

# Grace Notes

June 21, 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 Worship Service — June 21, **Father's Day**

The service will be available Sunday morning starting at 8:00 am. The service will include music, prayer, Scripture, hymns, The Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer and a sermon.

You may worship by going to either:

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/gumcwillington>

YouTube:

[Link coming on Saturday](#)

Grace's website:

<https://gracedowntown.church/>

#### Sunday School Class—10:30 am

Grace is holding a Zoom Sunday school for everyone. Pastor Patricia starts a series entitled: "Partners in Prayer". See page three for a list of topics.

To log in to Sunday School:

[Link coming on Saturday](#)

### Grace UMC Scholarships 2020

Applications for scholarships this year will be taken on line. You will be asked to fill out a Google form. The deadline for completion is June 21, 2020.

If you are interested in applying, please email:  
[scholarships@gracedowntown.net](mailto:scholarships@gracedowntown.net)

### The Mission Work Continues

As a result of the recent call for all our seamstresses to bring in their finished garments, 68 girls dresses in all different sizes, girls underwear, and 11 pairs of boys shorts were delivered to the Welcome Center ready to send to the HELO orphanage in Haiti.

The girls will be so excited to see all the sundresses made of many different colors, materials and designs. And for the first time, the boys will be receiving shorts.

There are 30 girls and 30 boys at HELO ranging from age 1 to 18. Donations are being sought to buy another 19 pairs of shorts to cover the rest of the boys needs. It will be like Christmas in July for HELO in Haiti!

Much thanks to all the ladies that put their energy and time into making these gift for the children:

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

God Bless you all,  
Barb Carlin  
United Methodist Women

### HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS? (Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

#### Online Attendance & Offering for 6/14/2020

Worship Service: 230 views on YouTube  
Operating Funds Given 6/10—6/17 \$ 12,062

#### May

Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 354,863\*  
Operating Expenses YTD \$ 312,623  
Balance \$ 42,240

2020 Operating Budget = \$ 747,178

#### May

\$20 Fellowship Received 2020 YTD \$ 29,766  
\$20 Fellowship Spent 2020 YTD \$ 37,486\*

Apportionments are paid through May.

\*includes PPP Loan of \$62,500

\*\*includes funding and expenses related to hurricane repairs

### Continuing Grace's Mission

Our giving enables Grace to continue to provide support for work within the congregation and for its missions in the world.

Here are the ways to continue to give and support Grace with your tithes and offering:

- You can mail your check to Grace at the following address: Grace UMC, 401 Grace Street, Wilmington, NC 28401
- On-line banking (Many banks allow you to set up checks to pay) The address is (Grace Address)
- Auto draft. Grace can debit your account and can be set up with Debbie. You can determine the amount and frequency of the draft.
- Go to the Grace UMC website ([gracedowntown.net](http://gracedowntown.net)) and select PayPal or Square (No Account needed) to make a payment.

### Grace Notes Deadline

The weekly deadline for information to be included in *Grace Notes* is Wednesday, 12 noon. It is preferable to have the information sent electronically, but it must be in writing.

Thanks! Marion

### A New Ministry at Grace

The "God Squad" would like to hear from you! Our volunteers assist others by driving them to doctors appointments, to church, or other sporadic events. It only takes a little time, but means a great deal to our brothers and sisters who need a little help from time to time.

**If you can help by occasionally driving**, please contact Marvin Evans, at [marvinevans295@gmail.com](mailto:marvinevans295@gmail.com).

**If you need an occasional ride** to a medical appointment or church, please contact Dan Barnes, at [dibarnes11754@yahoo.com](mailto:dibarnes11754@yahoo.com).

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: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Prayer Requests

**Remember: Prayer Vigil daily at 12:00 noon**

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Wayne Ashe	Charlie Leighton
William Bartlett	Steve Lindquist
Alan Biddle	Lia Mason
Brice Borowicz	Phoebe Romine McLeod
Linda Bostick	Pam Miller
James H. Brown	Randy Mills
Don Cole	Kirk Mitchell
Zach DeForge	Mike O'Brien
Pat DiGiuseppe	Michael Pasquale
Justin Glasgow	Family of Tom Pasquale
Julie Godwin	Carolyn Pope
Linda Gorham	Nancy Skeeel
Darcy Guthrie	Mary Sloan
Mildred Guthrie	Chris Smires
Jimmy Hauk	Roger Swilley
Ron Hickmon	Jim Teachey
Rick Holloway	John Thomasson
Jeanette Houston	Laura Upchurch
Ray Hughes	Ruby Williams
Dick Hull	Katie Wilson
Larry	

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  
 Michael Tate, USA  
 E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

Also, please pray for:

- The demise of the coronavirus pandemic
- All medical personnel
- All those working with the public
- 12 noon Prayer Explosion

If you have a prayer request, please contact **Sandy Smith** at sandysmithgrace@gmail.com or 910-233-0310.

### Automated Phone Calling System Coming

Grace will be implementing an automated "phone tree" service in the next few weeks. This will allow the staff to communicate important information to every Grace member in a simplified way. Some possibilities for it's use are:

- ◆ Emergencies (closings/cancellations due to hurricane's, snow storms, etc.)
- ◆ Notifications of someone passing or memorial service
- ◆ Special messages from the Pastor
- ◆ Direct communication to those without email or text
- ◆ Small group notifications (committees, choirs, groups, etc.)
- ◆ Special event reminders

**Every family unit will receive a call or text (their choice) to one phone.** You should have received an email with a survey asking you to choose which phone number in your household will receive these calls/texts. Please take a few minutes to answer the survey with your preferences.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the survey. This new system, especially during this time of separation, will further keep us connected to each other and to the ministries of Grace Church.

## Grace Summer Sunday School

### June 21—July 26 - Partners in Prayer

Despite God's promise of the power of prayer to change us and our world, many Christians never tap into it. It's as though God has prepared an incredible banquet for them, and they're sitting in the corner with a bologna sandwich. In Acts 2, 120 people prayed for ten days. Peter preached for ten minutes and 3,000 were saved.

Beginning on Sunday, June 21, Pastor Patricia will lead us as we take a close look at prayer—how other Christians pray, how Jesus prayed, and the results of praying alone and praying with a group. With the help of the Holy Spirit, who Jesus said would teach us, we will experience prayer in a deeper way and, in the process, come closer to Jesus and to each other and see results in our personal lives and in the life of our church.

With the book, "Partners in Prayer" by John Maxwell as a reference, topics will include:

- Unleashing the Potential of Prayer
- Getting to Know Your Father
- Developing Practical Prayer Skills
- Avoiding Personal Prayer Killers
- Expanding Your Prayer Focus
- Praying Your Church to Its Potential

Ask yourself these questions: What is the greatest "answered prayer" story you have ever heard or experienced?  
How would you describe your current prayer life?

- (a) Eating a bologna sandwich,
- (b) checking out the menu,
- (c) feasting at the banquet

Join Pastor Patricia on Zoom, Sundays, June 21-July 26, 10:30 am, and explore how to enrich your prayer life.

### August 2—August 30 - Encounters with Jesus

Each class will look at an interaction Jesus had with a person or a group as recorded in the gospels. Pastor Tal will walk you through some background for each passage. You'll each class with a deeper understanding of who Jesus is, what many of those he interacted with thought, and what it means to follow Jesus today. Questions pertinent to that week's passage will be posted ahead of time for you to ponder. There will be time to discuss the questions in each class session.

These are the passages that will be included in this series:

- Aug. 2: Luke 11:37-46 Clean the inside of the cup also
- Aug. 9: John 8:2-11 The woman caught in adultery
- Aug. 16: Luke 14:12-24 Unlikely dinner guests
- Aug. 23 Luke 14:25-33 The cost of following Jesus
- Aug. 30 Luke 18:9-14 You'll never guess who is right before God!

Join Pastor Tal on Zoom, Sundays, August 2—August 30, 10:30 am

## The Work of WIHN/Family Promise Continues

Although Grace is not hosting families at this time, the program is still ongoing.

Many of you typically give of your time and energy to help out— which is greatly appreciated! If you are in a position to donate funds, even the cost of some meals, it would be greatly appreciated!

You can donate online at <http://familypromiselcf.org/> . Click on "help a family now" and you can use Pay Pal or your credit card to make a huge difference. If you prefer giving through Grace, please mail a check payable to Grace UMC to 401 Grace Street, Wilmington NC 28401, earmarked Family Promise LCF and that amount will be sent to them. Thank you!

If you have questions, please contact Jane at [jdspicer@ec.rr.com](mailto:jdspicer@ec.rr.com) or 910 622-1211.

## Grace Church – You Are So Generous!

Each week, your donations go to the Cupboard and onto the diabetic shelves. They are being used and appreciated, as the number of folks coming in and the size of each family increases. Thank you for your continued sharing with your neighbors who need this food to survive and to thrive in these times!

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard specific food needs:

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| Boost or Ensure for diabetics | Corn Flakes            |
| Brown Rice                    | Cheerios               |
| Quaker Instant Oats           | Canned chicken or tuna |

These are specific step by step instructions on how to make them at this link: <https://www.nhrmc.org/-/media/covid-19/adult-instructions-face-mask-creation.pdf?la=en>

All donations can be dropped off at Grace United Methodist Church Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm and someone will transport them to the hospital and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Simply ring the bell at the portico door and you will be buzzed in. Leave your donations at the volunteer desk.

What a wonderful (and safe!) way to share the love of Christ in a time when so many people need it.