

Grace Notes

January 5, 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 5

- 8:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion
- 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/Holy Communion
- 5:00 pm Family Worship BLAST
- 5:00 pm Turning Anxiety into Passion
- 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 6

- 11:00 am Nurture Committee
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Basketball
- 7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 7

- 10:30 am United Methodist Women

Wednesday, January 8

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
- 4:30 pm Worship Committee
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 9

- 12:00 pm Welcome Table

Sunday, January 12

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Fellowship Time
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time
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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:

3 children in Christmas Eve accident	Maria King
Barney Barnhardt	Charlie Leighton
Alan Biddle	George Lyndon
Brice Borowicz	Jessica Martin
George Braun	Raelyne Michel
Rod & Connie Caulder	Mike O'Brien
Bruce Celeto	Ms. P
Doug Cox	Jim Pasqualette
Jim & Dale Cromartie	Tom Pasquale
Zach DeForge	Joan Pence
Pat DiGiuseppe	Noah Roberts
Patricia DiGiuseppe	Barbara Robertson
Mary Ginocchio	Jack Ross, Jr.
Catherine Leigh Gold	Carlson & Uta Rowe
Janice Gurganus	Jonathan Sloan
Ken Gurganus	Cozette Southerland
Courtney Hayden	Kevin Stott
Ron Hickmon	Doug Terhune
Izzy	Stephen Toth
Melia Jefferies	Donna Tripp
Jill	Lucile Whedbee
Eddie Jones	Pete Williams
	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
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!

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.**
- Plan to attend the Prospective Member Class on January 19, 9:30 am**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Turning Anxiety into Passion

Winter Bible Studies
Starting Today, January 5, 5:00 pm

There will be a series of short bible studies on anxiety, fear, and understanding yourself better. Each month we will have a new discussion that will lead to a deeper understanding of ourselves, our friends and family, and the gifts God gave us.

The first two-part study is on January 5th and 12th from 5:00-6:30 pm. The study looks at how we approach life, process information, make decisions, and what energizes us. In understanding the way God created each of us, we learn what triggers anxiety and how to calm our fears. Childcare is provided for all ages. Kelley Ahlers, Director of Family Ministries, will lead this series.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

2020 Operating Budget Approved

The Administrative Council has approved the Operating Budget for Grace for 2020. The Operating Budget supports the staff salaries, the day-to-day operating of the church, and the Grace's many ministries. The Operating Budget for 2020 is \$747,178. This is \$495 less than the 2019 budget.

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.

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

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

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.

Sunset Park Prayer Partners

Prayer Partners are reminded that their notes/cards for January are due next Sunday, January 12. They will be delivered the following week. Thanks!

Stewardship for 2020

February will be Stewardship Emphasis Month for our 2020 Operating Budget, culminating in New Consecration Sunday on February 23. On this day, you will be invited to turn in your 2020 pledges for Grace's Operating Budget. You'll be given your Estimate Of Giving Card during worship on that day. There will be a special fellowship meal after both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services.

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.

Meal for Pastor Patricia

Pastor Patricia had a knee replacement on December 30.

Patricia has given us a list of foods they enjoy eating. Darlene Tyndall is going to try to coordinate these meals. We will be taking breakfast, lunch, and dinner items for about 3-4 weeks while Patricia is recovering.

If you would like to help provide these meals, please call Darlene at (910) 343-9581 (home) or cell at (910) 617-4011 or email her at dtyndall@bellsouth.net.

Grace is full of wonderful cooks, so dust off your cookbooks and let's spoil Pastor Patricia and Pat. I feel certain she will not need any company the first week, and we will arrange to take the food when someone is there to let us in.

Prospective Members Class

Sunday, January 19, 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 page two and place it in the offering plate, or call the church office (763-5197). **Please respond by Sunday, January 12.**

We look forward to seeing you!

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.com.

United Methodist Women

Tuesday, January 7, 2020
10:30 am
Bullock Activity Center

The Leadership Team will be providing chili and cornbread for lunch. Yum! The program is still being developed.

Everyone is invited to join us as we start the new year.

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)

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 - **UMW Sewing Day**

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

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**