

Grace Notes

January 12, 2020

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, January 12

- 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 Turning Anxiety into Passion
- 5:00 pm Family Worship **BLAST**
- 5:15 pm Mustard Seed Nursery Time (ages 2-3)
Powerful Play (PreK-grade 2)
Sonshine Singers (grades 3-5)
Compassion Bible Study, Grace 3:16 (grades 10-12)
Compassion Bible Study, (grades 6-9)
- 5:45 pm Compassion Bible Study (age 3-grade 5)
Solid Rock Singers (grades 6-9)
Youth Hot Topics (grades 10-12)

Monday, January 13

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

Tuesday, January 14

- 9:30 am KnitWerks@Panera/Independence Mall
- 10:00 am Graceful Seniors
- 6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, January 15

- 9:30 am UMW Leadership Team
- 11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 16

- 12:00 pm Welcome Table

Friday, January 17

- Youth Winter Retreat Starts

Sunday, January 19

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

Family Worship **BLAST Will Not Meet**

Graceful Seniors for January

Tuesday, January 14, 10:00 am
Bullock Activity Center

The speaker at the January meeting will be Sonia Vieregge Kennedy, who is a registered Dietitian and owner of Nutrition In Motion based in Wilmington. Sonia was recommended as a speaker by the New Hanover Hospital. The topics covered will include those essential elements needed to adopt a healthy lifestyle in 2020.

Check out the web site for more info at:
nutritioninmotion.com

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

1 child in Christmas Eve accident	Charlie Leighton
Barney Barnhardt	Mark Lester
Alan Biddle	George Lyndon
Brice Borowicz	Jessica Martin
Rod & Connie Caulder	Raelyne Michel
Bruce Celeto	Mike O'Brien
Doug Cox	Ms. P
Jim & Dale Cromartie	Jim Pasquarette
Zach DeForge	Tom Pasquale
Patricia DiGiuseppe	Joan Pence
Mary Ginocchio	Larry Phipps
Catherine Leigh Gold	Noah Roberts
Janice Gurganus	Barbara Robertson
Ken Gurganus	Carlson & Uta Rowe
Al Hartley	Fern Schussler
Courtney Hayden	Jonathan Sloan
Ron Hickmon	Cozette Southerland
Janice	Donna Tripp
Melia Jefferies	Pete Williams
Eddie Jones	Rich Van Gorder
Jaxson Kyler	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
PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
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
Michael Tate, USA
E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

Starting December 30, while Pastor Patricia is on medical leave, please direct prayer requests to Sandy Smith at: sandysmithgrace@gmail.com 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.

Sanctuary Rededication Service

Sunday, January 26, 8:30 & 11:00 am

This will be a special day as we formally rejoice in the restoration of Grace's beautiful sanctuary and rededicate it to the Glory of God!

The Nurture Committee will provide a special Fellowship Time to enhance the celebration.

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: _____

Stewardship for 2020

February will be Stewardship Emphasis Month for Grace's 2020 Operating Budget, culminating in **New Consecration Sunday on February 23**. On this day, you will be invited to turn in your pledge for 2020.

You will be given your Estimate Of Giving Card during worship on that day. The cards ask that we share our intended giving calculated weekly. However, you are free to indicate on the card if you prefer to give monthly, quarterly, etc. Please be prepared to indicate this clearly on the card.

There will be a special fellowship meal after each worship service. You don't have to bring anything. Just come and enjoy fellowship with your Grace Family.

Our guest preacher for that day will be Rev Jim Bell. Jim is the Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Rocky Mount.

As this campaign draws near, we ask you to prayerfully consider what God is asking you to give to support His work through Grace UMC.

New Members

Grace Church is blessed to receive the following new members today at the 11 am worship service.

Natalie Humphrey grew up in Onslow County and recently came back to Wilmington to be closer to family after 25 years in New York City. She works for Forever Mark Diamond Company and travels quite often for business. Natalie enjoys cooking and traveling for pleasure.

Nikki Howard moved back to Wilmington this past November after a 12 year absence. She works at Circa 1922 on Front Street and also enjoys living in the downtown area. Nikki loves to garden, do arts and crafts, and lots of music.

Dan & Frances Walters have a family connection at Grace—their daughter is Hope Inman. They also have two sons, and recently relocated from Winton-Salem. They used to enjoy playing golf, but now walking their dog is their joint activity. They enjoyed visiting Grace the past few years and are happy to be joining today.

Agape Circle

Monday, January 13, 7 pm
Bride's Room, 2nd Floor Walsh Hall

As 2020 starts, we invited all ladies to join us as we make plans for the mission programs for the year and our annual pledge program. Agape meets the 2nd Monday of each month, September-May.

After beginning the meeting with a short devotion and prayer time, we'll share laughter and the enjoyment of each other's company as we make plans to be of service in the new year.

Cinderella's Closet Fundraiser

A Masquerade Ball

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Brooklyn Arts Center

DJ & Middle of the Isle Catering

Tickets will be on sale in the Welcome Center On Sunday, January 5, January 12, and January 19. The cost is \$85/couple or \$50/single. Credit cards accepted.

Invite your friends and neighbors for a fun night of dancing to raise money for this community outreach program.

New Adult Bible Study

This new 4-session study of 1 John will be offered at two different times:

Tuesdays, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11 & 18, at 10:00 am
Thursdays, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13 & 20, at 6:00 pm

The classes will meet in the Bible Class Room.

You are invited to come learn the history behind the writing of 1 John and to interpret it for today's world. Pastor Tal will lead the study.

Cinderella's Masquerade Ball Dress Rental Fundraiser

Sunday, January 19, 5-7:30 pm

Ladies from Grace (and friends from the community) can come and try on formal dresses from our closet to wear to Cinderella's Masquerade Ball on February 8th at Brooklyn Arts Center. Rental fee is \$10/dress and an agreement to dry clean the dress prior to returning it.

Tickets for the ball will also be on sale at this time. If you have questions, please contact Hope Inman or April Lester.

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

Gracelettes Getaway 2020

The Gracelettes (young adult women) will be going on their annual retreat January 24-26, 2020. This year they will be headed to North Myrtle Beach.

The total cost for lodging is \$70 for two nights. Payment is due by Sunday, January 20, and can be given to Jennifer Rasmussen or placed in the offering plate on Sunday. Please make checks payable to Grace UMC in the amount of \$70 and note "Gracelettes Getaway" in the memo line.

If you would like to attend or have any questions please contact Jennifer Rasmussen at 910-538-9997 or jennifer.rasmussen123@gmail.

Devotionals On-Line

Thanks to the work of Olivia Walsh, Graces Social Media Manager, weekly video devotionals by Pastor Tal are posted to Grace's Facebook mid-day on Tuesday.

These videos are 1-2 minutes in length and designed to turn our thoughts towards God in the middle of our busy lives.

Check them out at:
[facebook.com/gumcwilmington](https://www.facebook.com/gumcwilmington)

UMW Sewing Day

On Tuesday, January 28, 2020, we will be having another Sewing Day in the Bullock Activity Center. We'll again be making dresses and boy's shorts.

Everyone is invited to come and help. Bring your sewing machine or come and cut fabric, coordinate fabric with trims, press finished garments, etc. Start time is 9:30 am to get some set-up done and then work until about 1:00 pm.

Donations are needed of bias tape for the arm holes and trim.

These dresses and shorts will be going with Kelly and the Grace Youth on their mission trip to Costa Rica this summer.



LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Sunday, February 2, 2020 - ***UMW Souper Bowl Sunday!***

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

Friday, March 27 & Saturday, March 28 - ***Cinderella's Closet Prom Dress Shopping Event***

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***