

Grace Notes

July 14, 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, July 14

- 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
- 12:15 pm Sunday Security Team Meeting

Monday, July 15

- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting
- 6:30 pm Youth Basketball
- 7:00 pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, July 16

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

Wednesday, July 17

- 11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Summer Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, July 18

- 10:00 am Summer Bible Study
- 12:00 pm Welcome Table
- 6:00 pm Gracelettes

Sunday, July 21

- 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
- 4:00 pm Ice Cream Social for the Congregation



Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 21, 4:00 pm
Bullock Activity Center

Bring a churn of your favorite homemade ice cream and we'll all enjoy it together.

Don't have an ice cream churn? Bring a half-gallon of your favorite commercial brand.

- ◆ You'll be able to sample all kinds of flavors!
- ◆ Make some new friends!
- ◆ **Remember...calories consumed at Grace don't count!!!!**

Ushers Needed

The usher teams have lost several members recently for various reasons. Help is needed for both the 8:30 and 11:00 services.

If you are interested in becoming a part of one of these teams, please contact Bob or Cheryl High at 395-2430. Training is available!

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	Family of Barney Lewis
Alexis	Family of RJ Lewis
Brenda Anderson	Dianne Lynch
Alan Biddle	Jessica Martin
Christine Boone	Fred Merritt
James "Vince" Brown	Jeffrey Morefield
Claudia Burnette	Family of Ann Neilson
Bruce Celeto	Tom Pasquale
Ray Cox	Linda Pfister
Zach DeForge	Nancy Pritchett
Family of George Gardner	Phillip Reeson
Susan Gardner	Noah Roberts
Grant Gentry	Donna Robinson
Catherine Leigh Gold	Jack Ross, Jr.
Ken Gurganus	AJ Sortizza
Janet Hill	Cozette Southerland
Mark Keenan	Kathy Spitzner
Maria King	Frankie Walters
Patty Kimmel	Jay White
Dudley & Joan LeMay	Gary Wrenn

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
LCDR Nicholas Madren, USN
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

Sunday Security Team Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Sunday Security team members on **TODAY**, after the 11:00 am worship service. A hot dog lunch will be provided.

The purpose of the meeting is two-fold: to thank you for your service, and to be review and clarify the security procedures so that everyone knows procedure and coverage is consistent.

If you are interested in becoming part of this team, please come to this gathering.

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 attend the Prospective Member Class, Sunday, July 21, 9:30 am

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sunday, August 18, 3:00 pm

Grace: Dementia Friendly Worship

This special worship service will include many, old familiar hymns, a short message, and familiar Scripture readings. The purpose of this service is to minister to those with Alzheimer and other forms of dementia, their caregivers and families. Everyone is invited to participate.

Please invite friends and family that you think would enjoy this service. Notices are being sent to the District Office and other churches in the area.

Prospective Members Class

Sunday, July 21, 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 this page and place it in the offering plate, or call the church office (763-5197). **Please respond by Sunday, July 14.**

We look forward to seeing you!

Get Together

Some activities are better done alone, like brushing your teeth or playing solitaire. Some activities are better and more satisfying when you work with others.

Stephen Ministry is one of those get-it-done-together ministries. Stephen Ministers meet regularly with another person to provide care. They also meet with other Stephen Ministers to support and encourage one another. Stephen Leaders provide training and supervision. When Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers work together, God accomplishes wonderful things!

Is God calling you to get together with this team? For more information, contact Brena Conley (brenagibson@gmail.com) or Pastor Patricia (patricia@gracedowntown.net).

Gracelettes

Dinner at Indochine
Market Street, Wilmington
Thursday, July 18, 6:00 pm

RSVP by July 16, to Ann Edwards at:
Annissa_kb@yahoo.com

Please bring a few items for Nourish NC.
Their "most wanted" list can be found at:
norishnc.org/fooddrive/

Youth Mission Fundraiser

The youth have opened an on-line t-shirt store for fundraising efforts toward their local and international missions. Proceeds from this "store" will help with local missions through this summer and will go toward our 2020 mission trip to the Methodist Children's Home in Costa Rica.

Multiple designs, colors, and shirt types are available. You can order and have them shipped directly to your home. There will also have a table in the Welcome Center today to help you order and to answer questions.

Below is the link for on-line store.
<https://www.bonfire.com/store/grace-umc-downtown/>

Are you missing the Christian fellowship at worship services?

Are you having trouble getting to medical appointments because of transportation problems?

GUMC is undertaking a ministry to assist those who cannot attend worship services, or who have difficulty making it to medical appointments, due to a lack of transportation.

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from this ministry, please contact Dan Barnes at dibarnes11754@yahoo.com.

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve as Christ's hands and feet as a volunteer for this ministry, contact Marvin Evans at marvinevans295@gmail.com

Grace on Facebook

Have you seen the new post on Grace's Facebook page that promotes our current *Come and See* theme?

Take a look. We think you'll like it. Share it with your unchurched friends.

From the Finance Committee

Last month Grace's electrical bill was **\$4,909.33!!** Let's all do our part to reduce this by:

- Turning off all lights when leaving a room,
- Resetting the thermostats to 77-78 degrees when a meeting concludes, and
- Turning off other lights you see in empty rooms.

We understand it's summer in the South, however please help keep our utility costs as low as possible.

Acolyte Pool Party!!

Sunday, July 28, 2:30-4:40 pm
Home of Dave & Rebekah Vaughan
1301 Potomac Court
Wilmington, NC

Please bring your own towels and wear flip flops (deck gets hot).

Parents and siblings are welcome!

RSVP to Meg Guthrie
910-620-0245 or tgguthrienc@aol.com



Save the Date!

Cinderella's Closet Fundraiser

A Masquerade Ball

Saturday, February 8, 2020
Brooklyn Arts Center



Thank You

Thank you to Grace UMC members for the generous donation of \$1,570 to Mission of Hope during our recent special offerings. When this is added to the Annual Conference donations, the total given is \$14,820.

These funds will greatly add to our ability to serve the people of Rotifunk, Sierra Leone and surrounding areas. Our goal is to increase the survival rate of young children and of mothers delivering babies, and to decrease suffering of all the people in this region.

One in 8 children in Sierra Leone dies before the age of five. Our outreach program to them will monitor them for malnutrition and stunting (inadequate growth due to malnutrition). A feeding program will treat those who are not adequately nourished and growing.

We will now be able to support a feeding program for mothers pre- and post-partum, as well as treating them for malaria and pregnancy complications. At this point, 85% of mothers have no supervised medical care before having their babies and most babies weigh less than 5 pounds at birth.

Mission of Hope is so grateful that you have joined us in our efforts to help the people of Sierra Leone. To find out the most current information about what we are doing, please go to our website at Rotifunk.org.

Sam Spicer, Chair of Mission of Hope

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Sunday, July 21, 4:00 pm - **Ice Cream Social**

Sunday, Aug. 11-Sunday, Aug. 18 - **Host Family Promise/WIHN**

Saturday, September 7, 8:30 am-2:30 pm - **Annual Chancel Choir Retreat**

Sunday, September 8, 5:00 pm - **Children, Youth & Family Night Program Year Kick-Off**

Sunday, October 20 - **Youth and Children's Sunday**

Sunday, October 27 - **Grace Annual Fall Festival**

Sunday, December 1-Sunday, December 8 - **Host Family Promise/WIHN**

Saturday, February 8, 2020 - **Cinderella's Closet Fundraiser - A Masquerade Ball** at the Brooklyn Arts Center

