

Grace Notes

July 21, 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 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

Monday, July 22

- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Youth Basketball

Tuesday, July 23

- 6:00 pm Basketball

Wednesday, July 24

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Summer Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 25

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

Friday, July 26

- 1:00 pm Staff Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Sunday, July 28

- 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
- 2:30 pm Acolyte Pool Party



Ice Cream Social

Today, 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!!!!**

Vacation

Pastor Tal will be on vacation Friday, July 26 through Tuesday, August 6.

During his absence, Pastor Patricia will handle any emergencies that require a pastor.

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 RJ Lewis
Alexis	Dianne Lynch
Brenda Anderson	Jessica Martin
Alan Biddle	Fred Merritt
Christine Boone	Jeffrey Morefield
Claudia Burnette	Linda Pfister
Bruce Celetto	Nancy Pritchett
Ray Cox	Phillip Reeson
Zach DeForge	Noah Roberts
Susan Gardner	Donna Robinson
Catherine Leigh Gold	Jack Ross, Jr.
Ken Gurganus	AJ Sortizza
Norman Harris	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, 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.

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: _____

Lay Leadership Committee

The Lay Leadership Committee will meet on Monday, July 22, 5:30 pm. Work will continue on nominating persons to serve in leadership positions for 2020.

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 23, 6:00 pm. Work will start on planning of the Stewardship Campaign for 2020.

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.

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

Save the Date!

*Saturday, August 3
Inner Grace Social Event*

*Details coming soon. Watch the
Inner Grace Facebook page
and future Grace Notes!*

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



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



Save the Date!

Cinderella's Closet Fundraiser

A Masquerade Ball

Saturday, February 8, 2020
Brooklyn Arts Center



Notes of Thanks

From the family of Marian Still—

We thank you so much for all the thoughts, prayers, visits and cards over the years, and the beautiful shawls. You have been a great source of comfort to us during our time of loss.

Mama loved this church so much. It means a lot to us to know that you loved her, too.

Jan Baggett, Carolyn Williams, John Still and Laura Still

With warmest and heartfelt thanks to everyone at Grace for the many beautiful cards, phone calls, and delicious meals given to our family during this difficult time. We are truly blessed to be part of this generous, caring Grace Family.

With love,

The Gardner Family

Carol, Susan, and Karen, Alan & Tyler Mayo



Grace Spotlight on:

Agape Circle

This group is part of United Methodist Women and meets the 2nd Monday, 7:00 pm, September through June. They meet in a different member's home each month.

Agape is a service and missions driven group. Their big event is the November Bake and Craft Sale that's held each November. This is a large project and, thanks to the wonderful support they receive from their customers, enabled them to provide funds to the following causes this year:

Sierra Leone Hospital	Ashley Home for Vets	Welcome Home Angel
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	Manna Ministries	Hope Harbor Homes
Sunset Park Elem. School	Legacy Fund (UMW Council)	Industrial Utensils for Grace's Kitchen

Other annual projects and events include:

- * October - provide snacks for the Sunset Park Staff
- * December - Christmas party and everyone brings toys for the Sister Isaac Center
 - Provide cookies for the hospital waiting rooms on Christmas Eve
- * Goodie bags for Grace's homebound ladies
- * Provide a lunch for Hospice Care Center
- * End-of-year Pot & "Party" Party—members purchase undergarments, personal hygiene products, and pans/skillets that are donated to the Sister Isaac Center.
- * Worked on the dresses for girls in Haiti

As one member said, "We are a service oriented group, but we manage to have lots of fun and have developed a strong unity among our Christian friends. We would love for other ladies from Grace to join us. We look forward to another busy year starting in September, after we take a little break this summer."

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

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

Sunday, August 18, 3:00 pm - **Grace: Dementia Friendly Worship**

Saturday, August 24 - **Elementary School Age Lock-In at Grace**

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

Sunday, September 8, 9:45 am - **New Sunday School Year Starts**

Sunday, September 8 - **Back-to-School Skate Party** at Scooter's Skating Rink

Sunday, September 15, 5:00-6:30 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