30 pm Boot Camp  
6:15 pm Grace Ringers  
6:30 pm Stephen Ministry  
7:00 pm Board of Trustees

#### Tuesday, April 16

9:30 am Le Leche League  
6:30 pm Administrative Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, April 17

9:30 am UMW Leadership Team  
11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class  
5:30 pm Boot Camp  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, April 18 - Maundy Thursday

12:00 pm Welcome Meal

#### Friday, April 19 - Good Friday

7:00 pm Seven Last Days Tenebrae Worship Service

#### Sunday, April 21 - Easter

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

### Flowers Needed

A lovely tradition at Grace Church on Easter morning is the beautiful flower-covered cross at the front of the worship space.

Everyone is invited to bring flowers from their yards (or purchased) to decorate the cross in the gym on Easter morning immediately prior to the 8:30 am and 11:00 am services.

Thank you!



### Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration

Easter Sunday, April 21, 10 am  
2nd Floor of Education Building

Everyone is invited! The Family Council will be creating an Easter Garden on the second floor of the Education Building.

Toddlers and little ones will search for eggs in the grass-filled Easter pools, while the older egg hunters will search throughout the youth rooms. There is a hidden treat for all kids 1-10 years old! Bring a basket or bag to collect your eggs!

Help the Easter Bunny by bringing a sweet treat that morning for the kids and families to enjoy after the hunt.

See Kelley for more information.



### Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Patricia at [patricia@gracedowntown.net](mailto:patricia@gracedowntown.net). In order to keep the prayer list current, names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks and then removed, unless you instruct us otherwise.

Linden Boone	Ann Nielson
Mike Burrous	Jim O'Daniel
Bruce Celete	Abby & Cooper Penney
Alfredia Dorm	Linda Pfister
Ron Downing	Lily Philips
Ann Eilert	Vincent Pino
Mary & Alan Engebretson	Maggie Potts
Erin	Phillip Reeson
Evi	Myrtle Sanders
Ian Flaherly	Jimmie Shuffler
Noris Flowers	Frank Steele
George Gardner	Mary Tartt
Catherine Leigh Gold	Jay White
Laura Howard	Penny White
George & Billie Lyndon	Madison Williams
Wesley Makin	Dana Zigler
Jessica Martin	

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

Maj. Jeffery Bernard, USA  
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC  
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC  
Maj. Tim Collins, USMC  
Col. John Delaney, USA  
E5 William Chase Dubel, USA  
WO3 Jonathan Finch, USA Reserve  
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF  
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN  
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC  
Capt. Jason T. Hill, USAF  
SFC Letty Long, USA  
SFC Woodrow Long, USA  
Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC  
LCDR Nicholas Madren, USN  
SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF  
Pvt. Steven Patterson  
Maj. Brian Potts, USMC  
LCDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN  
Lt. Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF  
Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC  
AB Michael Sloan, USAF

### Easter Mission Project

The bulletins today contain envelopes for donations to the Easter Lily Mission Project. Please use these envelopes to honor or memorialize a person on Easter Sunday, April 21, when the altar will be decorated with beautiful lilies. A list of all the dedications will be included in the bulletin that day.

A donation of \$5 or more per name is suggested. The lilies will be delivered to Grace Church members who are no longer able to attend church services.

All donations and dedication information must be in the church office no later than **Monday, April 15.**



Please check the appropriate box or boxes and place in the offering plate.

- Would like to join Grace United Methodist Church.**
  - Need Grace UMC name tag(s).**
  - Change of address, phone number, or email.**
- Will be attending the Prospective Member Class on April 28, 2019**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## *The Seven Last Days*



to be presented by Grace's  
**Chancel Choir**  
&  
**Chamber Orchestra**



**Good Friday, April 19, 7 p.m.**

The *Seven Last Days* is a Tenebrae cantata portraying a harmony of the events during Jesus' final days. The cantata allows us to walk with Jesus through Holy Week.

The number 7 holds a great significance in scripture. Creation took seven days; there are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit; the tabernacle was built in six days and dedicated on the seventh; and we often associate Christ's passion with seven last words. Often overlooked is the fact that the scriptures describe the events of the seven last days of Jesus' earthly existence.

Each of the seven days is of particular importance. This musical journey follows Christ during his final week, from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to his clearing the temple, to his debates with religious leaders, to preparations for Passover, to his betrayal and arrest, to his crucifixion on the cross on Good Friday, and finally, on Saturday, his linen-wrapped body being placed in the tomb.

Through music and narration, you are invited and encouraged to experience Christ's dramatic final week on earth.

### Change to Holy Week Services for 2019

This year, instead of a separate worship service on Maundy Thursday, the Last Supper and other elements of that service are incorporated into the Good Friday worship service cantata, *The Seven Last Days*.

You are invited to attend these Holy Week worship services and bring your neighbors and friends.

Friday, April 19, 7 pm: Good Friday

Sunday, April 21, 8:30 & 11 am: Easter Sunday

### *Thank You Note*

I'd like to thank everyone for your support and thoughtfulness during the recovery of my recent operating room incident at Duke. It meant a great deal to receive all the prayers, cards, visits, emails, texts, calls, flowers, meals and food items. I'm appreciative and so very grateful for your help. I'm honored to be a part of such a great church with the very special people that we have at Grace.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely, Judy Heath

### Grace UMC Scholarships

Scholarship applications are now available in the church office in the 'scholarship mailbox'. Scholarships are for those pursuing higher education who are active Grace members or persons who actively attend Grace. Scholarships are not available to relatives who do not attend Grace UMC.

All completed applications are due in the church office by Sunday, May 5th. The scholars committee will meet shortly thereafter to discuss the applications.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Crow at [juliecrow@yahoo.com](mailto:juliecrow@yahoo.com)

### ONE THING

Job Well Done Grace Church! You completed the *ONE THING* challenge from Easter to Easter and made a huge impact on your community!

You provided laundry money, laundry detergent, sugar, toys, school supplies, cookies, household supplies, gift cards, socks, and decorated and placed inspirational rocks!

Every job well done deserves a respite. We'll take a *ONE THING* break for the Summer and pick back up in the Fall. Rest up and be ready!

### Parking Today

Today after worship services conclude, let's be sure to move our cars out of the Wells Fargo parking lot as soon as possible. The accounting firm with offices there is working around-the-clock as tax season draws to a close. Thanks.

### Seating Next Weekend

We are anticipating increased attendance for the Good Friday Cantata Service (7 pm) and Easter Sunday Services (8:30 & 11 am). There have been 150 extra chairs rented for these worship services. Help may be needed to move chairs from other parts of the building.

If you are willing and able to help, please check in with the ushers when you arrive for these services.

### Thank You Note

Dear Members of Grace,

Thank you for the lovely reception you recently hosted on my behalf. I was overwhelmed and touched by all the energy and thought that went into the celebration.

The flowers were absolutely beautiful, the food was delicious, and the card is truly a work of art. I will always treasure the sweet messages on the card, as well as all the years I spent amongst you at Grace.

A special thank you to The Nurture Committee for your thoughtfulness and hard work, and to Ron Moore for speaking at the event. It was a special day.

With love,  
Manaline

### Hosts and Hostesses Needed

Grace is looking for 3 to 4 men and women to serve as hosts/ hostesses at funerals and memorial services held at the Grace.

The duties include checking the sanctuary for set up, making sure the Parlor (where the family assembles) is ready (lights on, temperature set) and being of assistance to the family.

The ideal situation would be to have 3 to 4 people on a rotating basis so they would serve once or twice a year.

If you are interested, please contact Linda Pyle (798-1712), Nancy Zigler (341-5726), or Marion Little in the office (763-5197).

### Date Change for UMW in May

**Saturday, May 18, 10:00 am**  
**Bullock Activity Center**

**Special Speaker:** Mrs. Martha Worsley, Harbor District Vice President and a missionary to Haiti. She takes sewing machines to Haiti and teaches women how to sew.

We'll also have more information about our missions, locally, nationally and internationally.

**Lunch will be catered.** As soon as the menu is finalized, we will publish that and the price. Because it will be catered, you will need to sign-up on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

Please invite your friends and encourage other women at Grace to attend.

### Prospective Members Class

**Sunday, April 28, 9:30 am**  
Second floor office suite  
Light Refreshments

Thinking about becoming a member of Grace UMC? Pastor Tal will offer a history of the United Methodist Church, basic United Methodist beliefs, what it means to be a Christian, and the commitments of membership—all in an hour!

So that we can prepare the right number of information packets, let us know you are coming by using the tear-off at the top of the previous page and place it in the offering plate, or call the church office (763-5197). **Please respond by Sunday, April 21.**

We look forward to seeing you!

### Classes Open to Grace Congregation

Grace's Stephen Ministry Program invites anyone who is interested to join their training sessions during April and May on end-of-life issues. Sessions run from 7-8 pm, in Room E201. Please use the sign-up sheets on the Welcome Center bulletin board.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
April 15	Funerals	Dustin & Lisa Osborne Coble Ward Smith Funeral
May 6	Legal Issue	Kara Gansmann Cranfill, Sumner & Hertzog
May 20	Hospice	Jason Clamme Lower Cape Fear Hospice

### Did you know.....

- ◆ That if newcomers aren't welcomed by at least 5 people in the first 15 minutes after arriving, they perceive the atmosphere to be unfriendly?
- ◆ That the 15 minutes starts when they get out of their car?

With many guests expected for the Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter services, let's put forth an extra big dose of the "Grace" welcome for which we're known.

When visitors feel Jesus' love and open arms through our greetings, we honor Him and our directive to bring people to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

### Special Sewing Day at Grace

On Tuesday, May 7, 10:00 am in the Bullock Activity Center. We will be sewing dresses for young girls in Haiti.

Thanks to Diane Lynch, we have been blessed to receive yards of pretty fabric and a pattern for "pillowcase dresses".

We need folks who can sew, or cut out dresses from the pattern or press the dresses. Bring your sewing machine, scissors, and iron and come enjoy a morning of good fellowship as we serve the Lord by providing pretty dresses and the love of Jesus to those less fortunate.



### **New Graceful Seniors Wilmington Port Trip**

The Graceful Seniors will go to tour the Wilmington Port Authority on Thursday, May 2. The group will meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 am to board the van. The trip is limited to 14 people and the cost is \$11 per person.

After the tour, we'll go to Winnie's, which Pastor Tal says you can get the best hamburger in Wilmington! We will be back at the church by 2 pm.

**Please sign-up by April 15th** on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. Your \$11 should be in the office by April 22. Please make checks payable to Grace UMC and write "Graceful Seniors" on the memo line.

### **From the UMC North Carolina Conference**

#### **Lay Servant Ministries Course on United Methodist History & Heritage**

This course offers a basic explanation of the beliefs and practices of The United Methodist Church. Coursebook used is "The United Methodist Way: Living Our Beliefs" by Kenneth Carder. Topics include: What exactly do United Methodists believe and why? How do these beliefs shape our denomination? The course will be held on May 11, 9am-5pm, Wesley's Chapel UMC, Elizabethtown. Course fee is \$25. The book is \$11.99. To register go to: NCCUMC.org

#### **United Methodist Emergency Response Teams (ERTs)**

A big thank you to our Harbor District ERT Teams! They continue their tireless efforts to respond to hurricane related requests for assistance and there is still plenty of work to do. More teams are needed! If you are interested in getting ERT trained, please contact Dave and Kim Keech our district Disaster Response Coordinators at [dkeech-sail@msn.com](mailto:dkeech-sail@msn.com).

### **Help Needed for WIHN/Family Promise**

Our weeks of hosting families for WIHN/Family Promise are coming right up! This time, we will host for 2 consecutive weeks, from **April 28-May 12**, so we need lots of help, especially for Ambassadors! During the first week, our support churches will cover the Monday, Tuesday and Thursday meals and overnights, but everything else is for us to do! New workers are welcome and will be trained!

There are currently 2 families in the program, but the numbers shift frequently as people are able to move into housing and new folks come in. You will be notified of the latest numbers as the time approaches.

The following jobs and times are available:

The following slots are available for service:

Ambassadors (5-8 pm) each day --- **April 30; May 3, 5, 6, 10**

Dinner Preparers and Hosts (6-7 pm) --- **May 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11**

Overnight Hosts (7:45 pm-6 am on weekdays and 7:45 pm-8 am on Friday Saturday & Sunday) — **April 28, May 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11** Stay in a host room on blow-up bed, be available for questions that may arise. If possible, drive families to the day house in the morning.

Weekend Hosts — **May 4: 11-2 pm or 2-5 pm, May 5: 12:30-2:30 pm or 2:30-5 pm, May 11: 11 am-2 pm**. Cover a 3-hour shift during the weekend so families can stay at the church if they so desire. You are based at the Welcome Center desk to let people in and out.

A schedule of available slots will be posted on the mission bulletin board in the Welcome Center. If you would like to join in these efforts, please contact Jane Spicer at:

622-1211 (cell) or 392-1551 (house) or [jdspicer@ec.rr.com](mailto:jdspicer@ec.rr.com) .

### ***LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE***

Good Friday, April 19, 7:00 pm - ***The Seven Last Days, a Tenebrae Cantata***

Sunday, April 21, 8:30 & 11:00 am - ***Easter - a triumphant celebration of our Risen Lord!***

Sunday, April 28 - Sunday, May 12 - ***Host Family Promise/WIHN***

Sunday, May 19 - ***Confirmation Sunday***

Sunday, June 23—Thursday, June 27 - ***2019 Vacation Bible School***