

Grace Notes

November 10, 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, November 10

- 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
- 5:00 pm Family Worship **BLAST**
- 5:15 pm Mustard Seed Nursery Time (ages 2-3)
Powerful Play (PreK-grade 2)
Sonshine Singers (grades 3-5)
Compassion Bible Study, Grace 3:16 (grades 10-12)
Compassion Bible Study, (grades 6-9)
- 5:45 pm Compassion Bible Study (age 3-grade 5)
Solid Rock Singers (grades 6-9)
Youth Hot Topics (grades 10-12)

Monday, November 11

- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Agape Circle

Tuesday, November 12

- 9:30 pm KnitWerks@Panera/Independence
- 10:00 pm Graceful Seniors
- 6:00 pm Basketball
- 6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 13

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
- 4:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 14

- 12:00 pm Welcome Table

Sunday, November 17

- 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
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- 5:15 pm **Interest Meeting for 3rd Worship Service**
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Celebration at Grace

Today, Grace will remember and celebrate the merger of Sunset Park United Methodist Church and Grace United Methodist Church, resulting in the Grace UMC we know today. Over the two decades since the merger, much fruit has been born for God's Kingdom.

To mark this celebration, Reverend Ruth Harper Stevens will be our guest preacher at both the 8:30 am and 11:00 am worship services. She was the District Superintendent at the time of the merger.

There will be a display of Sunset Park memorabilia in the Welcome Center, and those who were once members of Sunset Park UMC will be asked to stand and be recognized during both services.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Wendy Adams	Ms. P
Alan Biddle	Frank Pasquale
Ed Boso	Tom Pasquale
George Braun	Joan Pence
Marilyn Brown	Joan Penney
Bruce Celeto	Wallace Riddle
Lynn Childers	Noah Roberts
Jim & Dale Cromartie	Pete Robinson
Zach DeForge	Jack Ross, Jr.
Alfreda Dorm	Carlson & Uta Rowe
Frances	Family of Annie Elizabeth Sanders
Mary Ginocchio	Jonathan Sloan
Catherine Leigh Gold	Mary Sloan
Bob Henard	Cozette Southerland
Maria King	Kathy Spitzner
Tom Kramer	Stephen Toth
Elizabeth Lamoureux	Franklin Williams
Charlie Leighton	Pete Williams
Charlie Lester	Jonathan Workinger
Jessica Martin	Caroline Vincent
Ruth O'Dwyer	

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
- 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
- E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

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.

Did You Hear That?

We are getting much closer to moving back to our beautiful sanctuary for worship!

As part of the preparation for cranking everything back up, there will be a meeting of the Sound System Team **TODAY**, immediately following the 11 am worship service.

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

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: _____

Wonderful News!!!!

After 13+ months of hard work, blood, sweat and tears, the congregation of Grace UMC will hold worship services in its beautiful, restored sanctuary beginning Sunday, November 17! That's right.....next Sunday.

There will certainly be a few hiccups as we settle back into this space, but with a little patience everything will soon be running smoothly.

We look forward to having a "full house" as we worship our Lord in the sanctuary on November 17.

Graceful Seniors for November

Tuesday, November 12, 10:00 am

The speaker will be Kemp Burdette, who is the Cape Fear Riverkeeper at Cape Fear River Partnership. He works to protect and improve the water quality of the Lower Cape Fear River.

Light refreshments will be served prior to the program.

Anyone interested in this topic is invited to join the group for this program.

Graceful Seniors Holiday Event



The Graceful Seniors will usher in Christmas by taking a carol-singing trolley tour of downtown Wilmington. The group, which will include the Grace Youth, will gather at Grace on **Thursday, December 5, 5:30 pm**. This will be an intergenerational event!

After the trolley ride and songfest, everyone will come back to the church for a light supper.

The cost for Graceful Seniors will be \$15, which covers the trolley ride and supper.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center by Friday, November 15. We want to fill the trolley! **Nine spaces remaining!**

Inner Grace

(young adults age 25-40ish)

Inner Grace Friendsgiving

Saturday, November 16, 6:00 pm
Olympia Restaurant, Oleander Drive

Hosts: Katie & Michael Voulgaris
Liz & Aaron Moore
Hope & Ross Inman

Food will be served buffet-style and kid-friendly options will be available.

Please bring canned goods to be donated to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

Agape for November

Monday, November 11, 7:00 pm
Home of: Leigh Mabee
1014 Meadowgrass Lane, Leland

All ladies of the church are invited!!

If you have questions or need directions, please contact Leigh at: LHMabee@yahoo.com or 910-465-5196.

Gracelettes

Thursday, November 21, 6-8 pm
Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC
1314 Marsteller Street
Hostess: Jess Phillips

Everyone needs to register with the food bank to volunteer. Gracelettes is listed at Grace UMC Group. Fifteen spots have been reserved, but more can be added. To register, go to:

https://fb.samaritan.com/custom/519/#/opp_details/4159?slotid=75368191121&placementid=186622

Let Jess know you have registered by emailing her at: jessphillipscatawba@yahoo.com

Annual Charge Conference

Grace will hold its **Annual Charge Conference on Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 pm**. This will be a short 10-minute meeting that is very important. The congregation is required to:

1. Elect officers for 2020 church year, and
2. Set parts of the 2020 budget (pastor's compensation).

Administrative Council members are voting members of the Charge Conference. The regular November Administrative Council meeting will follow immediately afterwards.

From the Grace Treasurer

If you are donating stock to Grace, please **do not** use the Wells Fargo brokerage. That account has been closed.

Please contact Debbie Ashe in the church office for new instructions for stock donations. Thanks.

Hospice Lunch Program at GUMC

Grace has committed, as a church, to furnish lunch on the second Wednesday of each month. This involves helping to furnish one meal for families of Hospice Care Center patients.

We need someone to sign-up for December 11, 2019 slot. Additionally, the signup sheet for January-June of 2020 is now on the Welcome Center bulletin board. This ministry provides a great opportunity for a Sunday School class or any other group to sign up and help furnish wholesome food for these families who are waiting with their loved ones at the Hospice Care Center. Recruit help from outside the walls of this church by asking your friends, neighbors or co-workers to lend a hand.

So many families at the Hospice Care Center are from out of town and either cannot afford to eat out for each meal or are reluctant to leave the bedside of their loved one. They need our help. **Will you answer the call?**

If you need further information about this mission, call Jim Tyndall at 910-343-9581. He will be happy to give you all the information that you need.

Thanks for your participation.

Love Offering

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be collecting a Love Offering to recognize the Grace Church Staff at Christmas. These wonderful men and women work hard for the church all year. With this special offering, we would like to recognize their efforts with a "little something extra" during the holidays.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, please make your check payable to Grace UMC and write "love offering" on the memo line. If you are donating cash, please place it in an envelope and write your name and "love offering" on the outside. Donation will be accepted through Sunday, November 17.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this endeavor.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Sponsorship Sought

Cinderella's Closet is looking for sponsors for the upcoming Masquerade Ball on February 8, 2020.

If you own a business or know someone who does, please contact one of the following:

Julie Crow julieocrow@yahoo.com
Hope Inman hopewalters@hotmail.com
April Lester customfitbody@gmail.com

Donations to help with this major fund raiser are also welcome.

Calling all knitters.....

from beginners to advanced, join us for coffee, maybe lunch, and good conversation while working on prayer shawls.

KnitWerks@Panera
November 12, 9:30 am
(2nd Tuesday of every month)
Panera at Independence Mall



If you have questions, please contact Bettye Broadwater, 686-5520 or albetvol63@gmail.com

Don't Keep It a Secret!

If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please share it with us! Send the changes to Marion Little - marion@gracedowntown.net Thanks!

Meeting to Explore 3rd Worship Service at Grace

Sunday, November 17, 5:15 pm

The idea is for this service to meet Sunday afternoons while children and youth are gathering. Both the music and style of preaching will be different. The current services we have will remain the same. The point is to draw people to the cross that are not currently attending Grace.

This gathering will begin with Tal sharing a potential order of service to get a sense of the look of the service. Your input will then be invited as to how this service may serve as yet another way we draw the unchurched to the cross. This should be an exciting conversation!

Mulberry Men - Dads and Kids Camping Weekend **Carolina Beach State Park** **Friday, December 6—Sunday, December 8, 2019**

Kids age 5 and up are invited to join the Mulberry Men for a trip to Carolina Beach State Park. Dads....this is a chance to get away with your kids and church friends for a weekend of camping and adventure.

The cost is \$45/campsite for the weekend. Activities will include: campfires, marshmallows and music; a corn hole competition; hiking; fishing; and a campground worship service on Sunday morning. Details for meals and necessities will be worked out shortly.

If you are interested in joining the fun, see Corey Ahlers or contact him at corahlers@yahoo.com

Family Christmas Skating Party

Sunday, December 1, 5:30-7:00 pm
(No BLAST programs that night)
Scooters Skating Rink
Shipyards Blvd., Wilmington

Regular skate rental: *FREE*
Roller Blades/Scooterz Scooters: \$3

Please bring an appetizer or
holiday dessert.
There will be holiday tunes playing!

Come enjoy a fun Sunday evening together!

Grace T-shirts

Starting Sunday, November 3, the Grace Youth Mission Team will have a t-shirt store set up in the Welcome Center. There will be samples and orders will be placed on line in the Welcome Center. There are several different designs from which to choose. T-shirts ordered by November 10, will be here before Christmas!

All proceeds go to the July, 2020 trip to work at the Methodist Children's Home in San Isidro, Costa Rica

You can also order at our online store at:
<https://www.bonfire.com/store/grace-umc-downtown/>



Agape Circle News

The bad news—due to a dwindling number of members, the **Agape Circle will not be holding its Annual Bake Sale** this year. The current members don't feel they can "pull it off".

The great news—this dedicated group of Christian women will continue with their wonderful mission work. This includes Ashley Home, Home Angel, UMW Goba Anniversary Project, making dresses for young girls in Haiti and the Bahamas, and many local missions. These include support of the Sister Isaac Center, gifts for our homebound Grace members, Hospice Lunches, dinners at Ashley Home and Cinderella's Closet, to name a few.

If you are interested in joining a missions-based group of fun-loving ladies, age 50ish+, come be a part of Agape Circle. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Currently, we meet at the home of a member. Please call Dianna Florea, 910-398-8790, for details.

We sincerely thank all our Grace families for their past support of the Annual Bake Sale. We hope our Agape sisters group grows in numbers so the Bake Sale can return in the future.

Friends in Christ,
Your Agape Sisters

Photographs Needed!

With the cell phones we all carry, everyone has a camera with them all the time! We'd like you to share the selfies and group photos you take at all the Grace events.

Our Social Media Manager, Olivia Walsh, would like to use some of your photos on the website and social media to illustrate life at Grace Church. Your photos may not be used immediately, but would give her a gallery of photos from which to choose. It doesn't have to be a special event...it could be a monthly meeting, a Bible study group, or a ministry event.

Please send your photos to:
olivia@gracedowntown.net

Thank you!

Devotionals On-Line

Thanks to the work of Olivia Walsh, Graces Social Media Manager, weekly video devotionals by Pastor Tal are posted to Grace's Facebook mid-day on Tuesday.

These videos are 1-2 minutes in length and designed to turn our thoughts towards God in the middle of our busy lives.

Check them out at:
[facebook.com/gumcwillmington](https://www.facebook.com/gumcwillmington)

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Sunday, December 1 - **Season of Advent Begins**

Sunday, December 1-Sunday, December 8 - **Host Family Promise/WIHN**

Sunday, December 15, 11:00 am - **A Service of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace** led by the Chancel Choir

Saturday, February 8, 2020 - **Cinderella's Closet Fundraiser - A Masquerade Ball** at the Brooklyn Arts Center

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

July 8-14, 2020 - **San Isidro, Costa Rica Mission Trip** - Watch coming *Grace Notes* for more details