

Grace Notes

January 26, 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 26

- 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 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 27

- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
- 7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 28

- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study - I John

Wednesday, January 29

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

Thursday, January 30

- 12:00 pm Welcome Table
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study - I John

Saturday, February 1

- 5:00 pm Dance Club Event/Bullock Activity Center

Sunday, February 2

- 8:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Fellowship Time
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Annual UMW "Souper" Bowl Sunday

**Sunday, February 2
Welcome Center**

The ladies will be selling 1-quart containers of delicious homemade soup plus four pieces of cornbread for \$10.00. It will be available 9:30am to 10:30am and just after the 11:00 service.

This is a great fundraiser for UMW Missions, which enables them to give a helping hand to many other non-profit groups who are serving our community.



Come by and get some yummy soup to warm up a cold winter day!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Maria Agrillo	George Lyndon
Alex	Jessica Martin
Julie Best	Joan McCloskey
Alan Biddle	Raelyne Michel
Brice Borowicz	Mike O'Brien
Connie Caulder	Ms. P
Child in Christmas Eve accident	Steve Pacello
Bruce Celeteo	Jim Pasqualette
Doug Cox	Tom Pasquale
Zach DeForge	Larry Phipps
Davia DiGiuseppe	Noah Roberts
Patricia DiGiuseppe	Barbara Robertson
Mary Ginocchio	Fern Schussler
Catherine Leigh Gold	Priscilla Shirer
Joan Greene	Jonathan Sloan
Family & Friends of Jennifer Harter	Cozette Southerland
Ron Hickmon	Roger Swilley
Natalie Humphrey	Donna Tripp
Janice	Pete Williams
Melia Jefferies	Rich Van Gorder
Eddie Jones	Caroline Vincent
Charlie Leighton	
Mark Lester	

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.

New Adult Bible Study

This new 4-session study of I 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 I John and to interpret it for today's world. Pastor Tal will lead the study.

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.

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.



United Methodist Women

Tuesday, February 4, 10:30 am
Bullock Activity Center

The speaker and their 4-legged friends will be from Paws4People. Their website states: "From physical rehabilitative regiments to emotional healing and support, we specially train dogs to keep their humans moving in a positive direction. After all, rediscovering your independence is much more satisfying with a friend by your side."

Hostesses: Helen Lehman, Emily Booth and Virginia Skillman. Lunch will be available for \$5.

All women are invited to come join us!



Empty Bowls Returns on March 20, 2020!

11 am – 1:30 pm

First Baptist Church Activities Center
1939 Independence Blvd, Wilmington, NC
(Overflow parking and shuttle will be available in the Independence Mall parking lot.)

This biannual event will celebrate 10 events in 20 years in 2020~can you believe it!?

We hope you'll join us for this wonderful day to support the work of Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and Good Shepherd Center. Tickets will be \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Tickets on sale now – visit EmptyBowlsILM.org

Attention Grace Bakers!!

Cake Sunday for 2020 has begun. 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 contacted at the beginning of your chosen month with a few instructions.



Please help make 2020 Cake Sundays great!

Cinderella's Closet Fundraiser

 *A Masquerade Ball*

Saturday, February 8, 2020
7-11 pm

Brooklyn Arts Center
DJ & Middle of the Isle Catering

Tickets will be on sale in the Welcome Center. 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.

Happy New Year Everyone!

It's time for another Graceful Senior outing!
Friday, February 28, 7:30 pm
Opera House Theatre Group presents

The Sound of Music

Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. The **deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 2.**

The cost will be \$32 per person. Please make your check payable to Grace UMC and put "Graceful Seniors Theatre" on the memo line. If paying with cash, please put it in an envelope with your name and "Graceful Seniors Theatre" written on the outside. **All monies are due by Monday, February 10.** You may place your payment in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

If you have any questions, please contact Carole Ellis at retiredteacher1943@gmail.com or 910-540-3643.

New Women's Bible Study

The Thursday morning Women's Bible Study is happy to announce that our own Kelley Ahlers will be presenting the new, 7-session Bible study.

Avodah Sheba-Lea:

The Many Parts of Our Conversations with God.

Please join us starting Thursday, February 6, 2020, at 9:30 am -11:00 am. **New this session—we will have childcare at no cost to you.** Donations to Family Ministry or to the Church are always welcome.

Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

Moms of young children: If you will need childcare, please contact Kelley (Kelley@gracedowntown.net) with child's name, age, any allergies and/or medical needs.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Linda Snider (snidersnc@gmail.com), or
Linda Russ (lindapruss@hotmail.com).

We're excited to expand our knowledge of our prayers to God. Come join us.

Kid's Prom

February 9, 5:00-6:30
Children ages 3 and 11

The Grace 3-16 Youth are hosting a Kid's Prom to thank and support our Cinderella's Closet Team. So many of our friends and classmates have been able to make their Prom Dreams come true because of this program.

Join us in the Grace gym for music, food, and fun. Wear your nicest outfit and dancing shoes. There is no ticket cost but donations to Cinderella's Closet will be accepted at the door.

Parents are invited to attend or check your kid's in and out at the entry table.

Mark your calendars now because this is going to be an evening to remember!



Graceful Seniors for February

Tuesday, February 18, 10:00 am
Bullock Activity Center

The speaker will be Susan Heaton, CEO of Canines for Service. The mission of this organization is to empower people with disabilities to achieve greater independence and enhanced quality of life through the services of specially trained assistance dogs. These dogs assist our Veterans.

Opportunities for volunteering will be covered and one of the assistance dogs will be present.

Please join us to learn about these amazing animals.



Expanding Your Prayer Life

Grace is blessed to have a 54-member group of people who pray daily for those who request prayer. The requests are sent out by email. The members pray in the privacy of their homes at a time that works for them. If you are interested in becoming a member of Grace's Prayer Team, please email Sandy Smith at: sandysmithgrace@gmail.com Sandy will be happy to include you in this wonderful and much needed ministry. There is Power in Prayer.

Cinderella's Closet Prom Shopping Event Dates **Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28**



Cinderella's Closet will host their fourth annual prom shopping event for high school girls in New Hanover county on Friday, March 27, 3-9pm and Saturday, March 28, 9-5pm. As you may notice, this is a change from the two Saturday events of previous years. Our hope is that by hosting the event on one full weekend, it will allow for more girls and volunteers to participate that aren't able to make it on Saturdays.

We are looking for women over the age of 18 to help at the events. Volunteers are needed for Fairy Godmothers, greeters, seamstresses (for very minor alterations!), and other helpers to make this event a success.

Attention Men! Your help is needed, too, for set up and clean up.

If you would like to volunteer and are not already on our mailing list as a volunteer, please contact Hope Inman at hopewalters@hotmail.com.

This event is not exclusive to Grace members, so if you know of anyone in the Wilmington community that would like to volunteer, please give them our information!



Consecration Sunday Is Coming February 23

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Governing Board Chairperson,
John Glasgow

February Birthdays

2/1	Jessica Wilson	2/7	Justin Phillips	2/16	Brenna Keenan	2/19	Jess Phillips
2/2	Mike Burrous	2/9	Helen Younger		Don Bowers	2/20	Ron Moore
2/4	Amy Holcomb	2/10	Jenny Colvard		Marv Rowe	2/23	George Braun
	Gary Wrenn	2/11	Jerry Cribbs	2/17	Lisa Dawkins	2/26	Mamie Hutnick
2/5	Martha Vann	2/12	Betty Hooten		Jackie Somers		
	Maxine LeFever	2/14	Virginia Skillman	2/18	Kris Florea		
2/6	Miller Coggins		Don Cole		Asher Wilson		

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

Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 pm - **Ash Wednesday Worship Service**

Friday, March 20, 11 am-1:30 p, - **Empty Bowls 2020** - See article for details.

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

Sunday, April 5, 8:30 & 11:00 am - **Palm Sunday Worship Services**

Friday, April 10, 7:00 pm - **Good Friday Worship Service**

Sunday, April 12, 8:30 & 11:00 am - **Easter Sunday Worship Services**

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**