

# Grace Notes

March 24, 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, March 24 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

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  
3:30 pm Financial Peace University

#### Monday, March 25

5:30 pm Boot Camp  
7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, March 26

6:00 pm Basketball

#### Wednesday, March 27

9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class  
5:00 pm Family Dinner  
5:30 pm Boot Camp  
6:00 pm Sonshine Singers & Solid Rock Singers  
6:00 pm Time with Bishop Ward  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir Warm-Up  
7:15 pm Lenten Awakening Worship Service  
8:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, March 28

12:00 pm Welcome Meal

#### Saturday, March 30

9:00 am Cinderella's Closet Event

#### Sunday, March 31 - 4th Sunday in Lent

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 Reception for Manaline Gibson  
3:30 pm Financial Peace University

### New Members Received Today

Grace is blessed to be receiving the following new members today at the 11 am worship service.

Carleton & Jill Chidester moved to the area last September from West Virginia. Carleton is a national sales rep and Jill is an office manager. They first learned of Grace through an internet search before they arrived and stayed after their first visit. They both play golf, enjoy reading, cooking and travel. Their son Noah, who's in college, will be joining later.

Kent Stephens has been an attorney in Wilmington since 1983. He grew up in Columbus County and enjoys boating. His two sons, Sam and Carl, grew up here at Grace and Kent is excited to be joining our Grace family.

### Say a Prayer

Good Friday and Easter are not far away. Begin praying now for an unchurched friend, then invite them to one of our services during Holy Week. Offer to give them a ride and sit with them. It might just change a life.

### 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](mailto: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.

Betsy Adkins	Wesley Makin
Shelley Atwell	Jessica Martin
Mike Burrous	Ann Nielson
Bruce Celeteo	Abby & Cooper Penney
Marie Cleary	Family of Eric Peterson
Mary & Alan Engebretson	Linda Pfister
Erin	Karen Phelan
Evi	Lily Philips
Isabella Fagan	Maggie Potts
Ian Fleming	Phillip Reeson
Noris Flowers	Myrtle Sanders
Esther Gardiner	Tom & Linda Snider
George Gardner	Kathy Spitzner
Steve Gonto	George Truxillo
Judy Heath	Vance
Dan & Susan Hickman	Jay White
Johnny Johnson	Penny White
Sammy Lanier	Madison Williams
George & Billie Lyndon	Dana Zigler
Evelyn Madison	Dr. Daniel Zinicola

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

Maj. Jeffery Bernard, USA  
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC  
Sgt. Tim Cobough, 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

### Lenten Awakening Service

**Guest Preacher: Bishop Hope Morgan Ward**  
(Bishop of the North Carolina Conference)

**Wednesday, March 27, 2019**

5:00 pm - Wednesday Catered Meal

6:00 pm - Bishop Ward will share what the actions taken at the Feb. 2019 General Conference will mean for Grace UMC.

7:15 pm - Lenten Awakening Service

This mid-Lent service will remind us to 'awaken' to the things we are called to do. We followers of Christ sometimes fall asleep. Come and be challenged and renewed.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### **Cinderella's Closet Spring Prom Shopping Events - Volunteers Needed!**

Our spring prom shopping events for Cinderella's Closet are fast approaching. We will be holding two events at Grace this year: Saturday, March 30, and Saturday, April 13, 9 am-5 pm.

This is our third year of events and we expect the need to be great this year. Each event day we have the chance to turn dresses into dreams for 32 girls in New Hanover County. Each young lady is presented with a Fairy Godmother to support her as she shops.

We are also in need of seamstresses to help with alterations on site. We only offer minor alterations like hems and straps so seamstresses of all levels of expertise are encouraged to come out!

Finally, we are in need of support to set up and clean up from these events. While we cannot allow men and children under the age of 18 to volunteer during the actual event, we would love your support for set up and clean up. Set up will occur the Friday before each event day and clean up will start at 5 pm after each event closes.

Please contact Hope Inman if any of these volunteer activities appeal to you. You can reach Hope at [cinderellasclosetilm@gmail.com](mailto:cinderellasclosetilm@gmail.com) or 646-202-3520.

### **March's ONE THING**

#### **One Gift Card!**

Donate a \$5 or less gift card to a gas station, fast food restaurant, Dollar Tree, or anything else you can think of. They will benefit homeless community members and will be stuffed in bags the Grace youth are making. Their goal is 100 bags, so let's help them reach their goal with 100 gift cards!

Just drop your gift card in the basket under the *ONE THING* sign, give it to Melissa Cline on Sunday mornings, or give it to one of the Welcome Center desk volunteers during the week. The cards will be locked up each night.

### **Flowers Needed**

A lovely tradition at Grace Church on Easter morning is the beautiful flower-covered cross at the front of the worship space.

Everyone is invited to bring flowers from their yards (or purchased) to decorate the cross in the gym on Easter morning immediately prior to the 8:30 am and 11:00 am services.

Thank you!



## *The Seven Last Days*

to be presented by Grace's  
**Chancel Choir**  
&  
**Chamber Orchestra**

**Good Friday, April 19, 7 p.m.**



The *Seven Last Days* is a Tenebrae cantata portraying a harmony of the events during Jesus' final days. The cantata allows us to walk with Jesus through Holy Week.

The number 7 holds a great significance in scripture. Creation took seven days; there are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit; the tabernacle was built in six days and dedicated on the seventh; and we often associate Christ's passion with seven last words. Often overlooked is the fact that the scriptures describe the events of the seven last days of Jesus' earthly existence.

Each of the seven days is of particular importance. This musical journey follows Christ during his final week, from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to his clearing the temple, to his debates with religious leaders, to preparations for Passover, to his betrayal and arrest, to his crucifixion on the cross on Good Friday, and finally, on Saturday, his linen-wrapped body being placed in the tomb.

Through music and narration, you are invited and encouraged to experience Christ's dramatic final week on earth.

### **Are you looking for an opportunity to help others?**

Many of us take for granted the ability to drive ourselves to a doctor's appointment, PT session, or to church. There are those in our congregation who no longer have that ability. You can be the answer to their needs!!

If you have a willing heart, a good driving record, and are able to provide transportation for these individuals, your services are greatly needed.

There will be an organizational meeting on Sunday, April 7, Room E201 (the Friendship Class room), immediately following the 11 am worship service.

If you plan to attend please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center or email Marvin Evans at [marvinevans295@gmail.com](mailto:marvinevans295@gmail.com) with your name and contact information.

### **Reception for Manaline Gibson**

Sunday, March 31  
Following the 11 am Worship Service

Manaline Gibson has been an extremely active member of Grace for 54 years. She recently relocated to the Charlotte area to be closer to her children.

Manaline's friends at Grace would like to honor her and wish her God's speed with a reception.

Please take a few minutes to stop by and wish her well. Let her know how much we appreciate all she has done for Grace Church and its ministries.

### **Don't Keep It a Secret!**

If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please share it with us! Send the changes to Marion Little - [marion@gracedowntown.net](mailto:marion@gracedowntown.net)

Thanks!

## **Cape Fear Chorale**

*Celebrating 20 years of making music*

Presents

### *Sparkling Choral Gems*

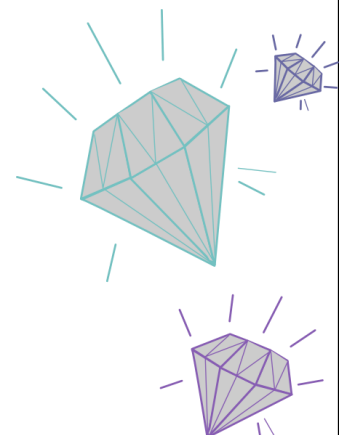
Choral music of many styles and genres

**Sunday, April 7, 4:00 pm**

**Kenan Auditorium, UNCW**

**Free Admission**

**Donations Appreciated!**



### **Migrant Worker Kits**

It is time for the United Methodist Women to make and assemble the Migrant Worker Kits. This ministry, which is an important phase of our outreach, provides bags to North Carolina migrant workers. These drawstring bags are made from 1 yard of heavy fabric and contain personal toiletries for the workers. Many of these workers arrive with nothing, so these toiletries are certainly appreciated. All of the migrants are in this country legally. No illegals are allowed to participate in this program.

Below you will find a list of items that are needed to put in the bags. There will be a container in the Welcome Center for you to place your items. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, we will be happy to do the shopping for you. If you have any questions, contact Dianna 398-8790.

#### In Addition

We will be collecting buttoned, long sleeved shirts this year. They can be used shirts so it is a great time to clean out your closets.

Thank you in advance for your help and contributions to this worthy mission.

- Single package toothbrushes with container
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Soap and plastic soap container with lid
- New bath towel
- New washcloth
- Disposable razors
- Hand/Body Lotion
- Shampoo
- Comb and hair brush
- Safety pins
- Band-aids (regular-sized strips)
- Metal nail file
- Deodorant

### April Birthdays

4/2	Haley Olinger	4/9	Jack Thomas	4/15	Marie Dubel	4/22	John Glasgow
4/3	Julie Madison	4/11	Melissa Cline		Linda Wengard		Sarah Fuller
	Johanna Hamilton	4/12	Aline Hartis	4/17	Grace Holcomb	4/24	George Edwards
	Lizzy Voulgaris		Dianne Lynch		Emily Moore	4/25	Dan Hickman
4/5	Brenda Wolf	4/13	David Cooper	4/18	Mary Showers	4/28	Alma Rivenbark
4/6	Susan Atwell		Brooke Stenerson	4/19	Nancy Purdy	4/30	Ben Rasmussen
4/7	Doug Myers	4/14	Lucile Whedbee		Marynell Ivey		
	Doug Terhune			4/21	Treva McKoy		

### LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Wednesday, March 27, 7:15 pm - **Awakening Service**, guest preacher will be Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, Bishop of the NC Conference of UMC

Good Friday, April 19, 7:00 pm - **The Seven Last Days, a Tenebrae Cantata**

Sunday, April 21 - **Easter**

Sunday, June 23—Thursday, June 27 - **2019 Vacation Bible School**