

Grace Notes

June 2, 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 2 - Ascension Sunday

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, June 3

11:00 am Nurture Committee Meeting
5:30 pm Boot Camp
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting

Tuesday, June 4

10:30 am United Methodist Women
6:00 pm Basketball

Wednesday, June 5

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

Thursday, June 6

12:00 pm Welcome Table

Sunday, June 9 - Day of Pentecost

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

Presentation of Grace Scholarships

This year's Grace Scholarships will be presented at both services today. The recipients will be: Sarah Grace Guthrie, Caroline Guthrie, Brenna Keenan, Grace Dummire and Noah Chidester.

We wish them well as they pursue their studies.

United Methodist Women

Tuesday, June 4, 10:30 am

Guest Speaker: Sam Spicer
Update on the work being done at the Rodafunk Hospital in Africa

Hostess: Maggie Cissel and friends

This will be our last meeting before the summer break. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy good fellowship!

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 23**, during Fellowship Time.

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



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.

Shelley Atwell	Dudley & Joan LeMay
Wayne Blalock	Family of Marie Lynch
Christine Boone	Waylon & Dianne Lynch
Matthew & Beth Brown	Wesley Makin
Claudia Burnette	Jessica Martin
Doug Campbell	Ann Nielson
Richard Casson	Tom Pasquale
Bruce Celetto	Vincent Pino
Barbara Delfino	Maggie Potts
Dustin	Phillip Reeson
Mary & Alan Engebretson	Barry & Kathy Roberts
Erin	Lisa & Ronnie Roberts
Norris Flowers	Noah Roberts
George Gardner	Jack Ross, Jr.
Susan Gardner	Myrtle Sanders
Grant Gentry	Allen & Susan Schroeder
Catherine Leigh Gold	Family of Marian Still
Karen Hall	Aaron Swaney
Linda Harris	Ellen Vech
Janet Hill	Family of Madison Williams
Laura Howard	Joyce Witherington
Beth Humphries	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
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
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
E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

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.**

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: _____

Sanctuary Closed

The scaffolding will be going up in our sanctuary in the next few days. Once that starts, the sanctuary will be off-limits for any reason until the restoration is complete. We look forward to the day when we can be back in that beautiful place of worship.

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!

Special Offering

The 2019 session of the NC Annual Conference will meet in mid-June in Greenville, NC. One of the special offerings they will receive is for Rotifunk Hospital in Sierra Leone, Africa. This hospital is a newly formed United Methodist ministry serving the poor in that part of the world.

Grace's own Sam Spicer, a retired physician, is one of the leaders of this mission. He travels there several times each year to give guidance to this project.

Let's give to this project - it has roots in Grace. Between now and June 9, make your check payable to Grace and designate it 'Rotifunk Hospital Offering.'

Power of Prayer

The Book of James tells us that the prayers of righteous people are powerful and effective (James 5:16). During the coming week, we invite you to pray about our congregation's Stephen Ministry Program. Specifically, please pray for those God is calling to serve as caregivers in this ministry.

Another class of Stephen Ministers will begin training in September. Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this important ministry. If you feel so led, talk with Pastor Patricia or Brena Conley, Grace's Stephen Ministry Leaders.

Annual Gathering of NC Methodists

The North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church will hold its annual conference June 11-15, in Greenville, NC. Grace UMC will be represented at the conference by Pastor Tal, Pastor Patricia and Lay Representatives Scott Wilson and Jane Spicer.

Additionally, Director of Music Ministries, Jerry Cribbs, has been asked to direct a mass choir of clergy and lay people during the opening worship service.

Please keep folks in your prayers as they travel to Greenville to represent Grace Church.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

This fund is used to offer emergency help to those in need in our community. Help with utilities and rent are the most frequent items. The pastor and one other team member have to agree to release monies from this fund.

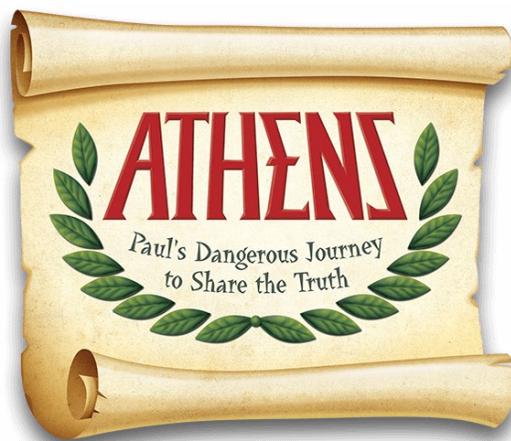
The discretionary fund is running low.

When we celebrate Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month, there are baskets located near the front pews. All monies placed in the baskets go to this fund.

If you wish to use a check, please make it payable to Grace UMC and write Pastor's Discretionary Fund on the memo line.

Help us honor Jesus by helping others.

Vacation Bible School 2019



SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, June 23 - Friday, June 28

5:30 - 7:30 pm

We'll travel back to Bible times—without stepping a foot outside of Grace. Each day, kids will become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in ancient Athens when Paul was sharing the Truth!

Kids age 3-10 years are invited to join in the fun. They'll explore the Marketplace shops, visit with Paul, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as they discover more about Paul's missionary adventures. These experiences will make God's Word come alive!

Each day's adventure will start with a 5:30 pm dinner/theater and will end at 7:30 pm.

*Registration forms are available
on the volunteer desk in the Welcome Center!!!!*

Volunteers are needed to work with small groups moving them between activity stations. Please contact Kelley if you want to travel to Athens with the children!

**Grace's
Annual Patriotic Picnic**

Sunday, June 30, 12:15 pm, Grace Gym

Wear your casual red, white & blue and come enjoy good food, fun and fellowship as we celebrate our Nation's independence! Chicken for the adults, chicken nuggets for the kids, and beverages will be provided by the Nurture Committee. **Please bring a side dish or dessert** to complete the meal.

You may sign-up to reserve your seat starting today (June 2), or by calling the volunteer desk (910-763-5197) during the week.

*The Grace Chancel Choir will present a program
of patriotic music for your entertainment.*



See You There!

Larry's dream is coming true!

Larry Phipps, who has been very active in storm recovery and rebuilding with United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, has long felt that Grace needed a "tool trailer" so that Grace volunteers and UMC volunteers that come here from out of town could be more productive.

Thanks to our generous Grace family, donations have been given to buy a small enclosed trailer for use in storm relief, youth mission projects, and Handyman Mission projects. The Administrative Council approved the purchase this week. Now we need to stock the trailer with tools.

Thanks to many of you, tools were donated last week, but a few more are still needed. If you have any of the following hanging around the garage and aren't using them, please consider donating them. We still need:

six-foot stepladders	an air compressor	framing and trim nail guns
new paint brushes	good condition painting drop cloths	electrical drop cords.

If you have these or other suitable items, please call Bill Booth at 910-821-0020 or Larry Phipps at 910-550-6567.

Sunset Park Prayer Partners

The year's **End of School Lunch** will be Thursday, June 13, after the noon dismissal, in the Sunset Park Cafeteria. Partners should RSVP to Jessica at jlwilson82@gmail.com, then watch for an email sign up for side items and desserts.

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Sunday, June 9, 11:00 am - **Confirmation Day**

Sunday, June 30, **Observance of July 4 during services and lunch picnic with the Chancel Choir providing a program of patriotic music**

Monday, July 8-Friday, July 12 - **Youth Mission Week**

Sunday, June 23—Friday, June 28 - **2019 Vacation Bible School - Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth**

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**