

Grace Notes

May 26, 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, May 26

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, May 27 - Memorial Day Church Office Closed

5:30 pm Boot Camp

Tuesday, May 28

6:00 pm Basketball

Wednesday, May 29

10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
5:30 pm Boot Camp
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 30

12:00 pm Welcome Table

Sunday, June 2

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

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.

Presentation of Grace Scholarships

This year's Grace Scholarships will be presented at both services on Sunday, June 2. The recipients will be: Sarah Grace Guthrie, Caroline Guthrie, Brenna Keenan, Grace Dunmire and Noah Chidester.

We wish them well as they pursue their studies.

Power of Prayer

The Book of James tells us that the prayers of righteous people are powerful and effective (James 5:16). During the coming week, we invite you to pray about our congregation's Stephen Ministry Program. Specifically, please pray for those God is calling to serve as caregivers in this ministry.

Another class of Stephen Ministers will begin training in September. Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this important ministry. If you feel so led, talk with Pastor Patricia or Brenna Conley, Grace's Stephen Ministry Leaders.

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.

Wayne Blalock	Karen Hull
Christine Boone	Beth Humphries
Matthew & Beth Brown	Family of Marie Lynch
Doug Campbell	Wesley Makin
Richard Casson	Jessica Martin
Bruce Celeteo	Ann Nielson
Family of Appie Daniel	Tom Pasquale
Barbara Delfino	Vincent Pino
Dustin	Maggie Potts
Mary & Alan Engebretson	Phillip Reeson
Erin	Barry & Kathy Roberts
Norris Flowers	Jack Ross, Jr.
George Gardner	Myrtle Sanders
Susan Gardner	Family of Marian Still
Grant Gentry	Aaron Swaney
Catherine Leigh Gold	Ellen Vech
Linda Harris	Family of Madison Williams
Janet Hills	Joyce Witherington
Laura Howard	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
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
E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

Whew.....

The Nurture Committee needs a summer break from providing Fellowship Time.

We now have good coverage for June and August, but need help for July. If you are willing to help, please contact: Gail Braun (410-255-3481) or Linda Russ (910-452-4969).



We thank you kindly!!!!

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: _____

Gracelettes

Thursday, May 30, 6:30 pm
Wine & Design
1319 Military Cut-off Road

Turtle Dude - ALS Fundraiser

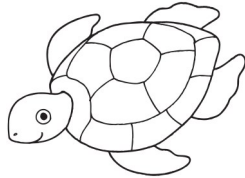
Join us as we paint, sip, enjoy each other's company and raise money and awareness to help find and fund a cure for ALS. Space is limited and advance reservations will need to be made online at their website:

www.wineanddesign/calendar/events

Sign up, show up, sip up, PAINT! No artistic talent is needed!

The cost is \$35 and 100% of this will go to Project ALS. When booking online please mention that you are with the Gracelettes and Jennifer Rasmussen in the comments box. This will help ensure the group is seated together.

Please bring an appetizer to share and a beverage of your choice.



Contact Jennifer Rasmussen with any questions, 910-538-9997.

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 and lights are turned off when you leave. **Thank you.**

United Methodist Women

Tuesday, June 4, 10:30 am

Guest Speaker: Sam Spicer
Update on the work being done at the Rodafunk Hospital in Africa

Hostess: Maggie Cissel and friends

This will be our last meeting before the summer break. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy good fellowship!

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 two-fold: to thank you for your service, and to be review and clarify the security procedures so that everyone knows what to do and the coverage is consistent.

If you are interested in becoming part of this team, please come to this gathering.

The Grace Church office will be closed on Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, May 28, 8:30 am.

Family Ministries News

2019/2020 Program Year Changes

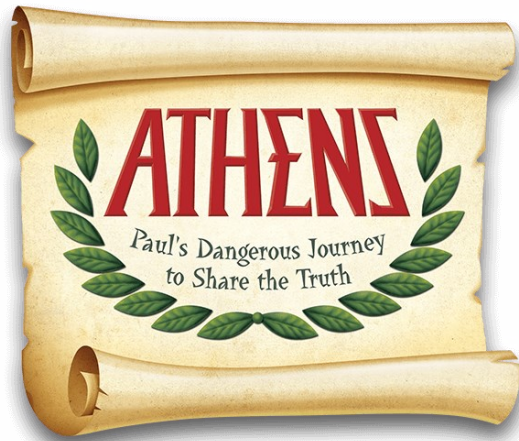
As we celebrate the past program year, we look ahead with excitement to the next program year. The "Wednesday" programs are going to be moving. We've come to understand Wednesdays are hard and busy. Sports, school activities, and long days at work can make it difficult to both come to programs and have the energy to enjoy them. On many Wednesday nights, the kids have wanted to have fun, but were tired from long days.

In order to make sure everyone can come together as a church family to learn and grow, the "Wednesday" programs will be moving to **Sunday nights from 5:00-6:30 pm starting September 8, 2019.** The programs moving to Sunday nights are:

- Grace 3:16 Bible Study
- Sonbeams Bible Play
- Sonshine Singers
- Solid Rock Singers
- High School Hot Topics
- Kids for Christ Bible Study.

Programing for parents on Sunday nights will include short term (5-6 week) bible studies on family issues, including parenting, surviving the teen years, and marriage. In between, there will be kid-free Adult Field Trips for parents to enjoy fellowship with each other at downtown restaurants and coffee shops.

Vacation Bible School 2019



SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, June 23 - Friday, June 28
5:30 - 7:30 pm

We'll travel back to Bible times—without stepping a foot outside of Grace. Each day, kids will become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in ancient Athens when Paul was sharing the Truth!

Kids age 3-10 years are invited to join in the fun. They'll explore the Marketplace shops, visit with Paul, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as they discover more about Paul's missionary adventures. These experiences will make God's Word come alive!

Each day's adventure will start with a 5:30 pm dinner/theater and will end at 7:30 pm.

Registration will be opening soon!!!!

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!

June Birthdays

6/1	Matt Hale Lydia Vaughan Kent Stephens	6/9	Gary Rowe Andrew Coggins Marvin Evans	6/15	Jim Tyndall Linda Pyle Zack Maroules	6/23	Linda Snider Diane Woodbury
6/2	Aaron Moore Larry Phipps	6/10	Mary Lydia Fisher Ray Lester	6/16	Joeli Banks Carl Humphrey	6/24	Hope Inman
6/3	Margaret Batchelor	6/11	David Walsh	6/17	Karen Hull	6/25	Morris Allison
6/4	Stephanie Christy Corey Ahlers Frank Michaels	6/12	Cash Inman Sandy Wood	6/19	Bob Henard	6/26	Mary Sloan
6/6	Russell Ipock	6/13	Joyce MacIvergan	6/20	Sheryl Stoops	6/27	Alma Fennell Edna Mory
6/8	Cooper Stenerson Tal Madison	6/14	Sarah O'Brien Owen Coggins	6/22	Anna Ball Julie Crow Linda Pfister Janet Keenan	6/28	Helen Lehmann Ashley Lindsey
						6/29	George Collins Tiffany Irby

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.

A lot of common power and hand tools have been collected but more are needed if the trailer is going to be a true asset. If you have any of the following just hanging around in your garage and aren't using them, please consider donating them. We need:

six-foot stepladders	folding saw-horses	framing and trim nail guns
a power miter saw	a reciprocating saw	a lithium-powered drill or screwdriver
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.

WIHN/Family Promise Update

On Mother's Day, three young families left Grace after 2 weeks of being housed, fed, loved and supported by many in our congregation, through our WIHN/Family Promise program. We sent them off with our best wishes and they offered us their thanks as they move to the next church!

Specifically, thanks to the following wonderful people who helped in our efforts:

Overnight hosts: Steve Stanfield-Switzer (twice!!), Tom Jones, MaryClaire and Katie Mintz, Judy and Darrell Davies (twice!!!)

Ambassadors: Renate and David Cooper, Bettye and Alan Broadwater, Connie and Rod Caulder, Vicki Stanfield-Switzer (twice!!), Helen Monk (twice!!), Sandra and David Miller (twice!!), Marilee Tremlett, Susan and Gary Atwell, Jeanne and Donald Gore

Weekend hosts: Valoree Shinn (twice!!), Beka Vaughan, Jane and Larry Phipps, Brena and Jim Conley

Dinner hosts: (they cooked too!): Cindee and Brian Stetson, the Ladies of Divine Grace, Leigh and Mike Mabee (and Caleb), Liz Thigpen and Margaret Batchelor, Renate Cooper and Emily Booth, the Grace Youth and Ryan Gibbs (twice!!), Carolee Doty, Susan and Adam Michaels, Melissa and Jamie Cline (Jackson and Grant)

Drivers: (who we don't normally need, but worked a lot both weeks!!) Bill Booth (who coordinated all the driving, plus he drove at least 5 times!!), Ron Moore (at least twice!!), Ken Wolf, Marvin Evans (multiple times), Danny Barnes (subbed for Marvin at least twice!!).

Laundry: (washing all the linens!) Pat Thomas, Janice Fladd and Maxine LeFever

Setup and Staging: Amanda Ladd

It was a pleasure to give a hand up to these hard-working young mothers and their babies!

If you weren't able to help out this time, please mark your calendar for the week of August 11-18 when we are hosting once again. We would love to have you join us! Contact Jane Spicer at 910 622-1211 or jdspicer@ec.rr.com for more information or to volunteer.

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Sunday, June 9, 11:00 am - **Confirmation Day**

Sunday, June 30, **Observance of July 4 during services and lunch picnic.**

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

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

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**