

Grace Notes

January 13, 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, January 13

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

Monday, January 14

5:30 pm Boot Camp
6:30 pm PAL Wrestling
6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Agape Circle
7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 15

10:00 am Le Leche League
6:30 pm Administrative Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 16

9:30 am UMW Leadership Team
11:00 am Gentle Yoga Class
5:00 pm Family Dinner
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
6:00 pm Boot Camp
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, January 17

11:00 am Graceful Seniors Leadership Team
12:00 pm Welcome Meal
6:00 pm PAL Wrestling

Sunday, January 20

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

Sign-up Now!

Graceful Seniors Lunch
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
12:00 noon

Our guest speaker will be Jane Jones, Director, Area Agency on Aging, Cape Fear Council of Governments. She will talk to us about the relevant subject of *Elder Fraud and Scam Prevention*.

There will be a catered lunch available for \$8/person.

The Graceful Seniors Leadership Team will be updating the group on other planned activities for 2019.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. The cut-off date for the lunch is Wednesday, January 16. If you have questions, contact John Thompson at johniebrit1@gmail.com

ALL seniors are welcome to join the group.

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. 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.

Margaret Adams	Patricia Kimmel
Shelley Atwell	Maxine LeFever
Kristen Baker	Barney Lewis
Louise Berry	George & Billie Lyndon
Janice Bobbit	Jessica Martin
Windi Boham	Family of Lt. Col. Gene McCarley
April Brose	Frank Michaels
Barbara Brown	Family of Frank O'Brien
Bethany	James Pasquale
Lynn Burney	Abby & Cooper Penney
Amy Burrous	Larry Phipps
Rod Caulder	Sara Ragan
Family of Ricky Clay	Kyna Rose & Family
Deborah Cutting	Marilyn Schildt
Claude Davis	Mary Sloan
Beth DiGiuseppe	Don & Kathy Spitzner
Family of Joyce Ennis	Evelyn Stanley
George Gardner	Mark & Becca Sudduth
Jean Haskins	Family of Ken Warren
Judy Heath	Madison Williams
Beth Humphrey	Dana Zigler
Carl Humphrey	

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

Maj. Jeffery Bernard, USA
Capt. Hanson Causbie, USA
Maj. Tim Collins, USMC
Col. John Delaney, USA
E5 William Chase Dubel, USA
LCDR Colleen Fagan, USN Reserve
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

2019 Stewardship Campaign Coming in February!

Sunday, February 24, 2019 will be our New Consecration Sunday that marks the culmination of our 2019 Stewardship Campaign. Dr. Reggie Ponder will preach at both worship services that day. This will be a special day in the lives of the people of Grace Church. Mark your calendars!

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.**
- Will be attending the Prospective Member Class on Sun., January 27, 2019**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Prospective Members Class

Sunday, January 27, 9:30 am
Second floor office suite
Light Refreshments

Thinking about becoming a member of Grace UMC? Pastor Tal will offer a history of the United Methodist Church, basic United Methodist beliefs, what it means to be a Christian, and the commitments of membership—all in an hour!

So that we can prepare the right number of information packets, let us know you are coming by using the tear-off at the top of the previous page and place it in the offering plate, or call the church office (763-5197). **Please respond by Sunday, January 20.**

We look forward to seeing you!

New Members Received Today

Grace is blessed to have the following new members join today at the 11 am worship service.

Marvin & Karen Evans moved to the area a year ago from Newport News, Virginia. Marvin is retired and Karen works part-time as a nurse. They have 5 sons and 10 grandchildren between them.

Danny & Sally Barnes are both retired and moved to the area a year ago from Long Island, New York. Dan loves to golf and “fix things”, and Sally’s passion is cooking and entertaining. They have a son, daughter and five grandchildren.

Please extend a warm welcome to these newest members of the Grace Church family.

Cinderella’s Closet Throwback Prom

Tickets on Sale

Today; Sun. Jan. 20 & Sun. Feb. 3, 2019
Grace Welcome Center
9:30-11:00 am
Tickets: **\$50/person or \$85/couple**



Save the Date
All Ladies—All Ages

Gracelettes

Thursday, January 17, 6-7:30 pm
Grace UMC

Dance Class Before the Prom

Come join us as a professional dancer teaches us the latest moves and refreshes our memories on some throwback, older moves.

There will also be a prom dress shop where you will be able to try on and rent a dress for the big night—Cinderella’s Closet Throwback Prom!



The class is free! Come join the fun.

Next Graceful Seniors Outing!

Happy New Year to all you Graceful Seniors at Grace UMC! Our next excursion will be to attend the play “**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**” at Thalian Hall on Saturday, February 16, 7:30 pm. The music was composed by Andrew Lloyd Weber of “Phantom of the Opera” fame.

The tickets are \$33 per person (includes entertainment tax). There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. The deadline to sign-up is Sunday, January 27.

Agape Circle

Monday, January 14, 7:00 pm
Hostess: Michele Jones
4905 Shaftsbury Place, Wilmington 28409
910-617-6995

Any ladies interested in becoming part of this mission-oriented group is welcome to attend.

Gracelettes “Staycation” Retreat

Friday, January 25-Sunday, January 27
Wrightsville Beach, NC

Come for a day, an evening or the weekend. We’ll talk about work, parenting, friendships and more. This past year has been difficult for our community. The weekend will be a chance to relax and take a quick break from our lives.

Rooms have filled fast, but if you are interested, please contact April Lester, 910-200-5960.

January’s ONE THING

New Year—New Socks!

Socks are a big need for friends in our surrounding community. Bring a pair or two and place them in the **ONE THING** box in the Welcome Center. It’s a little thing that can make a *big* impact!

Questions?
Contact Melissa Cline at melissacline78@gmail.com

Lay Leadership for 2019

If you agreed to serve on a committee when called, congratulations! The Lay Leadership Roster for 2019 has been approved. You will begin serving on January 1, 2019. We thank you for your willingness to serve Grace Church and our Lord in this way.

A complete list of the Lay Leadership for 2019 was emailed to everyone this past week.

Join us for Calming the Rough Waters Family Retreat **Great Wolf Lodge, Charlotte, NC** **Friday, March 22-Sunday, March 24, 2019**

Bring your children, your grandchildren, and your swimsuits for a wonderful retreat designed to draw families closer together and closer to God's word. Together we will look at how God leads us through hard times by giving us the comfort of our family and the people he places in our lives. Through the weekend we will learn about overcoming the stresses and traumas of life, techniques for communicating with each other about hard situations, and exercises to build resiliency and overcome both small and large problems in life together.

However....These are not your average bible studies! So bring a family blanket and be ready to compete in *Family Feud*, the *Match Game* and more, as we explore the 23rd Psalm. The weekend will conclude with a family worship service on Sunday morning.

Price per family (or per room) for the whole weekend including water park, breakfast, dinner and hotel room (all rooms sleep 6 or more people): Luxury King Suite \$519 Premium or Themed Suites \$685

Check-in is at 3:00 pm on Friday, but pool bracelets can be issued earlier.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, January 30! Space is filling up fast!

Individual Reservations:

Each individual family/room can make their own reservations by calling:

Central Reservations Department
1-866-751-9653
Reservation # 1
Group Code 903GRAC

To learn more about Great Wolf Lodge, go to:
<https://www.greatwolf.com/concord>

Questions? Contact Kelley Ahlers, Kelley@gracedowntown.net

Attention Grace Bakers!!

The first Cake Sunday of 2019 is today! Tickets are sold the second Sunday of each month for a chance to win a yummy, home-baked cake. All proceeds go to the Grace's \$20 Fellowship/Building Maintenance Fund. The Nurture Committee would love for those wonderful bakers in the congregation to contribute a special cake one month this year.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center bulletin board. Please include your email or a phone number. You will be contact at the beginning of your chosen month with a few instructions.

Please help make 2019 Cake Sundays great!

Confirmation Classes Starting

Grace will have a new confirmation class starting in February. If your child is interested in being confirmed, please see Kelley Ahlers for the books and more information.

The classes will end in April with a Confirmation Weekend of service and education in downtown Wilmington.

Kelley Ahlers Kelley@gracedowntown.net

District Superintendent Coming to Grace

The Harbor District Superintendent, Reverend. Edith Gleaves, will preach at Grace on Sunday, March 17, at both worship services.

As the Harbor DS, she oversees the ministry of Grace and 99 other United Methodist Churches in southeastern NC. You will enjoy listening to what she has to say.

Mark Your Calendars!

Lenten Awakening Service

Guest Preacher: Bishop Hope Morgan Ward
(Bishop of the North Carolina Conference)

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

5:00 pm - Wednesday Catered Meal

6:00 pm - Bishop Ward will share what the actions taken at the Feb. 2019 General Conference will mean for Grace UMC.

7:15 pm - Lenten Awakening Service

This mid-Lent service will remind us to 'awaken' to the things we are called to do. We followers of Christ sometimes fall asleep. Come and be challenged and renewed.

All are invited to take part. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center bulletin board for the catered meal. The cut-off day is Friday, March 22.

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!

New Bible Studies and Financial Peace University Classes

New Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study - Study the book of James with us this fall. We'll meet for five sessions starting **Wednesday, February 20, 2019** at 6:00 pm. Childcare will be provided by the Children's Ministry that will be going on during that time. Leader: Tal Madison. Among the things we'll explore are:

- Who do scholars say wrote the book of James? When was it written, and why?
- What do we make of James' stronger emphasis on good works than we find in the writings of Paul?
- How does James help direct our following Jesus today?

Sign-up on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

New Wednesday Women's Bible Study - Come join us starting **Wednesday, January 30, 9:30-11:30 am**, as we start a Beth Moore study entitled "Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place". We'll meet in the Church Parlor. In this 10-week study you will be "challenged to prepare your heart, like the holy of holies, to become a home for His love and glory....a dwelling place for the Most High God."

The study book is \$15.00. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. The study will be led by Linda Russ and Linda Snider.

Financial Peace University - Financial Peace University will help you "take control of your money, plan for your future and transform your life". Financial stress is one of the leading challenges to the American home. This nine week DVD based course will help you get your financial house in order. Dave Ramsey is the teacher on the videos.

Russell Ipock will facilitate the classes on Sunday afternoons at Grace UMC. **The classes will begin Sunday, February 10, 3:30 pm.** The cost is \$69, which covers up to two person in the household taking the course and the needed materials, as well as access to Financial Peace University online materials for one month.

Two ways to sign up:

- 1) We have four student kits at the church. Make your check to Grace UMC for \$69, designate it "Financial Peace Class", and give it to Tal. He will give you your student kit (available to the first four who get the check to Tal).
- 2) Online at <https://fpu.com/1081807>. You can order your kit online (same price). This will sign you up for the class at Grace.

General Conference Approaching

The United Methodist Church will have a special General Conference February 23-26, 2019. At this conference delegates from all around the globe will vote on matters put forward at the Council of Bishops request from the work of the Commission on a Way Forward.

You may learn more about the Commission's work by going to umc.org and typing 'way forward' in the search engine.

If you would like to talk with Tal regarding the upcoming General Conference, feel free to call the church and set up an appointment with him.

You can email your views on this to members of the NC Conference Delegation, who will be voting members of the General Conference. Thanks for expressing only your personal opinion. You can find the email address of the delegation at this link:

<https://nccumc.org/gc2016/delegation/>

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 12 noon - **Graceful Seniors Luncheon and Program**

Saturday, February 9, 2019 - **Cinderella's Closet Throwback Prom**, 7-11 pm at the Brooklyn Arts Center

Wednesday, March 6 - **Ash Wednesday**

Friday, March 22-Sunday, Mark 24 - **Calming the Rough Waters Family Retreat**

Sunday, March 17, 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services - **Guest Preacher, District Superintendent, Edith Gleaves**

Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 pm - **Awakening Service**, guest preacher will be Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, Bishop of the NC Conference of UMC

Sunday, April 21 - **Easter**

Sunday, June 23—Thursday, June 27 - **2019 Vacation Bible School**