

Grace Notes

October 20, 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, October 20

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Discretionary Fund Team Meeting
- 9:30 am Fellowship Time
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Discretionary Fund Team Meeting
- 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, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 22

- 6:00 pm Basketball

Wednesday, October 23

- 11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 24

- 9:30 am Beth Moore Bible Study
- 12:00 pm Welcome Table
- 6:30 pm Conversation with Sam Spicer
- 6:30 pm Police Athletic League/Gym

Friday, October 25

- 1:00 pm Staff Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Saturday, October 26

- 8:00 am Anchor Church Bible Study

Sunday, October 27

- 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
- 2:00 pm Great Pumpkin Fall Festival

Conversation With Sam Spicer

Thursday, October 24, 6:30 pm
Chancel Choir Room

Sam will share stories and pictures showing how lives are being changed through Rotifunk Hospital in Sierra Leone, Africa.

Sam, a retired physician, helped establish this United Methodist hospital that serves the poor. He travels there several times each year. There will be a question and answer session as part of this 45-minute program.

Childcare will be available.

Grace Name Tags

Everyone is reminded to please wear your Grace name tags on Sunday mornings. If you don't have a name tag or need a new one, please fill out the tear-off on the top of the next page and place it in the offering plate.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Alexis	Walter Kropp
Morris Allison	Charlie Leighton
Alan Biddle	Jessica Martin
Wayne Blalock	Richard Miller
Ed Boso	Mary Neal
George Braun	Ruth O'Dwyer
Marilyn Brown	Ms. P
Glen Carlson	Joan Penney
Bruce Celeto	Nancy Pritchett
Cindy Chappel	Wallace Riddle
Mike Chason	Noah Roberts
Ralph Chason	Pete Robinson
Zach DeForge	Jack Ross, Jr.
Alfreda Dorm	Jonathan Sloan
Kitty Eure	Mary Sloan
Mary Ginocchio	Cozette Southerland
Michael Godwin	Beth Steelman
Catherine Leigh Gold	Benjamin Stockman
Family of Andrew Gray	Stephen Toth
Derek Hauk	Stephen Toth Sr.
Bob Henard	Bob Traversari
Laura Howard	Franklin Williams
Wayne Johnson	Pete Williams
Family of Catherine Kent	Jonathan Workinger
Daniel Kenyon	Caroline Vincent
Maria King	

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.

Gentle Yoga Still in Session

A reminder that our Gentle Yoga class is still meeting Wednesday's at 11:30 am in the gym. Everyone is invited to come join the class. Beginners welcome! The cost is \$5 per class. **Your first class is free!**

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! Space is limited to 22 participants.

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.

On Sunday, November 3, 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.

The Great Pumpkin Fall Festival

Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 2 PM - 5 PM

Join us for games, candy, costumes and dancing! Free and open to everyone!

We will—

- ◆ Search for the great pumpkin as *The Broccoli Brothers Circus* plays our favorite veggie hits
- ◆ Pop between the trunk or treat lot and festival lane filled with games
- ◆ Get creative in the pumpkin patch with face painting, a photo booth or decorating mini pumpkins.
- ◆ Enjoy cotton candy, popcorn, drinks and surprises!

If you are willing to help with a booth or game, please see Kelley or Kelsey for more information.

Donations are needed of the following:

- ◆ Candy (small, individually wrapped)
- ◆ Small prizes (like bouncy balls and pencils)
- ◆ Plastic Pumpkins
- ◆ Small real pumpkins (grapefruit size or smaller) for painting
- ◆ Acrylic paints (the small bottles that are \$1 or less, any color)
- ◆ Bags of caramel popcorn



Come and join the fun!!!

Sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center for:

Trunks for →



← **Volunteers to help with games and booths**

Graceful Seniors for October

Tuesday, October 29, 10:00 am

The speaker will be Julie Wilsey, Airport Director at ILM. She will cover aspects of the airport operation and bring the group up-to-date on future plans.

Light refreshments will be served prior to the program.

Come join us!



All Saints Day **Sunday, November 3, 2019**

Grace will observe All Saints Day at both the 8:30 and 11:00 am worship service. On this day, we remember those who helped inspire our life's journey and who have now gone to their heavenly rest.

Starting today, you will find a table in the Welcome Center with glass jars and strips of colored paper. We invite you to write the name(s) of those you hold in memory on strip(s) of paper, fold each strip once, and place the paper in one of the glass jars.

These jars will be placed on the altar for both services on November 3.

WIHN/Family Promise Fund Raiser

Several weeks each year, Grace supports the ministry of WIHN/Family Promise by providing shelter, food and support for homeless families. Funding the larger program is expensive and Family Promise hosts one fundraiser each year.

If you would like to have some fun and help with funding this amazing program at the same time, come on out to the:

Family Promise Beach Ball

Friday, November 1,
Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort at Wrightsville Beach!

Band of Oz will provide music for dancing. The event also features silent and live auctions, heavy hors'dou-vres and good fellowship.

To buy tickets, view sponsorship opportunities or donate auction items, please go to
one.bidpal.net/familypromisebeachball or
call the Family Promise office at 910 769-4730.

Thanks to the whole congregation for your continued support of these families!

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.

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.

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/gumcwilmington](https://www.facebook.com/gumcwilmington)

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!

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Sunday, October 20 - **Youth and Children's Sunday**

Sunday, October 27, 2:00-5:30 pm - **The Great Pumpkin Fall Festival**

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