

# Grace Notes

January 6, 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 6

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

#### Monday, January 7

3:00 pm DREAMS of Wilmington  
5:00 pm Nurture Committee  
5:30 pm Boot Camp  
6:30 pm PAL Wrestling  
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting

#### Tuesday, January 8

9:30 am KnitWerks@Panera/Independence Mall  
10:30 am United Methodist Women  
3:00 pm DREAMS of Wilmington  
6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee

#### Wednesday, January 9

10:00 am Staff Meeting  
11:00 am Gentle Yoga Class  
4:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting  
5:00 pm Family Dinner  
5:45 pm Grace 3:16 Bible Study (gr. 6-12)  
5:45 pm Sonbeams Bible Play (preK-gr. 2)  
5:45 pm Sunshine 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 10

12:00 pm Welcome Meal  
3:00 pm DREAMS of Wilmington  
6:00 pm PAL Wrestling

#### 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

### Financial Peace University Coming in 2019

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.

### 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](mailto: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	Carl Humphrey
Tina Albrechtsen	Barney Lewis
Shelley Atwell	George & Billie Lyndon
Kristen Baker	Jessica Martin
Louise Berry	Family of Lt. Col. Gene McCarley
Janice Bobbit	Family of Frank O'Brien
April Brose	James Pasquale
Barbara Brown	Larry Phipps
Bethany	Kyna Rose & Family
Lynn Burney	Marilyn Schildt
Amy Burrous	Mary Sloan
Family of Ricky Clay	Don & Kathy Spitzner
Deborah Cutting	Mark & Becca Sudduth
Claude Davis	Family of Ken Warren
George Gardner	Madison Williams
Jean Haskins	Dana Zigler
Beth 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

### United Methodist Women

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019**  
10:30 am

Our meeting for January has been moved to the 2nd Tuesday since the 1st Tuesday is New Year's Day.

Program: Lauren from DREAMS of Wilmington

Hostesses: UMW Leadership Team

Lunch will be chili, cornbread and dessert....perfect for a January day!

All women are invited to come and enjoy good fellowship.

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!

### **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!

### **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 will start soon.

### **Cinderella's Closet Throwback Prom**

#### ***Tickets on Sale***

Sundays, Jan. 13, Jan. 20 & Feb. 3, 2019  
Grace Welcome Center  
9:30-11:00 am

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



#### **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.

### ***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.

### **Sunset Park Prayer Partners**

Prayer partners are reminded that their cards/notes for their prayer partner are due in the basket by Sunday, January 13, for delivery to the school. Thanks!

## 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 will be available soon.

## Praying Our Way Forward - We Are One in Christ

A prayer vigil is being led by the Bishops of the United Methodist Church around the world, seeking unity in our church families as we move toward the special session of the General Conference on February 23-26, 2019. At this Conference, the church will determine requirements for people entering the clergy of the United Methodist Church or being joined in marriage, specifically as it relates to those of the LGBTQ community.

All United Methodists are invited to:

1. Engage in a weekly 24-hour fast, at the same time John Wesley, founder of Methodism did-- from Thursday after dinner to Friday mid-afternoon. Those with health issues that prevent them from fasting might consider fasting from social media, TV or emails.
2. Pause and pray for our church's mission and way forward daily for 4 minutes, from 2:23 through 2:26 am or pm, because the Conference will be held 2/23 through 2/26. You might want to set a daily alarm.
3. Pray using the weekly prayer calendar on the UMCPrays.org website through the end of February 2019. The calendar will give a prayer theme and list names of bishops and delegates to the Conference, and others involved in decision making, so that we can pray for them by name.

Prayer is the most significant and positive spiritual thing we can do at this important moment in the history of the United Methodist Church. Thank you for participating in this worldwide prayer initiative.

### ***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.

### **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.

## **LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE**

Tuesday, January 8, 10:30 am - ***United Methodist Women***

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***

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***