

Grace Notes

May 31, 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 31 - Pentecost

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. To log in to Sunday School:

[Link coming on Saturday](#)

Sunday Evenings

Blast Kids and **Blast Teens** are taking a break for the summer.

Graduation Baskets

It is the custom at Grace to celebrate the graduation of our high school seniors with a gift basket of items to help them start their college life. This year we have two graduates.

Sally Bray Fisher is the daughter of Anna Fisher Ball. She will be attending Appalachian State University.

Brooke Stenerson is the daughter of Chris and Jen Stenerson and the granddaughter of Paul and Chris Sipson, who are frequent worshippers at Grace. She will be attending Cape Fear Community College to study nursing.

The Nurture Committee has placed baskets decorated with their school colors in the Welcome Center (just inside the portico doors) and are accessible weekdays between 9 am and 3 pm.

Both girls will be setting up independent living quarters. Some suggestions are items for the kitchen or bath and supplies for laundry, school work, etc. **Due to the constraints of shopping right now, gift cards would be a most welcome contribution (Walmart, Target, gas cards, etc.) and could be either brought or mailed to the church for inclusion in the baskets.**

Grace's on-line worship service on June 14th will include a celebration our youth, which will also be an opportunity to celebrate these two graduates. Please have your contributions at the church by Friday, June 5.

Grace Basement Storage

The Trustees are going to be assessing what is stored in the basement and look at what other storage needs might be accommodated there.

If your group or ministry is interested in having a storage area in the basement, please send an email stating your groups needs to tal@gracedowntown.net. The deadline for your request is Friday, June 15th.

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

Online Attendance & Offering for 5/24/2020

Worship Service: 181 views on YouTube

Operating Funds Given 5/20—5/27 \$ 11,413

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 May.

*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) and select PayPal or Square (No Account needed) to make a payment.

Grace UMC Scholarships 2020

Applications for scholarships this year will be taken on line. You will be asked to fill out a Google form. The deadline for completion is June 21, 2020.

If you are interested in applying, please email: scholarships@gracedowntown.net

United Methodist Women

Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 10:30 am -12:00 noon

Guest speaker will be Jo Wainwright
President of UMW District

Contact Linda Snider (snidernc@gmail.com)
and she will send you the link.

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:

Family of Shad Adams	Jeremy Johnson
William Bartlett	Family of Johnny Johnson
Bob Bauman	Pat Kelly
Alan Biddle	Charlie Leighton
Brice Borowicz	Steve Lindquist
Linda Bostick	Mike Marino
Brandon	Phoebe Romine McLeod
Laura Church	Margaret Merritt
Don Cole	Pam Miller
Ruth Conner	Megan Mitchell
Becky Cummings	Family of Mark Millock
Zach DeForge	Randy Mills
Pat DiGiuseppe	Altagracia Moran
Family & Friends of Bill & Vince Donohue	Ola
Tom & Angie Durrence	Michael Pasquale
Justin Glasgow	Tom Pasquale
Julie Godwin	Tiffany Sabo
Catherine Leigh Gold	Family of Bob Skeele
Darcy Guthrie	Chris Smires
Family of Jerry Harrelson	Roger Swilley
Jimmy Hauk	Jim Teachey
Ron Hickmon	John Thomasson
Jeanette Houston	Martha Vann
Ray Hughes	Shedera West
Dick Hull	Ruby Williams
	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 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.

Holy Communion to Be Offered at Grace

Holy Communion is one of the principle sacraments of the United Methodist Church and of Grace UMC. It is a ritual sorely missed by many in our congregation.

So, on Sunday, June 7, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, Pastor Tal, Pastor Patricia and two others will be giving Communion via the "drive-by" method. Two communion stations are planned:

- on 4th Street at the end of the sidewalk leading to the Welcome Center doors, and
- under the Welcome Center Portico off the Grace parking lot.

The Wilmington Police Department and New Hanover County Public Health Department have both been consulted to aid us in keeping everyone safe. Members of Grace will serve as traffic directors to help things flow smoothly.

Pre-packaged wafers and grape juice will be used, per the guidance of the Health Department. Sometimes those packets can be difficult to open, so it is suggested that you receive the blessings of the pastors and then take the elements home to partake. As soon as you receive the blessing and your packet, we ask that you drive on so as to alleviate any bottlenecks from forming.

We sincerely hope that many people will participate in this Celebration of Holy Communion so we can continue to offer it while we are worshipping outside our normal routines.

Temporary Address

Grace member Dick Hull, along with his wife Karen, have moved to Durham for the next 6-12 months. Dick will be having a lung transplant at Duke. This is going to be quite a complicated and long journey for them.

Their Durham address is: 2901 Bertland Ave., Apt. 1117, Durham, NC 27705. Their email addresses are: Karen karenh44@twc.com
Dick drumhull@gmail.com (correction)

We know they would appreciate notes and cards of encouragement during their time away from Grace.

Dresses/Shorts for Haiti

The UMW has made arrangements to ship the pillow-case dresses for girls and shorts for boys to Haiti again this summer.

If anyone has dresses or shorts at home, please complete them and deliver to the church by Monday, June 15. Someone is at the church between 9 and 3 Monday through Friday. If you ring the doorbell at the portico, you can get in to place them in the collection bin.

The Work of WIHN/Family Promise Continues

Although Grace is not hosting families at this time, the program is still ongoing.

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 or 910 622-1211.

Grace Church – You Are So Generous!

Though April alone, we received monetary donations of \$5,603 towards our various mission efforts. We have delivered over 30 bags and boxes of food to Mother Hubbard's cupboard and also delivered numerous bags of homemade masks to NHRMC!

More is still needed in these wonderful mission opportunities. Please continue to support the giving of food and financial contributions to Mother Hubbards Cupboard and Family Promise, as well as the making of masks for NHRMC.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard specific food needs:

- Boost or Ensure for diabetics
- Brown Rice
- Quaker Instant Oats
- Corn Flakes
- Cheerios
- Canned chicken or tuna

These 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>

All donations can 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 and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Simply ring the bell at the portico door and you will be buzzed in. Leave your donations at the volunteer desk.

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

June Birthdays

6/1	Matt Hale Lydia Vaughan Kent Stephens	6/8	Cooper Stenerson Tal Madison	6/15	Jim Tyndall Linda Pyle Zack Maroules	6/24	Diane Woodbury Hope Inman Kelsey Winggi
6/2	Aaron Moore Larry Phipps	6/9	Gary Rowe Andrew Coggins Marvin Evans	6/16	Joeli Banks Carl Humphrey	6/25	Morris Allison
6/3	Margaret Batchelor	6/10	Mary Lyda Fisher Ray Lester	6/17	Karen Hull	6/26	Mary Sloan
6/4	Stephanie Christy Corey Ahlers Frank Michaels	6/11	David Walsh	6/19	Bob Henard	6/27	Alma Fennell Edna Mory
6/5	Jerry Smith	6/12	Cash Inman	6/22	Anna Ball Julie Crow	6/28	Helen Lehmann Ashley Lindsey
6/6	Russell Ipock	6/13	Joyce MacIvergan		Linda Pfister Janet Keenan	6/29	George Collins Tiffnay Irby
6/7	Carol Musselwhite	6/14	Sarah O'Brien Owen Coggins	6/23	Linda Snider		