

Grace Notes

December 8, 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 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)

Monday, December 9

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

Tuesday, December 10

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

Wednesday, December 11

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
- 4:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12

- 12:00 pm Welcome Table
- 6:00 pm Divine Grace

Saturday, December 14

- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 15 - 3rd 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
- 5:00 pm BLAST Programs Christmas Party

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Alan Biddle	Mike O'Brien
Brice Borowitz	Ms. P
George Braun	Jim 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	Pete Williams
Eddie Jones	Jonathan Workinger
Maria King	Asher Wrenn
Charlie Leighton	Brittany Wrenn
Jessica Martin	Caroline Vincent
Joyce MacIvergan	

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.

Poinsettias

Today the bulletin contains 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.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, December 13.



You Are Invited to



A Worship Service of

*Hope, Love,
Joy & Peace*

Sunday, December 15
8:30 & 11:00

Invite a friend!



Help Replenish Our "Stash"

Everyone appreciates the wonderful array of goodies on Sunday mornings to go with our coffee, but Nurture's Fellowship Time "treat stash" has become depleted.

We would love to have additional treats that can be stored in the freezer until needed. They can be homemade or bought items, but freezable. If you can help with this, it will be greatly appreciated by everyone.

Please leave your items in the kitchen and mark them "Fellowship Time." Thank you so much!

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: _____


Luminaries

One of the wonderful Grace traditions is the use of luminaries to line the walkways to the church for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Services.

On Sunday, December 15, and Sunday, December 22, there will be special envelopes in the morning worship bulletin for donations to this mission project. Please use these to name the person or persons you wish to honor or memorialize on Christmas Eve. A list of all the names will be included in the bulletin that evening.

A donation of \$5 or more per name is suggested. This project is being led by the Grace Youth. The funds raised will be used by the Youth Ministry for their 2020 Mission Trip to Costa Rica.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, December 23.



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.



Special Holiday Fellowship Time

The Nurture Committee will provide a special, holiday Fellowship Time on Sunday, December 15, at 9:30 and 10:30 am.

Please come by the Welcome Center to enjoy a holiday treat and visit with your Grace Church family.



Cinderella's Closet at WILMA Expo & Holiday Market

Saturday, December 14,
Wilmington Convention Center

The Closet will be showcasing some of our best dresses and shoes, looking for volunteers for our 2020 events, and selling tickets to the Masquerade Ball on February 8, 2020.

We would love to see some of our volunteers to help spread the word about our cause.

Armor of God Youth Retreat January 17- 19, 2020

When you have to face the hard parts of life, make sure you are dressed appropriately. We will spend the weekend looking at Ephesians 6:10-18 and learning how we can face any battle when we have the right outfit on. Through scavenger hunts, costume design contests, pillow jousting and more we will find out how God arms us head to toe.

The group will be staying at Hampton Inn at Broadway at the Beach, so there will be free time to play putt-putt, shop, and more. Friday night we will visit Dave and Busters for dinner and games, Saturday night will be dinner at Medieval Times Dinner Theater. Sunday morning we will have a special worship service and head back to Wilmington.

Cost per person - \$95.00 Price includes hotel, van, Medieval Times, dinner and breakfast each day. Tweens/teens will need money for lunches and any shopping money. We have a few full and partial scholarships available to cover cost if you have more than 1 child going. Ages 11 and up may attend without parent. Younger children may attend if parents are chaperoning.

If you have questions, contact Kelley Ahlers: Kelley@gracedowntown.net

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

TODAY, December 8, 2019

7:00 pm

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

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