

Grace Notes

November 3, 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 3 - All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends

- 8:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion
- 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/Holy Communion
- 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 4

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

Tuesday, November 5

- 10:30 pm United Methodist Women
- 1:00 pm Nurture Committee
- 6:00 pm Basketball

Wednesday, November 6

- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

- 12:00 pm Welcome Table

Friday, November 8

- 5:45 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, November 9

- 3:30 pm Wedding

Sunday, November 10

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Fellowship Time
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Celebration at Grace

On Sunday, November 10, 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:

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

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.

United Methodist Women

(women age 60+)

Tuesday, November 5, 10:30 am
Guest Speaker: Dianne Brisson
Leader of Homemade with Love Quilting Bee
This group donates quilts to Sister Isaac's Mission.

Hostesses: Joan Cunningham, Cindy Henry,
Renate Cooper

Please bring your Penny for a Prayer donation.

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: _____

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!**

When Christmas Isn't Merry



Sometimes, due to loss, illness, conflict or any number of life's challenges, we find ourselves approaching the holidays with more dread than joy.

Today, 5:15 pm, Bible Class room, Stephen Ministry will provide an interactive program for anyone who is struggling this holiday season - or who wants to help someone else who is struggling.

Please sign-up for this program by using the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

Support Grace's Fair Trade Project

Equal Exchange Coffee

to be served during Fellowship Time on

TODAY

A table will also be set up in the Welcome Center for the sale of Equal Exchange/Fair Trade products of coffee, tea and chocolate. These items are available for sale on a continuing basis at the steps leading to Walsh Hall.

Equal Exchange is a US co-op that provides small-scale farmer co-ops across the globe with fair trade prices for their products sold in the US. It also donates a portion of sales back to faith partners, such as the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Equal Exchange is a missions ministry of Grace UMC.

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.

Gentle Yoga Class Change

The class **will not meet** on Wednesday, November 6th. It will resume on Wednesday, November 13.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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!

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 on **Sunday, November 10**, immediately following the 11 am worship service.

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

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.

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. These include 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 home-bound 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

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/>



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