

# Grace Notes

May 17, 2020

## 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 Worship Service—May 10

The service will be available Sunday morning starting at 8:00 am. We will worship with music, prayer, Scripture, hymns, The Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer and the sermon. You may worship by going to either:

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/gumcwillmington>

Youtube:

[Link coming on Saturday](#)

Grace's website:

<https://gracedowntown.church/>

#### Sunday School Class—10:30 am

Grace is holding a Zoom Sunday school for everyone. The class will step away from **The Story** and will pick it up when we are back together again.

To log in to Sunday School:

[Link coming on Saturday](#)

### Sunday Evenings

#### Sunday, May 10

##### Blast Kids

From 5:30-6:00, kids time where we will play games, share a bible story, and have a question and answer session.

Contact Kelley Ahlers for Zoom link.

##### Blast Teens

From 6:30-7:00, youth bible study and game time.

Contact Kelley Ahlers for Zoom link.

### Grace Secures PPP Loan

Grace Church has secured a federally funded Payroll Protection Loan, through Live Oak Bank, in the amount of \$62,500. Provided we use these funds for staff salaries only and meet specific criteria, this loan can be forgiven.

This is a tremendous help to us.... but we still need your giving during this time. The ministry of Grace UMC is moving forward unabated. Your generosity allows us to be a light in the Wilmington area in this present darkness.

### A New Ministry at Grace

The "God Squad" would like to hear from you! Our volunteers assist others by driving them to doctors appointments, to church, or other sporadic events. It only takes a little time, but means a great deal to our brothers and sisters who need a little help from time to time.

**If you can help by occasionally driving**, please contact Marvin Evans, at [marvinevans295@gmail.com](mailto:marvinevans295@gmail.com).

**If you need an occasional ride** to a medical appointment or church, please contact Dan Barnes, at [dibarnes11754@yahoo.com](mailto:dibarnes11754@yahoo.com).

### HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS? (Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

#### Online Attendance & Offering for 5/10/2020

Worship Service: 196 views

Operating Funds Given 5/6—5/13 \$ 73,649\*

#### April

Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 237,053

Operating Expenses YTD \$ 255,372

Cash Shortage \$ (18,319)

2020 Operating Budget = \$ 747,178

#### April

\$20 Fellowship Received 2020 YTD \$ 26,162

\$20 Fellowship Spent 2020 YTD \$ 37,486\*\*

Apportionments are paid through February.

\*includes \$62,500 Payroll Protection Loan

\*\*includes funding and expenses related to hurricane repairs

### Continuing Grace's Mission

Our giving enables Grace to continue to provide support for work within the congregation and for its missions in the world.

Here are the ways to continue to give and support Grace with your tithes and offering:

- You can mail your check to Grace at the following address: Grace UMC, 401 Grace Street, Wilmington, NC 28401
- On-line banking (Many banks allow you to set up checks to pay) The address is (Grace Address)
- Auto draft. Grace can debit your account and can be set up with Debbie. You can determine the amount and frequency of the draft.
- Go to the Grace UMC website ([gracedowntown.net](http://gracedowntown.net)) and select PayPal or Square (No Account needed) to make a payment.

### Grace Notes Deadline

The weekly deadline for information to be included in *Grace Notes* is Wednesday, 12 noon. It is preferable to have the information sent electronically, but it must be in writing.

Thanks! Marion

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: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### Prayer Requests

**Remember: Prayer Vigil daily at 12:00 noon**

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Family of Peggy Ames  | Johnny Johnston            |
| William Bartlett      | Pat Kelly                  |
| Bob Bauman            | Family of Lillian Kinney   |
| Alan Biddle           | Charlie Leighton           |
| Ashley Borowicz       | Mary Greene Lind           |
| Brice Borowicz        | Capt. Ben Mabee & Family   |
| Dr. Mark Borowicz     | Mike Marino                |
| Linda Bostick         | Drew & Kirsten McLeod      |
| Laura Church          | Phoebe Romine McLeod       |
| Ruth Conner           | Margaret Merritt           |
| Becky Cummings        | Randy Mills                |
| Zach DeForge          | Altagracia Moran           |
| Pat DiGiuseppe        | Family of Gilbert Morreale |
| Justin Glasgow        | Ola                        |
| Julie Godwin          | Evan Paspaspyros           |
| Catherine Leigh Gold  | Anthony Rosario            |
| The Greene Family     | Tiffany Sabo               |
| Dr. Palmer Greene     | Jerrel Solomon             |
| Darcy Guthrie         | Diane Steele               |
| The Hamilton Family   | Roger Swilley              |
| Jimmy Hauk            | John Thomasson             |
| Ron Hickmon           | Martha Vann                |
| Jeanette Houston      | Elizabeth Wallace          |
| Family of Andy Hudson | Shedera West               |
| Chris Hudson & Family | Family of Lucile Whedbee   |
| Dick Hull             | Ruby Williams              |
| Jeremy Johnson        | Laura Witherington         |

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 Krieg, USMC
- SFC Letty Long, USA
- SFC Woodrow Long, USA
- Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
- CDR Nicholas Madren, USN
- PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
- 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
- Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
- Michael Tate, USA
- E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

Also, please pray for:

- The demise of the coronavirus pandemic
- All medical personnel
- All those still working with the public
- 12 noon Prayer Explosion

If you have a prayer request, please contact **Sandy Smith** at sandysmithgrace@gmail.com or 910-233-0310.

## **The Work of WIHN/Family Promise Continues**

Although Grace is not hosting families at this time, the program is still ongoing. Grace was scheduled to host for 2 weeks, May 10-24. Due to the age of most volunteers, that is unsafe for us at this time!

There are currently 3 families in the program, who have now been moved to separate apartments for quarantine reasons (typically the 3 families would share the three-bedroom apartment, now they each have their own). Food is being provided for them, as well as cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, and other things to help keep them safe. Since they are using 2 additional apartments, the program is losing money they counted on for rent. Utility costs have increased, since everybody is staying at home. A conservative estimate of unexpected loss of funds is \$2,000 per month.

In addition, there are people who have "graduated" who now rent from the program. Some of them have lost their jobs and the program must absorb that loss of rent (Family Promise has to pay the mortgage on the 12 apartments they own).

During this time of crisis, more families have found themselves homeless and there is an increase in domestic violence victims who are also seeking safe shelter and food (housing domestic violence victims is another component of this program). So that need has also increased.

The program director has applied for a government grant which should help cover salaries for the 3 employees who are making all of this work, but other costs and overages are sapping their on-hand funds. Some government grants are already in place, but they only pay the program back after the money is spent.

Many of you typically give of your time and energy to help out— which is greatly appreciated! If you are in a position to donate funds, even the cost of some meals, it would be greatly appreciated!

You can donate online at <http://familypromiselcf.org/> . Click on "help a family now" and you can use Pay Pal or your credit card to make a huge difference. If you prefer giving through Grace, please mail a check payable to Grace UMC to 401 Grace Street, Wilmington NC 28401, earmarked Family Promise LCF and that amount will be sent to them. Thank you!

If you have questions, please contact Jane at [jdspicer@ec.rr.com](mailto:jdspicer@ec.rr.com) or 910 622-1211.

## **Are you looking for a safe way to help? The Missions Committee of Grace brings you two amazing options!**

**First:** Mother Hubbard's Cupboard is in dire need of food for Diabetics and/or monetary donations to purchase food. Their supplies have been depleted and they are almost out of items to serve Diabetics. The food they specifically need is:

- -Shelf stable proteins like Canned Tuna
- and Canned Chicken
- -Brown Rice
- -Quaker Oats
- -Cheerios
- -Cornflakes
- -Ensure or Boost specific to Diabetes

YOU could fill their food needs in a completely non-contact way! Simply place a grocery pick up or delivery order for any of the items on the list and then drop off your order at Grace United Methodist Church Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm. Leave it in Welcome Center Missions Board OR simply drop them off outside under the portico (parking lot side of the church) near the door to the Welcome Center. Grace will transport your items to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard for you!

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation for the purchase of food, you may drop off or mail in a check made payable to Grace United Methodist Church and specify Mother Hubbard's Cupboard in the memo line.

**Second:** New Hanover Regional Medical Center is in need of cloth face masks for support personnel. If you are a sewer you can make them! There are specific step by step instructions on how to make them at this link: <https://www.nhrmc.org/-/media/covid-19/adult-instructions-face-mask-creation.pdf?la=en>

These can also be dropped off at Grace United Methodist Church Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm and someone will transport them to the hospital for you. They may be taken into the Welcome Center Missions Board or left outside under the portico for later collection.

What a wonderful (and safe!) way to share the love of Christ in a time when so many people need it.

## **LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE**

Sunday, June 21—Thursday, June 25 - **Vacation Bible School 2020 -**

**Corey & Dave's Excellent Adventure: Missionary Bootcamp**

July 8-14, 2020 - **San Isidro, Costa Rica Mission Trip POSTPONED UNTIL 2021**

Saturday, September 12, 8:30 am—2:45 pm - **Annual Chancel Choir Retreat**