

Grace Notes

June 30, 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 30

- 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
- 12:00 pm Patriotic Picnic
- 4:30 pm Memorial Service for Barney Lewis

Monday, July 1

- 11:00 am Nurture Committee
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Youth Basketball
- 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting

Tuesday, July 2

- 6:00 pm Basketball

Wednesday, July 3

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

Thursday, July 4 - Independence Day

- Church Office Closed**
- 12:00 pm Welcome Table

Sunday, July 7

- 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

New Members Received

Grace is blessed to be baptizing three people and receiving a member today at the 8:30 worship service.

Jennifer Power is a native of Wilmington and works as a retail pricing coordinator. She has two children; Bentley who is 5 and 2-month old Aubrey. Jennifer enjoys do-it-yourself projects, gardening and the great outdoors.

We will be baptizing Jennifer, Bentley and Aubrey today. Following the 8:30 service, Jennifer will be presented with the beautiful baby basket in the Welcome Center.

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.

**The Grace Church Office will be closed on
Thursday, July 4th
It will re-open on Friday, July 5.**

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	Maria King
Alexis	Patty Kimmel
Brenda Anderson	Dudley & Joan LeMay
Christine Boone	Family of Barney Lewis
James "Vince" Brown	Dianne Lynch
Claudia Burnette	George Lyndon
Bruce Celetto	Jessica Martin
Ray Cox	Jeffrey Morefield
Dustin	Ann Nielson
Alice Edwards	Tom Pasquale
Erin	Linda Pfister
Dianne Florea	Larry Phipps
Family of George Gardner	Maggie Potts
Susan Gardner	Phillip Reeson
Grant Gentry	Noah Roberts
Catherine Leigh Gold	Jack Ross, Jr.
Harold High	Kathy Spitzner
Janet Hill	Frankie Walters
Izzie	Jay White
The Kash Family	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 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

SAFETY ALERT!!!

Now that 4th Street has been stripped down to the original brick pavers, please be extremely careful when crossing to and from Grace. Ladies wearing heels and those who have mobility issues are asked to be especially careful and ask for assistance if necessary.

The Board of Trustees

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: _____

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.

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!

Hospice Lunch Program at GUMC

We've reached the middle of 2019 and it is again time to commit to our Hospice Meal Program. This involves helping to furnish one meal for families of Hospice Care Center patients in the next six months. Grace has committed to furnishing lunch on the second Wednesday of each month.

This is a great opportunity for a Sunday School class or any other group to sign up and help furnish wholesome food for these families who are waiting with their loved ones at the Hospice Care Center. Recruit help from outside the walls of this church by asking your friends, neighbors or co-workers to lend a hand. Go to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center and pick a month.

So many families there are from out of town and either cannot afford to eat out for each meal or are reluctant to leave the bedside of their loved one. They need our help. The Bible Sunday School class and the Grace Youth have already signed up. Will you?

Again, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. If you need further information about this mission, call Jim Tyndall at 910-343-9581. He will be happy to give you all the information that you need.

Thanks for your participation.



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

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!!!!

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 homemade 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!

Did You Know?

Our local K&W Cafeteria (Hanover Shopping Center) is feeding children and youth (up to 18 yrs. old) in need at no charge, Monday-Saturday, 11 am to 1 pm. This program will continue through the summer.

Please spread the word to anyone you might find this service helpful.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, August 18, 3:00 pm

Special Worship Service for Dementia & Alzheimer Patients

Please tell family and friends about this service. It will be publicized to other churches in our district. More details will be made available as the service details are finalized.

Giving Statements

The giving statements for the second quarter will be mailed in early July.

If you didn't get your first quarter statement (early April), please notify Debbie Ashe (Director of Operations) at the address below and including your correct mailing address.

debbie@gracedowntown.net.

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.

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).

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.**

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!

July Birthdays

7/1 Doris Lopez	7/11 Beatrice Vaughan	7/19 Sandra Miller	7/27 Tom Guthrie
7/2 David Woodbury	Ginny McCarthy	Sally Fisher	Barrett Crow
Brooke Benton	7/12 Katy Norman	7/21 Keith Layton	7/28 Charlie McCarthy
7/3 Marilee Tremlett	7/13 Krystal Rogers	7/22 Leigh Mabee	Jan Sutton
Jada Ahlers	Sammy Stanley	7/23 Katie Coggins	Susan Michaels
7/5 Jeanne Gore	7/14 Dot Ballard	7/24 Dean Olinger	7/29 Brian Little
7/7 Beth Humphrey	Katie Voulgaris	Teresa Biddle	7/30 Cheryl Tripp
7/8 Joyce Edwards	Patricia DiGiuseppe	7/25 Mark Holcomb	7/31 Vivian Carter
7/9 Carleton Chidester	7/15 Sandie Moore	Judy Williams-Cerjak	Helen Hawley
7/10 Bill Booth	Barbara Downing	Brodie McCarthy	Delaine Lester
	7/17 Tom Snider		

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

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

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**

