

# Grace Notes

November 17, 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 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
- 4:00 pm Advent Wreath Lighter Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Family Worship BLAST
- 5:15 pm **Interest Meeting for 3rd Worship Service**
- 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 18

- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting
- 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
- 7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, November 19

- 10:30 pm Le Leche League
- 6:00 pm Basketball
- 6:30 pm **Annual Charge Conference**/Admin. Council Mtg.

#### Wednesday, November 20

- 9:30 am UMW Leadership Team
- 11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, November 21

- 12:00 pm Welcome Table
- 6:00 pm Gracelettes

#### Friday, November 22

- 1:00 pm Staff Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

#### Sunday, November 24

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Fellowship Time
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### 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.

### Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Wendy Adams	Charlie Leighton
Alan Biddle	Family of Charlie Lester
George Braun	Jessica Martin
Brice	Mike O'Brien
Marilyn Brown	Ms. P
Bruce Celeto	Frank Pasquale
Lynn Childers	Tom Pasquale
Jim & Dale Cromartie	Joan Pence
Neil Crow	Joan Penney
Zach DeForge	Wallace Riddle
Family of Frances Eller	Noah Roberts
Mary Ginocchio	Jack Ross, Jr.
Catherine Leigh Gold	Carlson & Uta Rowe
Courtney Hayden	Cozette Southerland
Andy Hudson	Kathy Spitzner
Melia Jefferies	Stephen Toth
Sharon Johnson	David & Cindy Wade
Maria King	Franklin Williams
Tom Kramer	Pete Williams
Elizabeth Lamoureux	Jonathan Workinger
Family of Tuong Dai Le	Caroline Vincent

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](mailto: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.

### Socks Needed

New or clean, used socks are needed for children, youth, and adults being served by Early Bread. Please leave your donations in the Early Bread basket located on the landing between the sanctuary and the children's department.

Thank You!



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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Meeting to Explore 3rd Worship Service at Grace**

TODAY, 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!

**New Members**

Grace is blessed to receive new members today at the 11:00 am worship service.

John & Lindsay Thompson moved to the area from New Hampshire a little over two years ago. They enjoy traveling, the theatre, playing guitars, and cycling. They are relative newlyweds, marrying 4 years ago, and have 3 grown children and 7 grandchildren between them. Both John and Lindsay are already very active in the life of Grace Church.

Randy & Carol Musselwhite are originally from Lumberton, but moved here from Chesapeake, Virginia about two years ago. Randy works for a power company in Southport and Carol works in administration for the NHC School System. While visiting Grace, they were surprised to see Mac and Jean Starke from their church in Lumberton! They enjoy boating and have two grown daughters who live in Raleigh.

**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 TODAY.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this endeavor.  
Staff Parish Relations Committee

**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 trol-

**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](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](mailto:jessphillipscatawba@yahoo.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](mailto:marion@gracedowntown.net)  
Thanks!

**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.

### 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!

### 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.

### **Grace to Host WIHN/Family Promise December 1-8**

As of now, Grace will have 3 families: a grandmother with her 2 teenage grandchildren, a young mother with 2 children under 3 and a young mother with 3 children ages 6, 3, and 7 months....busy folks!!

Here are the open jobs during the week of December 1-8:

Ambassador 5-8 pm Sunday, Dec. 1 through Saturday, Dec. 7

Dinner provider/host (Fix meal, stay and eat with families) Dinner served at 6 pm  
Sunday, Dec. 1, Wednesday, Dec. 4, Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7

Overnight hosts 7:45 pm-6 am Wednesday, Dec. 4, Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7 It is great to have both male and female, but can be just one. Sleep on twin mattress (a real bed!) or blow-up queen bed. If a family needs transportation, it would be great if overnight host can drive them to the day house at 6am, return the van to the church and then go home.

Drivers Bill Booth will coordinate. Not sure how much driving we need during the week, but we should know the week prior to our dates. If you are not on Bill's team and want to help, contact him or me and we will fix you up!

I am so grateful for all your past help and hope some of you can help out this go around! These families are changed by being with us, in a wonderful way! Thanks for supporting them!

Gratefully, Jane Spicer 910 622-1211

### **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

### 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 Gobal 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

### Grace T-shirts

The Grace Youth Mission Team has 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.

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/>



Free Admission

**Cape Fear Chorale**  
Sounds of the Season:

Donations Accepted

# Sing Fa La La

Sunday, December 8, 2019

7:00 pm

Kenan Auditorium, UNCW  
601 S. College Road, Wilmington, DC

[www.capefearchorale.org](http://www.capefearchorale.org) 501(c)(3)

### **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