

# Grace Notes

October 27, 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 27 - Reformation Sunday

- 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
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 2:00 pm Great Pumpkin Fall Festival

#### Monday, October 28

- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, October 29

- 10:00 am Graceful Seniors
- 6:00 pm Basketball

#### Wednesday, October 30

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, October 31

- 9:30 am Beth Moore Bible Study
- 12:00 pm Welcome Table

#### Friday, November 1

- 9:30 am Church Women United/Bullock Activity Center

#### Saturday, November 2

- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Sunday, November 3 - All Saints Sunday

- 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)

### The Great Pumpkin Fall Festival

**TODAY** at 2 PM – 5 PM

**Join us for games,  
candy, costumes and dancing!**

**Trunk or Treat**

**Free and open to everyone!**

### United Methodist Women

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.

### Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Morris Allison	Richard Miller
Alan Biddle	Mary Neal
Ed Boso	Ruth O'Dwyer
George Braun	Ms. P
Marilyn Brown	Tom Pasquale
Bruce Celeto	Joan Pence
Mike Chason	Joan Penney
Ralph Chason	Nancy Pritchett
Lynn Childers	Wallace Riddle
Zach DeForge	Noah Roberts
Alfreda Dorm	Pete Robinson
Family of Betty Dovel	Jack Ross, Jr.
Kitty Eure	Family of Annie Elizabeth Sanders
Mary Ginocchio	Jonathan Sloan
Michael Godwin	Mary Sloan
Catherine Leigh Gold	Cozette Southerland
Family of Andrew Gray	Kathy Spitzner
Derek Hauk	Beth Steelman
Bob Henard	Benjamin Stockman
Laura Howard	Stephen Toth
Wayne Johnson	Stephen Toth Sr.
Daniel Kenyon	Family of Bob Traversari
Maria King	Franklin Williams
Tom Kramer	Pete Williams
Walter Kropp	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](mailto: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.

### 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.

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!**

### 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!



### 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.

### Support Grace's Fair Trade Project

#### *Equal Exchange Coffee*

to be served during Fellowship Time on

**Sunday, November 3**

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.

### 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'd'ou-vres and good fellowship.

To buy tickets, view sponsorship opportunities or donate auction items, please go to [one.bidpal.net/familypromisebeachball](http://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!

### Inner Grace

#### *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.

### **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.

### ***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.

### **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!

### **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.

### **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.

### November Birthdays

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