

Grace Notes

May 3, 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 3

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:

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/450962721?](https://zoom.us/j/450962721?pwd=R0RvWlZCNU5qbUorQ3Y3RjBmaU1vUT09)

[pwd=R0RvWlZCNU5qbUorQ3Y3RjBmaU1vUT09](https://zoom.us/j/450962721?pwd=R0RvWlZCNU5qbUorQ3Y3RjBmaU1vUT09)

Sunday Evenings

Sunday, May 3

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.

Join Zoom Blast for Kids each week...

[https://zoom.us/j/127448960?](https://zoom.us/j/127448960?pwd=aDVldERxMlhXdVREdCb2k3ZVRxUT09)

[pwd=aDVldERxMlhXdVREdCb2k3ZVRxUT09](https://zoom.us/j/127448960?pwd=aDVldERxMlhXdVREdCb2k3ZVRxUT09)

Blast Teens

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

Join Zoom Blast Youth Group

[https://zoom.us/j/661626768?](https://zoom.us/j/661626768?pwd=ZEhwQzE5Rmd5dXZNNEVodXVoOHZSUT09)

[pwd=ZEhwQzE5Rmd5dXZNNEVodXVoOHZSUT09](https://zoom.us/j/661626768?pwd=ZEhwQzE5Rmd5dXZNNEVodXVoOHZSUT09)

During the Week

UMW Meeting **Next Meeting is May 5th**

1st Tuesday each month at 10:30 am

[https://zoom.us/j/649684497?](https://zoom.us/j/649684497?pwd=L2VoQXQ4TE0xTl9CeJczcjFoU1dKQT09)

[pwd=L2VoQXQ4TE0xTl9CeJczcjFoU1dKQT09](https://zoom.us/j/649684497?pwd=L2VoQXQ4TE0xTl9CeJczcjFoU1dKQT09)

Women's Bible Study

Thursdays at 10 am

Link:

[https://zoom.us/j/878886406?](https://zoom.us/j/878886406?pwd=ZEJhVjlrNkpzUFF2amVlbHBhY2tZQT09)

[pwd=ZEJhVjlrNkpzUFF2amVlbHBhY2tZQT09](https://zoom.us/j/878886406?pwd=ZEJhVjlrNkpzUFF2amVlbHBhY2tZQT09)

Gracelettes Check-in

Thursdays at 8 pm

[https://zoom.us/](https://zoom.us/j/646053838pwd=UzF2aDBFaE8xdnFHN253b3VmOXlvUT09)

[j/646053838pwd=UzF2aDBFaE8xdnFHN253b3VmOXlvUT09](https://zoom.us/j/646053838pwd=UzF2aDBFaE8xdnFHN253b3VmOXlvUT09)

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

HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

Online Attendance & Offering for 4/26/2020

Worship Service: 352 views

Operating Funds Given 4/22—4/29 \$ 7,560

March

Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 167,101

Operating Expenses YTD \$ 184,724

Cash Shortage \$ (17,623)

2020 Operating Budget = \$ 747,178

March

\$20 Fellowship Received 2020 YTD \$ 22,112

\$20 Fellowship Spent 2020 YTD \$ 8,787*

Apportionments are paid through February.

*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.

Thank You Note

Thank you, Grace Family, for your many expressions of concern and for your prayers. Saturday and Sunday (April 25 & 26) were emotional days for Bev and me as doctors worked to define and treat the stroke.

Your prayers gave us strength in mind and body. Pastor Tal's and Pastor Patricia's calls and prayers were very special.

The strokes damage was minimal and I was back home in three days with no follow-up therapy needed. Our God is Great!

Grace Family, you are so much appreciated.
Jim Holcomb

Good Work!

You will be glad to know we have already taken about 50 masks to NHRMC, given \$250 and about 7 bags of food items to Mother Hubbard's, and sent \$450 to Family Promise. The needs continue.

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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| Shad Adams
Family of Peggy Ames
William Bartlett
Bob Bauman
Alan Biddle
Ashley Borowicz
Brice Borowicz
Dr. Mark Borowicz
Linda Bostick
Laura Church
Mike & Celeste Conforti
Ruth Conner
Becky Cummings
Zach DeForge
Pat DiGiuseppe
Susan Gardner's sister & brother-in-law
Michelle Ginocchio
Justin Glasgow
Julie Godwin
Catherine Leigh Gold
The Greene Family
Dr. Palmer Greene
Darcy Guthrie
The Hamilton Family
Jimmy Hauk
Ron Hickmon
Jim Holcomb
Steve Hooper
Andy Hudson
Chris Hudson & Family
Dick Hull | Jeremy Johnson
Tim Jones
Tom Kramer
Charlie Leighton
Mary Greene Lind
Capt. Ben Mabee & Family
Mike Marino
Mike & Lisa Maroules
Drew & Kirsten McLeod
Phoebe Romine McLeod
Jen & James Merritt
Randy Mills
Altagracia Moran
Family of Gilbert Morreale
Ola
Jocelyn Osorio
Evan Papaspyros
Anthony Rosario
Brian Schmaltz
Family of Joseph Sabatini
Tiffany Sabo
Jerrel Solomon
Diane Steele
Roger Swilley
Amy Taylor
Debbie Tew
John Thomasson
Martha Vann
Shedera West
Ruby Williams
Laura Witherington
Jerry, Lisa & Devon Young |
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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,

May Birthdays

5/1	Chuck McCarthy Gary Atwell Frank Henry	5/11	Bob Hardyman Brooke Baldrige Jan Allen	5/17	Linda Russ Elizabeth Hyde Laurie Burrous	5/29	Valoree Shinn Sam Stephens
5/2	Ben Skillman	5/12	Debbie Cole	5/18	Laurie Burrous	5/30	Jamie High
5/4	Emma Walsh	5/13	Vicki Alexander	5/19	Frances Walters		
5/5	Debbie Snider	5/16	Barry Hartzell	5/24	Laura Patterson		
5/7	April Lester		John Thompson	5/25	Ernie Allen		
5/8	Wayne Blalock David Miller			5/27	James Ross Gene Patton Darlene Troup		

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 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**