

Grace Notes

October 6, 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 6 - World Communion 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

4:00 pm Joint Worship Service w/ St. Stephen AME

Monday, October 7

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

Tuesday, October 8

9:30 am KnitWerks@Panera
6:00 pm Basketball
6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, October 9

11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
4:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting
5:30 pm Bootcamp
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 10

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

Sunday, October 13

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
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)

Joint Worship Service

With

St. Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church

Grace UMC Bullock Activity Center

World Communion Sunday, Today, 4 pm

Message by: Pastor Thomas Nixon, St. Stephen AME

Both Grace's Chancel Choir and St. Stephen's Choir will sing during the service and Holy Communion will be celebrated.

The Nurture Committee will provide a light supper after the worship service. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for the member's of both congregation to get to know one another over a meal.

At one point in their history, Grace and St. Stephen were one church. In 1865, over 600 people pulled out of Grace to form St. Stephen. It is a joyful and fitting occasion for us to worship together each year.

Grace will hold regular morning worship services at 8:30 and 11 am.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Alexis	Ruth O'Dwyer
Alan Biddle	Jason Powers
Wayne Blalock	Nancy Pritchett
Ed Boso	Noah Roberts
George Braun	Pete Robinson
David Brose	Jack Ross, Jr.
Marilyn Brown	Family of Eloise Sasser
Glen Carlson	Fritz Schafer Family
Bruce Celeto	Valoree Shinn & Family
Jerry Cribbs	Judy Siebold
Zach DeForge	Jonathan Sloan
Michael Godwin	Mary Sloan
Catherine Leigh Gold	Cozette Southerland
Derek Hauk	Kathy Spitzner
Bob Henard	Beth Steelman
Carl Humphries	Stephen Toth
Elizabeth Hyde	Stephen Toth Sr.
Wayne Johnson	Trav Ward & Family
Rick Keup Family	Pete Williams
Maria King	Jonathan Workinger
Charlie Leighton	Caroline Vincent
Mary Neal	

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.

New Member Received

Grace was blessed to receive Carolee Doty into membership on Sunday, September 29. Carolee retired from teaching but works part time as a substitute. She enjoys biking, kayaking, camping and being with her two children and four grandchildren. Carolee wants to be involved in Mission Work and Disaster Relief efforts.

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.**
- Plan to attend the Prospective Member Class on October 13, 9:30 am**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Prospective Members Class

Sunday, October 13, 9:30 am
Second floor office suite
Light Refreshments

Thinking about becoming a member of Grace UMC? Pastor Tal will offer a history of the United Methodist Church, basic United Methodist beliefs, what it means to be a Christian, and the commitments of membership—all in an hour!

So that we can prepare the right number of information packets, let us know you are coming by using the tear-off at the top of this page and place it in the offering plate, or call the church office (763-5197). **Please respond by Today.**

We look forward to seeing you!

Grace UMW Ladies Visitation Group

The group still needs 3 more people to cover the monthly visits to Grace's home-bound or nursing home ladies.

The teams of 2 ladies typically visit one afternoon per month - and take a handmade card and an *Upper Room* devotional magazine. This ministry has been praised for helping these ladies know that they are loved and still remembered.

If you want to do a ride-along with some of their teams to get acquainted with the visits, please contact Pat or one of the "veteran" visitors. - Pat Thomas (910-512-0683) or clementine_17@yahoo.com.

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 a Plan Works

Because of the thoughtfulness and foresight of this congregation's leadership, and your giving, Grace is in a position to cover the portion of the expenses for Hurricane Florence damage repair not covered by insurance.

The \$20 Fellowship is making a positive and powerful impact on the financial stability of Grace United Methodist Church and must continue to do so. Contributions to the \$20 Fellowship will ensure that funds will be there for future expenses, upkeep and potential damage from storms.

The most important aspect of the \$20 Fellowship is participation. The program is based on every member giving an extra \$20 a week over and above their regular contributions to the operating budget. Some contributions are more, some less, but every contribution has contributed to our success.

If you are not giving to the \$20 Fellowship, I urge you to do so. For those of you who have been giving for years, please continue to give what you can.

If you have questions, please contact Beth Steelman, \$20 Fellowship Chair.

The \$20 Fellowship needs You!

Pass It On - Youth & Children's Sunday

Sunday, October 20, 8:30 & 11:00 am

Come for a wonderful celebration of the children and youth of Grace Church. From the prelude through the sermon, the Grace Youth will lead the service. The children will make their appearance throughout each worship service.

This will be a wonderful day to get a glimpse of where our church is headed as the youngest members of the Grace family share their faith.

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)

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.

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**

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.

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!**

Meeting Those In Need

Grace is changing the way we meet with those seeking assistance. The church uses its discretionary fund to help those in our community who need emergency help with rent, utilities, and other essentials. Through your generosity, Grace is able to distribute thousands of dollars each year through this ministry.

You are invited to volunteer to meet in teams of two with those seeking help. Training for this ministry will be offered.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, Pastor Tal will be holding organizational meetings on Sunday, October 20 at 9:30 am and 12 noon, in the church office.

Working with these individuals is a rewarding way to show the love of Jesus Christ to our community.

Have you played hand bells?

Do you want to play again?

If your answer is "yes", please contact Jerry as soon as possible at:
jerry@gracedowntown.net.

Due to reconstruction in the music suite, the start of Grace Ringers has been delayed and will commence on Wednesday, October 30, 6:15 pm.

This start date allows a month for anyone interested in being a part of Grace Ringers to experience some preliminary tutoring.



LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Thursday, October 17, 11:30 am - **WARM Harvest Luncheon** at the Wesley Memorial UMC Activity Center

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

Sunday, October 27 - **The Great Pumpkin Fall Festival**

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

July 11-18, 2020 - **San Isidro, Costa Rica Mission Trip** - Watch coming Grace Notes for more details