

Grace Notes

October 25, 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 25

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 Starting October 25!

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>



Every Contribution Counts!

The purpose of the \$20 Fellowship is to make Grace Church's beautiful buildings and campus last for generations!

Contributions to the \$20 Fellowship help cover major expenses of the building and repairs from potentially damaging storms.

If you can give an extra \$20 a week, please consider doing so today. If you can't give \$20 a week, give what you can when you can. Every contribution counts.

The Fellowship needs You!

For additional information, please call the church office (763-5197) or email Debbie Ashe at debbie@gradedowntown.net.

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 10/18/2020

Worship Service: 154 views on YouTube

Operating Funds Given 10/14—10/21 \$ 17,887

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 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.

Prayer Requests

Remember: Prayer Vigil daily at 12:00 noon

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

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

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
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)

Zoom Sunday School Time Change

Zoom Sunday School at Grace UMC will move to 7pm starting this Sunday, October 25. The link will continue to come in the Saturday email.

In preparation for this Sunday's session please read Chapter 5 in Bruce Bugbee's book, *What You Do Best In The Body Of Christ*. Take the self assessments in this chapter, and answer the questions at the chapter's end for reflection.

mission of hope:
ROTIFUNK
sierra leone

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**

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.

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 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



November Birthdays

11/1 Jeanne Hadaway Kevin Edwards Charlotte Bailey	11/11 Mike Tripp	11/21 Alice Edwards	11/26 Bettye Broadwater
11/2 Jean Duncan	11/13 Miller Coggins	11/22 Sabrina Stephens	Javier Mory
11/6 Louise Thompson	11/15 Kristin Gibbs	Pat Goodman	Craig Wengerd
11/8 Christine Boone	11/16 Greydon Fuller	11/23 Frank Lee	11/30 Rebekah Vaughan
Laura Still	11/18 Michelle Ginocchio	Randy Musselwhite	
11/9 Carole Ellis	Linda Russ	11/24 Rod Roberts	
Jo Ellen Hickmon	11/19 Jarvis Simmons	Mitch Duncan	
Joan Pence	Mary Neal	Charlie Reap	
11/10 Ann Edwards	11/20 Julie Godwin		

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.