

Grace Notes

November 1, 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

Daylight Savings Time Ends!!!!
Set clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday.

In-person Sunday Worship Service
All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2020, 10:00 am
Bullock Activity Center

Those who reserved a seat are asked to arrive early and wear a mask.
Enter by the lower lobby off the parking lot to be screened before you are seated.

On-line Sunday Worship Service — November 1
All Saints Sunday

The service will be available Sunday morning starting at **8:00 am**. 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—NEW TIME—7:00 PM

Grace is holding a Zoom Sunday School for everyone. Pastor Tal continues his series studying the book, What You Do Best in the Body of Christ by Bruce Bugbee, to help you discover your God-given spiritual gifts, personal style, and ministry passion.

Link coming on Saturday

Family Ministries

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/GrowinGraceUMC>

Grace Youth—Sundays—4-5 pm
At Grace

Topic for November 1:

Politics & Christians: Getting through the Elections without losing our Faith

This topic was requested by the youth. Discussion will focus on the United Methodist Church statement on Political Elections, John Wesley's voting guide, and how to calm rough waters when families and friends disagree. No candidate views will be discussed.

2020 Charge Conference

Grace will hold its 2020 Charge Conference on Tuesday, November 10, 5:45pm. This will be a Zoom meeting.

Our District Superintendent, Reverend Tara Lain, will chair the meeting. Several important things in the life of Grace will happen at this meeting. Among them will be the election of officers for 2021 and the setting of the pastors' salary for 2021.

By the rules of the Book Of Discipline, anyone is welcome to attend, but only members of the Administrative Council may vote.

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

Online Attendance & Offering for 10/25/2020

On-line Worship Service: 139 views on YouTube
Operating Funds Given 10/21—10/28 \$ 9,765

September
Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 509,450
Operating Expenses YTD \$ 538,507
Balance \$ (29,057)

2020 Operating Budget = \$ 747,178

September
\$20 Fellowship Received 2020 YTD \$ 43,857
\$20 Fellowship Spent 2020 YTD \$ 38,217*

Apportionments are paid through September.

*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 is a beautiful church, full of love, comfort, energy and many ministries. It is God's house – a large, historic home where there is always something to repair or replace.



The \$20 Fellowship provides Grace with the ability to make major repairs resulting from storm-related damages and years of wear and tear. The program is all about participation. It is based on as many members as possible giving a little extra each week over and above their regular contributions to the operating budget.

The \$20 Fellowship is making a positive and powerful impact on the financial stability of Grace United Methodist Church and must continue to do so. Every member of Grace is encouraged to join the Fellowship by giving what they can when they can.

The Fellowship Needs You!

Prayer Requests

Remember: Prayer Vigil daily at 12:00 noon

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Corey & Rachel Alban	Janine Iamunno
McKenzie Baker	Maria King
Chris Beahan	Dolores Larkins
Ben	LeAnne Lee
Louise Berry	Brian Long
Julie Bishop	Brookie Maycher
Gary Blauvelt	Heather Meyer
Ann Booth	Brad Mischler
Robert Bowen	Mitch
Tonna Bowen	Kirk Mitchell
Tommie Boyd	Helen Morgan
Sylvia Brodie	Carolyn Pope
Caleb	Jeffrey Powers
Carolyn	Tim Powers
Misty Chidester	James Pritchett
Erin Cissel	Peter Richardson
Greg & April Colburn	Wilson & Joan Riddle
Dale Cromartie	Joe Rogers
Becky Cummings	Mike & Gail St. Germain
Ellen	Barbara Schlagowsky
Debbie & Bruce Finch	Cheryl Snider
Kaye Gibbs	Diane Steele
Julie Godwin	Frank Steele
Sid Goode	Jim Teachey
Hank	Members/Family of Washing- ton, NC Youth Group
Adam Horne	Kay Warren
Dawn Hubbard	Lanayia Whitehurst
Dick Hull	

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
Maj. 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
SPC James F. Pritchett, USA
LCDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
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.

Children's Ministry Help Needed

Do you like to paint, organize, and decorate?

We are in the final stages of the Children's Area remodel and need your help to get it ready for the kids!

Every Wednesday (starting **October 28**) through November 18, you are invited join us between 10 am and 2 pm, or contact Kelley (Kelley@gracedowntown.net) for other hours that may suit you better.

Tasks remaining:

- finish painting the rooms and furniture
- organize the toys
- prepare craft bags
- decorate the newly painted spaces

The goal is to make the area an inviting and exciting place for the children when they return.

You can also help by donating the following supplies:

- Gallon Ziploc Bags
- Snack size Ziploc bags
- Individual packs of crayons and markers (8 count)
- Small Water Bottles (8 oz)
- Individual playdough in containers (any size)



Clean Out Your House!!!

The Outreach Committee of Wrightsville United Methodist Church is conducting a huge yard sale to support Mission of Hope: Rotifunk Hospital (Sierra Leone) on **Friday, November 13 from 8:00 AM-6:00 PM and Saturday, November 14 from 8:00 AM to Noon**. Please start rounding up furniture, jewelry, small appliances, household items, sporting goods, toys, tools, books and video games to donate. Tax receipts will be given for donations. Questions? Contact Donna Hudson at 704-905-4458.

Not accepted: clothes, TVs, computers, printers, mattresses, baby items & car seats.

Donation times: November 10, 11 & 12, 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Location: Wrightsville United Methodist Church
4 Live Oak Drive, Wrightsville Beach, NC

A Much Deserved "Thank You"

Grace is indebted to the Reopening For Worship Task Force for their hard work preparing us for in-person worship beginning November 1, 10:00 am. Pastor Tal assembled this group, which includes representatives from all the many committees, teams and groups that are required to hold a worship service. They have spent many hours, across numerous meetings and conversations, focused solely on reopening worship at Grace in a safe manner. We are so grateful to all of them for their work and dedication.

Jerry Cribbs	Steve Stanfield-Switzer
Kelley Ahlers	John Glasgow
Janet Keenan	Bill Booth
Frank Lee	Jeanne Gore
Mitch Duncan	Scott Wilson
Linda Pyle	Bob Hardyman
Robert High	Sam Spicer
Cheryl High	Patricia DiGiuseppe
Vicki Stanfield-Switzer	Ron Moore

Christmas Love Offering

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will once again this year 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. This year has been especially difficult and our staff have risen to the challenges 2020 has thrown at them. 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, your donation can be made in several ways. You can write a check payable to Grace UMC with "Love Offering" on the memo line; cash will be accepted when placed in an envelope with "Love Offering" on the front; or you can make an online donation through PayPal or Bill Pay from your own bank. Please remember to make the notation that it is for the "Love Offering." Check or cash contributions can be made by placing them in the offering plate if you are attending our in-person services or by simply mailing them to the church office.

Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 15.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this endeavor.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Christmas Drive-through Nativity Story at Grace Sunday, December 20, 2020 from 5-7pm

As most traditions are being altered in 2020, it's a great time to try something new. This year Grace is going to host a Drive-through Nativity Story!

On the Sunday evening before Christmas, starting at Grace Street and 4th Street, and extending to Walnut, scenes from the Nativity Story will line the street. The scenes will begin with the Angel speaking to Mary, to Mary and Elizabeth, to the shepherds in the fields and will conclude with the Manger scene! This will be a wonderful ministry to the community.

In order to make this happen, we will need all hands on deck! Here is how you can help:

- ◆ **"Actors"** of all ages to play different roles (no lines to learn, just dress up and create the scenes)
- ◆ **Costume Creators**
- ◆ **Construction gurus** to build the sets

To participate in this outreach event, please contact Kelley as soon as possible. Kelley@gracedowntown.net



Catching Up on Missions at Grace

Family Promise of the Lower Cape Fear-NEW

This wonderful organization is celebrating and they want to share the good news with Grace. In the last month, 6 families from Family Promise moved into permanent housing! Family Promise is ready to take new families into their Transitional Housing apartments. Some of the families from the Emergency Shelter/WIHN program may move also move in.

Listed below are items currently needed for the WIHN/Emergency Shelter:

- * Trash bags
- * Paper Towels
- * Hand Sanitizer
- * Normal Subject Wide Ruled Notebooks
- * Chalk!

Family Promise has a new website! www.familypromiselowercapefearnc.org

Please free to check out the new website as new information is posted often. Also, don't forget to keep visiting their Facebook and Instagram pages. They share updates and good news daily.

From Mother Hubbard's Cupboard: To Members of Grace United Methodist Church:

We offer profound thanks for your generous ongoing gifts of donations for diabetics. We are especially appreciative of this during this pandemic! It will help us to continue to provide food for low-income families in the Wilmington area. We are serving over 250 families each week! With Sincere Appreciation, Marie Cooke, Board Member

So how can you help? So happy you asked! Our partners are providing some great stuff, but we are unable to buy in bulk due to COVID restrictions at the stores. So there are some items always in need. Marie Cooke (marievcooke@gmail.com) has committed to being at the Cupboard on the 4th Fridays of every month from 11 am - 1 pm for donation drop offs at the 4th street door. If you can buy some of the seemingly always almost out items below or organize a food drive with people who are able to help - we will be sure the food makes it to those of our neighbors who continue to struggle to put healthy food on their tables.

- . brown rice
- . regular oatmeal
- . juice boxes
- . water
- . mac and cheese/rice-a-roni
- . toilet tissue
- . whole grain cereals
- . canned legume beans (navy, kidney, black)
- . healthy low sodium soups
- . bar soap

ALSO.....

- Please spread the word and send interested, healthy under 55 volunteers to our website:
motherhubbardsnc.org
- Those who prefer may drop donations off at Grace UMC where they will also be picked up weekly.
- **Needed:** Paper bags with handles (grocery store type) in good condition. Plastic bags are not being used to hand out food at present.