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

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.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Alan Biddle Mike O'Brien Brice Borowitz George Braun Bruce Celeto Lynn Childers Jim & Dale Cromartie Zach DeForge Mary Ginocchio Catherine Leigh Gold Donald Gore Courtney Hayden Ron Hickmon Andy Hudson Melia Jefferies **Eddie Jones**

Ms. P Jim Pasquale Tom Pasquale Joan Pence Joan Penney Wallace Riddle Noah Roberts Jack Ross, Jr. Carlson & Uta Rowe Cozette Southerland Kathy Spitzner Stephen Toth Pete Williams Jonathan Workinger Asher Wrenn **Brittany Wrenn**

Maria King Charlie Leighton 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.

You Are Invited to



A Worship Service of

Hope, Love, Joy & Peace

Sunday, December 15 8:30 & 11:00

Invite a friend!



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

One Worship Service on December 29

On Sunday, December 29, Grace will hold one worship service at 10:00 am. Our Director of Family Ministries, Kelley Ahlers, will bring the message.

At our Annual Conference in November, Kelley was approved as a candidate for pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church.

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.

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).

Worship at Grace on Christmas Eve

Grace UMC will hold its traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Services at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Our beautiful sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias and candlelight. There will be special music starting about 30 minutes before each service and Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services.

Invite your family, neighbors and friends to join you as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

canned fruit (15 oz.)

cereal canned legumes

deodorant

razors

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.

Community Host Program

UNC Wilmington has a Community Host Program to help their foreign students adjust to life in Wilmington. They are looking for volunteers to be partnered with a student. The student does not live with you. The goal is to get together once a month with the student and be available to offer assistance.

The school is expecting 40 new students to arrive on January 9, 2020. If you are interested in participating, contact Maria Elena Gaborov Jones, Program Coordinator, at: gaborovjonesm@uncw.edu

Alan and Bettye Broadwater have participated in this program for many years and would be happy to talk to you about their experiences.

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

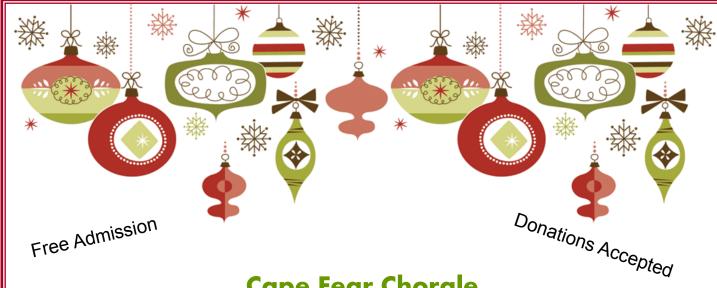
Tuesday, December 24, 5 pm & 7 pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

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



Cape Fear Chorale

Sounds of the Season:

Sing Fa La La

TODAY, December 8, 2019 7:00 pm Kenan Auditorium, UNCW

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