

Grace Notes

June 9, 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 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

Monday, June 10

6:30 pm Finance Committee
7:00 pm Agape Circle

Tuesday, June 11

9:30 am KnitWerks@Panera/Independence
10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Basketball
6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, June 12

11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
4:30 pm Worship Committee
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 13

12:00 pm Welcome Table
12:00 pm Sunset Park Prayer Partners Lunch

Sunday, June 16 - 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

New Members Received Today

Grace is blessed to receive the following new member today at the 8:30 am worship service.

Noah Chidester is the son of Carleton & Jill Chidester, who joined Grace last month. He is a Finance major at UNCW. Noah enjoys tennis and playing the piano.

The members of this year's Confirmation Class will be received into full membership at the 11:00 am worship service.

Sarah Ann Layton
Camden Bailey Christopher
Bruce Patrick Littlejohn
Katie Christine Stenerson
Lydia Rose Vaughan

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.'

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.

Ann	Family of Marie Lynch
Shelley Atwell	Dianne Lynch
Christine Boone	Wesley Makin
Matthew & Beth Brown	Jessica Martin
Claudia Burnette	Ann Nielson
Doug Campbell	Tom Pasquale
Richard Casson	Larry Phipps
Bruce Celeto	Vincent Pino
Barbara Delfino	Maggie Potts
Dustin	Phillip Reeson
Mary & Alan Engebretson	Barry & Kathy Roberts
Erin	Lisa & Ronnie Roberts
George Gardner	Noah Roberts
Susan Gardner	Jack Ross, Jr.
Grant Gentry	Myrtle Sanders
Catherine Leigh Gold	Allen & Susan Schroeder
Karen Hall	Kathy Spitzner
Harold High	Aaron Swaney
Janet Hill	Ellen Vech
Laura Howard	Penny & Jay White
Beth Humphries	Joyce Witherington
Donna Iamicelli	Gary Wrenn
Dudley & Joan LeMay	

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
LCDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
Lt. Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
AB Michael Sloan, USAF
E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

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.

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!

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 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!

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

Dear GUMC Family,

Thank you so much for your gifts, prayers and support. I'm glad to have grown up with you guys and hope to continue to make you proud.

Grace Dunmire

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.

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.

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.



Would You Like to See "JESUS"?

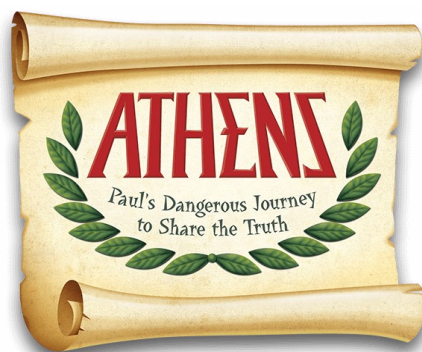
The Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is featuring the performance of their new show, "Jesus". There are rave reviews of the performance! We're looking for 42 people interested in traveling to see this production on a guided coach tour **September 16-19, 2019**. This would include:

- 4 days, 3 days
- Lodging
- Most meals
- Admission to see "Jesus"
- Admission to American Theater performance of "Ovation"
- Visit to the Kettle Village
- Visit to the Amish Experience
- Visit to the Amish Farmer's Market
- Guided tour of Lancaster

The cost would be \$419/person, double occupancy.

If you are interested, or would like more information, contact Marvin Evans **by June 15, 2019** at: marvinevans295@gmail.com

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!!!!*

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 between worship services 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 jlailwilson82@gmail.com, then watch for an email sign up for side items and desserts.

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

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

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, 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**