

Grace Notes

October 18, 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 — October 18 Youth Sunday

The Grace Youth, with help from Kelley and Amanda Allred, have put together a wonderful worship service. 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—10:30 am

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>

Grade 3 & 4:

Show & Tell Bible Stories - Sundays, 5 pm on Zoom

Youth:

The Big Game - Sunday, October 18, 6 pm on Zoom
(every other Sunday)

Let's Talk - Sunday, October 25, 3 pm at Grace!
(every other Sunday)



*The \$20 Fellowship
needs You!*

Since March 15, 2020, our beautiful sanctuary and Bull-ock building have stood empty due to Covid-19. Now, more than ever, we appreciate having this sacred place to come together in worship and fellowship. It is a place to share the joy of a baptism or marriage, and a place to share our grief at the loss of a loved one or friend. We long for the day when we will return to worship at Grace.

Please help us in sustaining our church. As Grace Church stands empty, now is the perfect time to work on much needed repairs. Your \$20 fellowship contribution goes toward the maintenance of our building. Just \$20 a week makes a huge difference. If you can't give \$20, give what you can. Your gift is deeply appreciated.

God bless you.

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

Online Attendance & Offering for 10/11/2020

Worship Service: views on YouTube

Operating Funds Given 10/7—10/14	\$ 12,005
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.

Reversed Trunk or Treat

October 31, 2021

4-7 PM

Coming to your house this halloween!



To have treats delivered to your kids, or to volunteer to deliver treats to our little goblins in your area, use the sign-up link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eaaa92da5f5cf8-reversed>

Prayer Requests

Remember: Prayer Vigil daily at 12:00 noon

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

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| Family of Betsy Adkins | Dick Hull |
| Corey & Rachel Alban | Janine lamunno |
| Mayleigh Allen | Maria King |
| McKenzie Baker | Frank & Rebecca Lee |
| Chris Beahan | Family of Charlie Leighton |
| Ben | Family of Frieda Lowell |
| Louise Berry | Brookie Maycher |
| Julie Bishop | Phoebe Romine McLeod |
| Gary Blauvelt | Heather Meyer |
| Ann Booth | Brad Mischler |
| Robert Bowen | Mitch |
| Tonna Bowen | Kirk Mitchell |
| Tommie Boyd | Helen Morgan |
| Caleb | Carolyn Pope |
| Carolyn | Jeffrey Powers |
| Celeste | Tim Powers |
| Family of Ralph Chason | Jeff Price |
| Misty Chidester | Peter Richardson |
| Erin Cissel | Wilson & Joan Riddle |
| Greg & April Colburn | JC Riggs |
| Ray Cox | Mary Ellen Riggs |
| Becky Cummings | Joe Rogers |
| Ellen | Mike & Gail St. Germain |
| Debbie & Bruce Finch | Barbara Schlagowsky |
| Baby Riggs Freeman | Paul Sipson |
| George | Cheryl Snider |
| Kaye Gibbs | Diane Steele |
| Brittany Gifford | Jim Teachey |
| Julie Godwin | Martha Vann |
| Sid Goode | Kay Warren |
| Hank | Lanayia Whitehurst |
| Dawn Hubbard | Macon Worth |

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

- Maj. Jeffery Bernard, USA
- LCpl. John Capwell, USMC
- Sgt. Tim Cough, 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
- 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.



Drive-through Nativity

*At Grace UMC
Christmas Eve, 2020*

This year Grace is going to do something a little different to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
 If you would like to help create this enactment of that magical, holy night, please contact Kelley - kelley@gracedowntown.net

THE BIG GAME

WEAR YOUR GAME FACE

EVERY OTHER SUNDAY AT 6PM ON ZOOM

*Every other Sunday, 6 pm
Join us today, October 18*

Through various games, Grace's Youth will work on real life strategies for dealing with life. Wear your game face and play fair... this could get intense!

Through games we will learn how to deal with

- School stress
- Social Media
- Break-ups
- Family connections
- Life after high school
- Relationships
- Life!



Show & Tell Bible Stories Sundays at 5 pm on Zoom

Kids ages 3-4th grade are invited to join us! Miss Kelley and Miss Amanda will bring an object to share and then it's your turn to share. Each item will help us learn more about God's world, each other, and to Grow In Grace!



Every other Sunday, 3-4 pm Join us next on October 25

Starting this October Grace's Youth will get together for Bible Study, chats, and games **at church**. Twice a month they will talk about topics that they select or submit.

- We will start outside in the grass lot and move to the Welcome Center if the weather gets bad. Bring a chair and a personal snack or drink.
- Masks will be worn except when socially distanced in seats.

If the Covid-19 statistics worsen at any time, this gathering will go back to being exclusively online.

2020 Charge Conference

Grace will hold it's 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.

Grace is Reopening for In-Person Worship Sunday, November 1

We'll start with --

- one service in the Bullock Activity Center at 10am
- you'll need to register **weekly** to attend. This can be done either online or by calling the church office.
- attendance will be capped at 80
- temperature checks and masks will be required

Two emails have been sent with more detailed information regarding what the in-person services will be like. If you didn't get one, let the church office know.

Registration for the November 1st worship service will open on Monday, October 26, 2020. Details for how to register will be coming shortly.