

Grace Notes

June 16, 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, June 16 - Trinity Sunday/Father's Day

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

Monday, June 17

10:00 am UMW Sewing Day
6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting
6:30 pm Lay Leadership Committee
7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, June 18

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

Wednesday, June 19

11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
5:30 pm Bootcamp
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 20

12:00 pm Welcome Table
6:00 pm Gracelettes

Saturday, June 22

VBS Set-up in Bullock Activity Center

Sunday, June 23

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Fellowship Time
9:45 am Sunday School
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New Members Received Today

Grace is blessed to receive the following new member today at the 11 am worship service.

Tristan & Amanda Sanborn and their children, Kelsey, Leslie and Eli moved to the area a year ago from Fayetteville, NC. Tristan is a chemist and Amanda will be attending CFCC. Amanda is the sister of Grace member Sarah Fuller. This family enjoys the beach, game nights, and cooking together.

Charlie & Karen Reap See next week's *Grace Notes* for their biography.

Second Sewing Day

The UMW invites you to our second Sewing Day. We'll gather on Monday, June 17, 10 am, in the Bullock Activity Center. Again we will be sewing the pillowcase-style dresses for young girls in Haiti.

Bring your machines and any extra fabric, notions, etc., you have on hand.



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.

Lu Alford	Barbara Jackson
Ann	The Kash Family
Shelley Atwell	Maria King
Matthew & Beth Brown	Patty Kimmel
Claudia Burnette	Dudley & Joan LeMay
Doug Campbell	Dianne Lynch
Richard Casson	George Lyndon
Bruce Celeto	Wesley Makin
Ray Cox	Jessica Martin
Barbara Delfino	Jeffrey Morefield
Dustin	Ann Nielson
Mary & Alan Engebretson	Tom Pasquale
Erin	Larry Phipps
George Gardner	Maggie Potts
Susan Gardner	Phillip Reeson
Grant Gentry	Lisa & Ronnie Roberts
Catherine Leigh Gold	Noah Roberts
Karen Hall	Jack Ross, Jr.
Harold High	Allen & Susan Schroeder
Janet Hill	Kathy Spitzner
Laura Howard	Aaron Swaney
Beth Humphrey	Ellen Vech
Donna Iamicelli	Penny & Jay White

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
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 Frieg, 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
E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

Lay Leadership Committee

The committee will gather on Monday, June 17, 6 pm, at the church office conference table.

We'll begin putting together a slate of officers for 2020. You are asked to consider who among the congregation you think would be good in leadership positions.

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: _____

It Has Started!!

The scaffolding is up in our sanctuary!!!! The sanctuary is now off-limits for any reason until the restoration is complete. If you would like to see the scaffolding, there is a picture posted on the Grace UMC Facebook page.

A big thanks to the Trustees and all those who are involved in moving us forward.

Sunday Security Team Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Sunday Security team members on **Sunday, July 14**, 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.

Summer Bible Study

Only three sessions focusing on ***The Hard Sayings Of Jesus***. We'll look at some of the words Jesus said that might leave us a bit confused.

What did Jesus mean in his sayings regarding divorce and remarriage? (Mk 10:2-12, Matt 19:3-12, Matt 5:31-32)

Or regrading what he said about the unforgivable sin - what is that? (Mk 3:28-29, Mt 12:31-32, Lk 12:10)

These three Wednesday sessions will be July 10, 17, and 24 at 6:30 pm; and three Thursday sessions on July 11, 18, and 25 at 10:00 am.

Early Disaster Response Team Training (ERT)

Grace UMC is interested in forming a team of early responders to the area's next disaster. Early response training covers the basics of early disaster response, including roof tarping, cleaning out damaged homes, spiritual and emotional care, team protocols, and more. The purpose of the training is to prepare Grace United Methodist Volunteers to do good and do no harm.

The Harbor District is having a one-day training session for Early Responders on Saturday, June 29, 2019 (8:30-4:30) at a location in the Harbor District. The cost of the training is \$30.00 per trainee and includes a conference background check, training materials, and an ERT Team Tee-shirt.

Training sessions are open to all people ages 18+. For more information and to sign up for the training, contact Larry Phipps at 910-550-6567

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!

Baby Basket

The Nurture Committee has placed a beautiful baby basket in the Welcome Center to welcome one of the youngest additions to the Grace Church extended family. You are invited to place a useful baby item in the basket, which will be presented to the family on **Sunday, June 30**, during 9:30 am Fellowship Time.

Aubrey Chandler Rose
Born April 30, 2019
Daughter of Jennifer Powell
Granddaughter of Kyna Rose



Gracelettes

Thursday, June 20, 6 pm

Hostess: April Lester

4633 Trafalgar Road

Please bring an appetizer and beverage of choice.

We'll be packing bags for
Vacation Bible School!

Announcement from SPRC

Amanda Allred is the new Children/Youth Choir Director at Grace.

Amanda has just finished her first year teaching as the music teacher at Surf City Elementary School. She received her Bachelor's degree in music education, K-12 from Methodist University in Fayetteville. She brings great personality, talent, and enthusiasm for teaching. She's also a member of Cape Fear Chorale.

Amanda will start during VBS to direct the music portion of Paul's Escape to Athens, and then will be back in September to begin her regular schedule of choir activities.

We are so delighted to have Amanda join the Grace staff and will formally welcome her in the fall. Be sure to give her a warm Grace welcome when you see her during the VBS activities later this month.

Come Join Us

The Wesley Sunday School class meets each Sunday from 9:45-10:30 am on the second floor of Walsh Hall. The curriculum is a weekly Bible Study from Cokesbury and presently there are two regular teachers.

We welcome new members. If you are looking for a Sunday School class, please give us a try.

Help Replenish Our "Stash"

Everyone appreciates the wonderful array of goodies on Sunday mornings to go with our coffee, but Nurture's Fellowship Time "treat stash" has become depleted.

We would love to have additional treats that can be stored in the freezer until needed. They can be home-made or bought items, but freezable. If you can help with this, it will be greatly appreciated by everyone.

Please leave your items in the kitchen and mark them "Fellowship Time." Thank you so much!

The Last One Out

Grace's cleaning crew comes through our facility at 9:00 pm, Monday-Friday, to lock-up the church. Often there are groups still here after that time.

If you are here with one of the groups, please make sure all exterior doors are locked, lights are turned off and thermostats are returned to their original settings when you leave. **Thank you.**

Thank You

A very warm thank you from George and me for all of the prayers, cards, phone calls, and delicious food that has been so lovingly given to us. We never cease to be amazed at the thoughtfulness of this congregation!

Please continue to keep George in your prayers as he fights this infection and continues to get stronger.

Carol and George Gardner

From the Finance Committee

Wow! The year is flying by and summer is here! Most schools are out and families are planning vacations and trips. Please take all necessary care so that you may come back to us safely.

In the meantime, Grace Church will remain open and, accordingly, our expenses will continue to accrue. So, please remember to honor your pledges and tithing so that we can meet our expenses during the summer months.

Have a great summer! And remember, God is with you.

Whew.....

The Nurture Committee needs a summer break from providing Fellowship Time. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to take a Sunday.

We still have two open dates: July 7 and September 1. If you are willing to help, please contact:
Gail Braun (410-255-3481) or
Linda Russ (910-452-4969).

We thank you kindly!!!!



Welcome Meal

Grace offers the Welcome Meal **every** Thursday at noon. Folks come from all walks of life. Folks come who have no home. The meal is given away—no one is charged a dime. It's a great opportunity to build bridges and to share Jesus Christ with others.

Grace partners with the Hope Center in offering this meal. You are welcome to come take part: be a table server or be one who sits at the table and eats with whoever shows up.

Take part in the wonderful conversations that are a large part of these meals.

Vacation Bible School 2019

Sunday, June 23 - Thursday, June 27
5:30 - 7:30 pm

*Sign up at: gracedowntown.church or
[Facebook.com/GrowingGraceUMC](https://www.facebook.com/GrowingGraceUMC)
Registration forms are available
on the volunteer desk in the Welcome Center!!!!*



