

Grace Notes

January 27, 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 27

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

Monday, January 28

5:30 pm Boot Camp
6:30 pm PAL Wrestling
7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 29

3:00 pm CFCC Basketball Practice
4:00 pm Spartans Basketball
6:00 pm Basketball

Wednesday, January 30

9:30 am Women's Bible Study
11:30 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 31

12:00 pm Welcome Meal
4:00 pm Spartans Basketball
6:00 pm PAL Wrestling

Sunday, February 3

8:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion
9:30 am Fellowship Time
9:30 am UMW "Souper" Bowl/Welcome Center
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service/Holy Communion

Annual UMW "Souper" Bowl Sunday

**Sunday Morning, February 3rd
9:30-10:50 am
Welcome Center**

The price this year will be \$10.00 for a quart of soup and 4 pieces of cornbread.

The proceeds from this UMW fundraiser will go to UMW missions projects throughout the year. These projects include the Methodist Home for Children, our Grace Youth mission trip, and others.

Thank you in advance for your support and enjoy your homemade soup!

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

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.

Shelley Atwell	Patricia Kimmel
Family of Charles Baker, Jr.	Jessica Martin
Kristen Baker	James Pasquale
Janice Bobbit	Abby & Cooper Penney
Windi Boham	Lily Phillips
Barbara Brown	Larry Phipps
Lynn Burney	Sara Ragan
Joan Chason	Marilyn Schildt
Deborah Cutting	Mary Sloan
Claude Davis	Don & Kathy Spitzner
Beth DiGiuseppe	Evelyn Stanley
A. C. English	Cathy Stepman
George Gardner	Mark & Becca Sudduth
Jean Haskins	Darlene Tyndall & Family
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

Support the Missions Fair Trade Project

**Equal Exchange Coffee
will be served at Fellowship Time
TODAY**

A table will also be set up for the sale of Equal Exchange/Fair Trade products of coffee, tea and chocolate. These items are always available for purchase at the steps leading to Walsh Hall.

Equal Exchange is a US co-op that provides small-scale farmer co-ops in many countries with fair trade prices for their products sold in the US. It also donates a portion of sales back to faith partners such as the United Methodist committee on Relief (UMCOR). Equal Exchange is a ministry of Grace UMC.

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: _____

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

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.

New Consecration Governing Board Chairperson,
Tom Guthrie

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.**

Cinderella's Closet Throwback Prom

Tickets on Sale

Sun. Feb. 3, 2019

Grace Welcome Center

9:30-11:00 am

Tickets: **\$50/person** or **\$85/couple**



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.

Conversations

Please do not discuss issues before the upcoming General Conference within earshot of children and youth while at Grace UMC. This is to respect the right of parents to decide when and how such matters are brought to their children. Before discussing these matters anywhere at Grace, be sure there are no young ears present.

Thank you,
Tal Madison

United Methodist Women

Tuesday, February 5, 10:30 am
Grace Gym

Program: Mandy Houvourus
Domestic Violence Center

Hostesses: Linda Pyle, Jean Hadaway,
Joan Cunningham

All ladies are welcome! Lunch will be provided for \$5.

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

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. **A packet of information regarding the General Conference has been prepared by Grace's Way Forward Communications Team. They are available in the Welcome Center.**

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/>

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. **Childcare will be provided for children age 10 and under.**

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.

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!

February Birthdays

2/1	Jessica Wilson	2/7	Justin Phillips	2/16	Brenna Keenan	2/19	Jess Phillips
2/2	Mike Borrous	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 Le Fever	2/14	Don Cole	2/18	Kris Florea		
2/6	Miller Coggins		Virginia Skillman		Asher Wilson		

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

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

Sunday, February 17-Sunday, February 24 - **Family Promise/Interfaith Hosting Week**

Wednesday, March 6 - **Ash Wednesday**, 5:30-6:30 pm Pancake Supper; 7:00 pm Worship Service

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

Good Friday, April 19, 7:00 pm - **The Seven Last Days, a Tenebrae Cantata**

Sunday, April 21 - **Easter**

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