

# Grace Notes

April 7, 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 7 - 5th Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion
- 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/Holy Communion
- 12:15 pm Transportation Volunteer Meeting
- 3:30 pm Financial Peace University
- 4:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Concert/Kenan Auditorium

#### Monday, April 8

- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Agape Circle

#### Tuesday, April 9

- 9:30 am KnitWerks@Panera/Independence Mall
- 6:00 pm Basketball
- 6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee

#### Wednesday, April 10

- 11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
- 4:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting
- 5:00 pm Family Dinner
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 5:45 pm Grace 3:16 Bible Study (gr. 6-12)
- 5:45 pm Sonbeams Bible Play (pre-K-gr. 2)
- 5:45 pm Sonshine Singers & Solid Rock Singers
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 6:30 pm High School Hot Topics (gr. 9-12)
- 6:30 pm Kids for Christ Bible Study (gr. 3-5)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, April 11

- 12:00 pm Welcome Meal

#### Saturday, April 13

- 9:00 am Cinderella's Closet Shopping Day
- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Gracelettes

#### 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

### Are you looking for an opportunity to help others?

Many of us take for granted the ability to drive ourselves to a doctor's appointment, PT session, or to church. There are those in our congregation who no longer have that ability. You can be the answer to their needs!!

If you have a willing heart, a good driving record, and are able to provide transportation for these individuals, your services are greatly needed.

There will be an organizational meeting on **Today**, Room E201 (the Friendship Class room), immediately following the 11 am worship service.

If you plan to attend please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center or email Marvin Evans at [marvinevans295@gmail.com](mailto:marvinevans295@gmail.com) with your name and contact 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.

Betsy Adkins	Wesley Makin
Linden Boone	Jessica Martin
Mike Burrous	Ann Nielson
Family of Hugh Caldwell	Jim O'Daniel
Bruce Celetto	Family of Carol Pasquale
Family of Marie Cleary	Abby & Cooper Penney
Alfredia Dorm	Linda Pfister
Ron Downing	Karen Phelan
Alice Edwards	Lily Philips
Ann Eilert	Vincent Pino
Mary & Alan Engebretson	Maggie Potts
Erin	Phillip Reeson
Evi	Myrtle Sanders
Isabelle Fagan	Jimmie Shuffler
Ian Flaheerly	Tom & Linda Snider
Noris Flowers	Frank Steele
George Gardner	George Truxillo
Judy Heath	Jay White
Laura Howard	Penny White
George & Billie Lyndon	Madison Williams

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

Maj. Jeffery Bernard, USA  
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC  
Sgt. Tim Cobough, 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 and Sunday, April 14, will 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.

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

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

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

**Cape Fear Chorale**  
*Celebrating 20 years of making music*  
 Presents

**Sparkling Choral Gems**  
 Choral music of many styles and genres

**TODAY, 4 pm**  
**Kenan Auditorium, UNCW**  
**Free Admission**  
*Donations Appreciated!*

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration**

Easter Sunday, April 21, 10 am  
 Youth Room

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 donating individually wrapped candy or small toys that will fit inside the eggs, or bring a sweet treat that morning for the kids and families.

See Kelley for more information.



**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!



**Say a Prayer**

Good Friday and Easter are not far away. Begin praying now for an unchurched friend, then invite them to one of our services during Holy Week. Offer to give them a ride and sit with them. It might just change a life.

*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.

### **UMW AGAPE CIRCLE**

April 8th at 7:00 P.M.  
Hosted by Leigh Mabee  
1014 Meadowgrass Lane, Leland, NC

The ladies of Agape Circle are making a difference! **Thank you to everyone** for your support of our yearly fall bake sale fundraiser. Each of you helped make it possible to offer donations to the following, which have been distributed for 2019:

- ~ Sierra Leone, Mission of Hope Rotifunk Hospital
- ~ Ashley House, Home for Veterans
- ~ Welcome Home Angel Wilmington – helping children with health or life altering conditions
- ~ Sister Isaac Center
- ~ Manna Ministries - Brunswick County Food Bank
- ~ Hope Harbor Home - Brunswick County domestic violence charity for women and children
- ~ Sunset Park Elementary School
- ~ Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- ~ Grace UMC kitchen supplies (industrial can opener and utensils, needed for Grace functions, as well as Thursday Welcome Table meals).

The April meeting activity will be putting together spring-time gift bags for Grace's homebound ladies who are not able to attend services. We want to let them know that they are thought of and loved by their Grace family.

If you would like to be a part of this meaningful mission, please join the women of UMW Agape Circle on Monday April 8th. All ladies are welcome! Come for fellowship, and leave with lasting friendships.

For more information, call or text Cindee at 256-617-2693 or email [cas\\_1205@att.net](mailto:cas_1205@att.net)

### **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

### **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.

Sunday, April 14, 8:30 & 11 am: Palm Sunday

Friday, April 19, 7 pm: Good Friday

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

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

#### **United Methodist Business Leaders Network Breakfast**

United Methodist Business Leaders from Harbor District will gather for a breakfast event on April 11, at Wesley Memorial UMC (1401 S. College Rd. Wilmington, NC). Buffet opens at 7:15am, program runs 7:30am to 8:30am. The guest business leader will be Allen Rippy Sr. of Rippy Cadillac in Wilmington.

#### **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](http://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).

### **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.

### **Don't Keep It a Secret!**

If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please share it with us! Send the changes to Marion Little - [marion@gracedowntown.net](mailto:marion@gracedowntown.net)  
Thanks!

### **Gentle Yoga Still in Session**

A reminder that our Gentle Yoga class is still meeting Wednesday's at 11:30 am in the gym. Everyone is invited to come join the class. Beginners welcome! The cost is \$5 per class.

## **Cinderella's Closet Spring Prom Shopping Event - Volunteers Needed!**

We have one more spring prom shopping event at Grace this year on **Saturday, April 13, 9 am-5 pm.**

This is our third year of events and we expect the need to be great this year. Each event day we have the chance to turn dresses into dreams for 32 girls in New Hanover County. Each young lady is presented with a Fairy Godmother to support her as she shops.

We are also in need of seamstresses to help with alterations on site. We only offer minor alterations like hems and straps so seamstresses of all levels of expertise are encouraged to come out!

Finally, we are in need of support to set up and clean up from these events. While we cannot allow men and children under the age of 18 to volunteer during the actual event, we would love your support for set up and clean up. Set up will occur the Friday before each event day and clean up will start at 5 pm after each event closes.

Please contact Hope Inman if any of these volunteer activities appeal to you. You can reach Hope at [cinderellasclosetilm@gmail.com](mailto:cinderellasclosetilm@gmail.com) or 646-202-3520.

### **Gracelettes for April**

Saturday, April 13, 5:00 pm

After the Cinderella's Closet dress shopping event concludes they'll clean up all the rooms and put everything away, then walk downtown for dinner.

### **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 29, 30; May 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10**

Dinner Preparers and Hosts (6-7 pm) --- **April 28, May 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 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 or 2-5 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***

Palm Sunday, April 14, 8:30 & 11:00 am - ***Celebrating Jesus triumphant ride into Jerusalem and foreshadowing the events to come***

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***