

Grace Notes

December 1, 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, December 1 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Family Promise/WIHN Guests Arrive

- 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
- 5:30 pm Family Christmas Skating Party (No BLAST)

Monday, December 2

- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Basketball
- 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting
- 7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 3

- 10:30 am United Methodist Women
- 6:00 pm Basketball

Wednesday, December 4

- 11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

- 12:00 pm Welcome Table
- 5:30 pm Graceful Seniors/Youth Trolley Tour

Sunday, December 8 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 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
- 7:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Concert (No BLAST)

Family Christmas Skating Party

Tonight, 5:30-7:00 pm
(No BLAST programs tonight)
Scooters Skating Rink
Shipyards Blvd., Wilmington

Regular skate rental: *FREE*
Roller Blades/Scooterz Scooters: \$3

Please bring an appetizer or
holiday dessert.
There will be holiday tunes playing!

Come enjoy a fun
Sunday evening together!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Wendy Adams	Jessica Martin
Alan Biddle	Mike O'Brien
George Braun	Ms. P
Brice	Frank Pasquale
Bruce Celeto	Tom Pasquale
Lynn Childers	Joan Pence
Jim & Dale Cromartie	Joan Penney
Zach DeForge	Wallace Riddle
Mary Ginocchio	Noah Roberts
Catherine Leigh Gold	Jack Ross, Jr.
Donald Gore	Carlson & Uta Rowe
Courtney Hayden	Cozette Southerland
Ron Hickmon	Kathy Spitzner
Andy Hudson	Stephen Toth
Melia Jefferies	David & Cindy Wade
Eddie Jones	Pete Williams
Maria King	Jonathan Workinger
Tom Kramer	Asher Wrenn
Elizabeth Lamoureux	Brittany Wrenn
Charlie Leighton	Caroline Vincent

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
E2 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN
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
Cpl. Chase Krieg, USMC
SFC Letty Long, USA
SFC Woodrow Long, USA
Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
CDR Nicholas Madren, USN
SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
Pvt. Steven Patterson
LCDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
Lt. Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
AB Michael Sloan, USAF
Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Patricia at 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.

You Are Invited to



A Worship Service of

*Hope, Love,
Joy & Peace*

Sunday, December 15
8:30 & 11:00

Invite a friend!

Socks Needed

New or clean, used socks are needed for children, youth, and adults being served by Early Bread. Please leave your donations in the Early Bread basket located on the landing between the sanctuary and the children's department.

Thank You!



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: _____

Poinsettias

Today and Sunday, December 8, the bulletin will contain special envelopes for donations to the Poinsettia Mission Project. Please use these envelopes to name a person or persons you wish to honor or memorialize on December 22, when the altar will be decorated with beautiful poinsettias. A list of all the names will be included in the bulletin that morning.

A donation of \$5 or more per name is suggested. Funds raised will be given to the Welcome Table ministry at Grace UMC.

After the Christmas Eve services, the poinsettias will be given to the members of the Grace Chancel Choir in appreciation for their ministry to Grace.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, December 13.



2020 Altar Flower Chart

The 2020 sign-up chart for altar flowers is in the Welcome Center. You may sign up for one or both sides for any available Sunday.

The cost is \$45 per side. Checks should be made payable to Grace UMC, with "altar flowers" written on the memo line, and may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the office. Marion Little will contact you about the dedication wording for the bulletin the week prior to your selected date.



Sunset Park Prayer Partners

Prayer Partners are reminded that their notes/cards for December are due next Sunday, December 8. They will be delivered the following week. Thanks!

Graceful Seniors Holiday Event

The Graceful Seniors will usher in Christmas by taking a carol-singing trolley tour of downtown Wilmington. The group, which will include the Grace Youth, will gather at Grace on **Thursday, December 5, 5:30 pm**. This will be an intergenerational event!

After the trolley ride and songfest, everyone will come back to the church for a light supper.

The cost for Graceful Seniors will be \$15, which covers the trolley ride and supper.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center by Friday, November 15. We want to fill the trolley! **Nine spaces remaining!**



Grace Name Tags

Everyone is reminded to please wear your Grace name tags on Sunday mornings. The tags are hanging on the hooks outside the sanctuary.

If you don't have a name tag or need a new one, please fill out the tear-off on the top of the next page and place it in the offering plate.

Grace and WIHN/Family Promise

Grace will be hosting homeless families who are in the Wilmington Interfaith Hospitality Network/Family Promise program for a week starting today. If you meet any of these young families with their children in the church, gym or parking lot, please give them a warm Grace welcome!!

They stay in rooms above the choir room every night, a volunteer fixes and hosts their dinner and a volunteer stays overnight with them in the church. There are also volunteers who man the desk while they are with us, letting the families and the volunteers in and out of the building. For those who have no car, volunteers provide transportation, using the WIHN van.

About 25 different people from Grace are helping out this time! If you would like to participate in future hosting weeks, please contact Jane Spicer at jdspicer@ec.rr.com or call or text at 910 622-1211. You will be blessed beyond measure to meet these people as you give them a hand up toward independence.

Beth Moore Conference

Bible teacher Beth Moore will be in Wilmington at Trask Coliseum on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25, for an exciting time of worship. The Worship Leader will be Travis Cottrell, and classes will be taught by Beth Moore.

Sign up by Sunday, December 15, to join a group from Grace. With a group of 10 or more, we can get a group pricing of \$65/person. Individual Early Bird pricing is \$75/person (valid through 1-2-2020).

The conference schedule is as follows:

Friday, April 24 --- 5:30 pm Doors open
7:00-9:30 pm Event begins
Saturday, April 25 ---7:30 am Doors open
8:30 am Event begins
10:00 am Break
10:45 am Event Resumes
12:15 pm Event concludes

A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. For more details or for questions - contact Linda Snider (snidersnc@gmail.com) or Linda Russ (lindapruss@hotmail.com).

The Season of Advent at Grace

This year, the Season of Advent starts on Sunday, December 1. Advent services will commence differently this year with the lighting of the Advent candle ceremony at the beginning of the service. The ceremony will include not only the Advent Wreath Candle lighters, but also the congregation and chancel choir.

The word Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming". Advent calls believers to prepare for the coming of Christ, whose birth we celebrate. We also celebrate his continual presence in Word and Spirit, and his anticipated return in final victory.

This season is a great time to invite your unchurched relatives, friends and neighbors to join you for worship at Grace.

A Special Reading of

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

by Barbara Robinson

Wednesday, December 11, 6:15-7:00 pm
Bible Class Room

Pastor Tal will offer a reading of this wonderful story told from the perspective of a young girl. Find out what happens when the Herdman kids, who know nothing of the Christmas story, take over all the major roles in her church's annual Christmas pageant. Learn how this grand misadventure opens her eyes to the real meaning of Christmas.

Divine Grace for December

Divine Grace (ladies 45-65ish) will gather for dinner at La Costa Restaurant, Oleander Drive Thursday, December 12, 6:00 pm

Please bring items for donation to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. You may also place donations in the MHC basket at the church.

Current needs: peanut butter cereal
canned fruit (15 oz.) canned legumes
razors deodorant
feminine products

Also baking items for Christmas:
small bags of flour
cooking oil
sugar

RSVP to Mary Tyndall at mdjay2001@yahoo.com or go to the Divine Grace Facebook page.

United Methodist Women

Tuesday, December 3, 10:30 am
Program: Don Bowers will entertain with
Christmas music
Hostesses: The Leadership Team

Please bring either a package of diapers or feminine hygiene products to be donated to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Also, turn in your World Thank Offering.

For December, read one chapter of the Book of Luke each day, starting Dec. 1. Luke has 24 chapters, so by Christmas Eve you'll know the whole story!

Mulberry Men - Dads and Kids Camping Weekend

Carolina Beach State Park

Friday, December 6—Sunday, December 8, 2019

Kids age 5 and up are invited to join the Mulberry Men for a trip to Carolina Beach State Park. Dads....this is a chance to get away with your kids and church friends for a weekend of camping and adventure.

The cost is \$45/campsite for the weekend. Activities will include: campfires, marshmallows and music; a corn hole competition; hiking; fishing; and a campground worship service on Sunday morning. Details for meals and necessities will be worked out shortly.

If you are interested in joining the fun, see Corey Ahlers or contact him at corahlers@yahoo.com

Grace Lay Leadership for 2020

Grace's Charge Conference was held on Tuesday, November 19, and the slate of lay leaders for 2020 was submitted and approved.

If you received a phone call in the last couple of months and agreed to serve on a committee or team for 2020, you have officially been elected to that position. Your tenure will start January 1, 2020, unless otherwise discussed.

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Sunday, December 15, 8:30 & 11:00 am - *A Service of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace*

Tuesday, December 24, 5 pm & 7 pm - *Candlelight Christmas Eve Services*

Saturday, February 8, 2020 - *Cinderella's Closet Fundraiser - A Masquerade Ball* at the Brooklyn Arts Center

Sunday, June 21—Thursday, June 25 - *Vacation Bible School 2020*

July 8-14, 2020 - *San Isidro, Costa Rica Mission Trip* - Watch coming *Grace Notes* for more details

Saturday, September 12, 8:30 am—2:45 pm - *Annual Chancel Choir Retreat*



Free Admission

Donations Accepted

Cape Fear Chorale
Sounds of the Season:

Sing Fa La La

Sunday, December 8, 2019

7:00 pm

Kenan Auditorium, UNCW
601 S. College Road, Wilmington, DC

www.capefearchorale.org 501(c)(3)