

Grace Notes

March 31, 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 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

Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

9:30 am Women's Bible Study
10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
5:00 pm Family Dinner
5:30 pm Boot Camp
5:45 pm Grace 3:16 Bible Study (gr. 6-12)
5:45 pm Sonbeams Bible Play (pre-K-gr. 2)
5:45 pm Sonshine Singers & Solid Rock Singers
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
6:30 pm High School Hot Topics (gr. 9-12)
6:30 pm Kids for Christ Bible Study (gr. 3-5)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 4

12:00 pm Welcome Meal

Sunday, April 7 - 5th Sunday in Lent

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
12:15 pm Transportation Volunteer Meeting
3:30 pm Financial Peace University

New Members Received Today

Grace is blessed to be receiving the following new members today at the 8:30 and 11 am worship services.

Ruby Justice grew up in Wilmington and came back after many years in Chapel Hill, where she worked at the school of medicine. She came to Grace because of several friendship with members. Ruby is a widow with two sons and 3 grandchildren.

Meredith, Bruce & Elizabeth Littlejohn moved to Wilmington last spring from Prescott, Arizona. After auditioning for the Cape Fear Chorale, Jerry Cribbs invited Meredith to attend worship at Grace. Once Bruce and Elizabeth were involved in the youth programs and Meredith was singing in the Chancel Choir, they had found their church home.

David & Emma Walsh have lived in Wilmington since the 70's and own a mechanical services company. They were seeking a new church, remembered fondly a previous visit to Grace years ago, and fell in love with it again. They enjoy the beach, boating and gardening.

Olivia Walsh is the daughter of David and Emma. She is a recent graduate of UNC-W and served an internship here at Grace working with our social media outlets. Olivia is a Social Media and Marketing Manager for a local realty company and works for Grace taking care of our website and social media presence.

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.

Betsy Adkins	Jim O'Daniel
Shelley Atwell	Family of Carol Pasquale
Linden Boone	Abby & Cooper Penney
Mike Burrous	Linda Pfister
Family of Hugh Caldwell	Karen Phelan
Bruce Celetto	Lily Philips
Marie Cleary	Maggie Potts
Ron Downing	Phillip Reeson
Mary & Alan Engebretson	Myrtle Sanders
Erin	Valoree Shinn
Evi	Jimmie Shuffler
Isabella Fagan	Tom & Linda Snider
Ian Flaherty	George Truxillo
Noris Flowers	Vance
George Gardner	Jay White
Judy Heath	Penny White
George & Billie Lyndon	Madison Williams
Wesley Makin	Dana Zigler
Jessica Martin	Dr. Daniel Zinicola
Ann Nielson	

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

New Members Cont'd

Kyna Rose is a registered nurse who moved here from Ohio about 2 years ago. She visited Methodist churches in the area and thought Grace felt right. She has a son and daughter but lost another son last year. Kyna has one grandson and is expecting a granddaughter soon.

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. Look for details in *Grace Notes* in the weeks ahead.

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: _____

United Methodist Women

Tuesday, April 2, 10:30 am

Speaker: Kathryn Polk
Global Refugee Connection

Hostesses: All of us!

It will be a day of Prayer and Self-Denial, so everyone is asked to bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Money that would have been spent on lunch can go to our mission work. ALSO, you may bring items for the Migrant Worker kits.

Reception for Manaline Gibson TODAY

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.

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!



Gentle Yoga Still in Session

A reminder that our Gentle Yoga class is still meeting Wednesday's at 11:30 am in the gym. Everyone is invited to come join the class. Beginners welcome! The cost is \$5 per class.

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.

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 with your name and contact information.

Classes Open to Grace Congregation

Grace's Stephen Ministry Program invites anyone who is interested to join their training sessions during April and May on end-of-life issues. Sessions run from 7-8 pm, in Room E201. Please use the sign-up sheets on the Welcome Center bulletin board.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
April 1	Spiritual Issues	Tal Madison
April 15	Funerals	Dustin & Lisa Osborne Coble Ward Smith Funeral
May 6	Legal Issue	Kara Gansmann Cranfill, Sumner & Hertzog
May 20	Hospice	Jason Clamme Lower Cape Fear Hospice

Cape Fear Chorale

Celebrating 20 years of making music

Presents

Sparkling Choral Gems

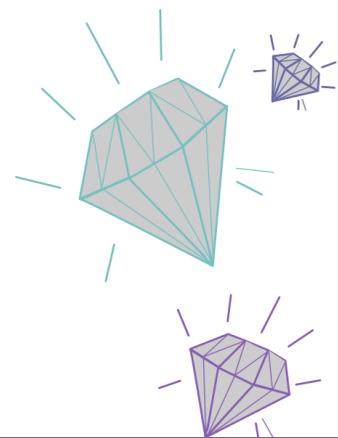
Choral music of many styles and genres

Sunday, April 7, 4:00 pm

Kenan Auditorium, UNCW

Free Admission

Donations Appreciated!



Migrant Worker Kits Update

We still need many items, however, we now have enough toothbrushes, band-aids, and safety pins. These kits go to the legal migrant workers that are picking our food. They are very appreciative for the toiletries we include in the kits and then they use the canvas bag for a laundry bag.

Please try to donate something to this worthy outreach mission. If you prefer, I will take monetary donations and go shopping for you.

Below are items we still need. If you have already donated, we appreciate your support. For questions, call Dianna Florea 910-398-8790 or dflorea68@aol.com

- Toothbrush containers
- 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
- Metal nail file
- Deodorant

New Graceful Seniors Wilmington Port Trip

The Graceful Seniors will go to tour the Wilmington Port Authority on Thursday, May 2. The group will meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 am to board the van. The trip is limited to 14 people and the cost is \$11 per person.

After the tour, we'll go to Winnie's, which Pastor Tal says you can get the best hamburger in Wilmington! We will be back at the church by 2 pm.

Please sign-up by April 15th on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. Your \$11 should be in the office by April 22. Please make checks payable to Grace UMC and write "Graceful Seniors" on the memo line.

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		

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

We have one more spring prom shopping event at Grace this year on 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 or 646-202-3520.

Help Needed for WIHN/Family Promise

Our weeks of hosting families for WIHN/Family Promise are coming right up! This time, we will host for 2 consecutive weeks, from April 28-May 12, so we need lots of help, especially for Ambassadors! During the first week, our support churches will cover the Monday, Tuesday and Thursday meals and overnights, but everything else is for us to do! New workers are welcome and will be trained!

There are currently 2 families in the program, but the numbers shift frequently as people are able to move into housing and new folks come in. You will be notified of the latest numbers as the time approaches.

The following jobs and times are available:

The following slots are available for service:

Ambassadors (5-8 pm) each day --- Sunday, 4/29 is taken; all other dates are available

Van Drivers (5-6 pm) — Bring families from Day House to Grace in WIHN van

Dinner Preparers and Hosts (6-7 pm) --- Provide a meal and stay to eat with the families

Overnight Hosts (7:45 pm-6 am on weekdays and 7:45 pm-8 am on Friday Saturday & Sunday) — Stay in a host room on blow-up bed, be available for questions that may arise. If possible, drive families to the day house in the morning.

Weekend Hosts — Cover a 3-hour shift during the weekend so families can stay at the church if they so desire. You are based at the Welcome Center desk to let people in and out.

A schedule of available slots will be posted on the mission bulletin board in the Welcome Center. If you would like to join in these efforts, please contact Jane Spicer at:

622-1211 (cell) or 392-1551 (house) or jdspicer@ec.rr.com .

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Palm Sunday, April 14, 8:30 & 11:00 am - ***Celebrating Jesus triumphant ride into Jerusalem and foreshadowing the events to come***

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

Sunday, April 21, 8:30 & 11:00 am - ***Easter - a triumphant celebration of our Risen Lord!***

Sunday, May 19 - ***Confirmation Sunday***

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