

Grace Notes

September 22, 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, September 22

- 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 Adult Bible Study/Marriage Tune-Up
- 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, September 23

- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:30 pm Stephen Minister Supervision
- 7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 24

- 6:00 pm Basketball

Wednesday, September 25

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

Thursday, September 26

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

Friday, September 27

- 1:00 pm Staff Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Saturday, September 28

- 8:30 am Annual Chancel Choir Retreat
- 12:00 pm Chancel Choir Lunch

Sunday, September 29

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Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Alexis	Jason Powers
Alan Biddle	Nancy Pritchett
Ed Boso	Noah Roberts
Gail Braun	Pete Robinson
George Braun	Jack Ross, Jr.
David Brose	Carlson Rowe
Claudia Burnette	Uta Rowe
Bruce Celeto	Fritz Schafer Family
Jill Clark	Mary Shipping
David Cooper	Jonathan Sloan
Dale Cromartie	Mary Sloan
Jim Cromartie	Cozette Southerland
Zach DeForge	Kathy Spitzner
Family of Tyrone Evans	Stephen Toth
Catherine Leigh Gold	Stephen Toth Sr.
Bob Henard	Trav Ward & Family
Tom Jones	Dennis Troup
Rick Keup Family	Caroline Vincent
Maria King	Foy White-Chu
Ryan Layton	Janet Williams
Jessica Martin	Judy Yupcavage
Ruth O'Dwyer	

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.

Answer This Question

Have you ever felt called to do mission work?

Join the conference team November 29 thru December 10, 2019, as we work to improve the lives of women and children in Rotifunk, Sierra Leone, a very rural and poor part of a poor country.

No medical expertise required. The all inclusive cost is \$2,500/person, with some scholarships available.

If you are interested in joining this effort or supporting a local missionary with a monetary donation, please contact Sam Spicer at 910.352.5771 or sspicer@ec.rr.com

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: _____

Hurricane Dorian Relief

The United Methodist Church is ready to send help to the Bahamas in the aftermath of hurricane Dorian. Any gifts given to this effort will be funneled through the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR). Please know that **100%** of monies given go to help the affected areas; no administrative costs are taken.

You can help by making your check payable to Grace UMC and writing "Hurricane Dorian Relief" on the memo line.

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.

Please send your photos to:
olivia@gracedowntown.net

Thank you!

Marriage Tune-Up

To go along with the new Sunday Night Family Ministries programs, Pastor Tal will hold a 3-session adult course called "Marriage Tune-Up".

The classes will start at 5:15 pm and last about an hour each. The remaining dates are September 22 and 29.

Among the topics covered will be:

- Moving from falling in love to being in love for the long haul
- How to argue well
- Staying connected during the busy years

Come take a look at what makes marriages strong. Childcare will be offered through the Children's Ministry programs.

UMW Meeting

The next UMW meeting will be held on October 1. Come learn the news about the Fall Festival, hear about some good books to read, and have fun! The speaker will be Charlotte Bryant, who is a member of Grace and a breast cancer survivor. Hostesses for lunch will be Janice Fladd and Maxine LeFever.

Come join us!!

The Grace Ladies Visitation 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.

Welcome Meal

Grace offers the Welcome Meal **every** Thursday at noon. Folks come from all walks of life. Folks come who have no home. The meal is given away—no one is charged a dime. It's a great opportunity to build bridges and to share Jesus Christ with others.

Grace partners with the Hope Center in offering this meal. This outreach continues to grow. There were 100 people served on a recent Thursday.

You are welcome to come take part: be a table server or be one who sits at the table and eats with whoever shows up.

You are encouraged come and join in the wonderful conversations that are a large part of these meals

Sunset Park Prayer Partners

Your first monthly card/note/letter for your prayer partner is due in the basket by Sunday, September 29.

Below are the dates (all Sundays) for the rest of the year when these will be due.

October 20	February 9
November 10	March 8
December 8	April 12
January 12, 2020	May 10

Plans are underway for other events and treats for the teachers and staff. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements.

Merry Christmas!

Members of Grace again have a chance to send a box of Christmas gifts to children in Armenia through our North Carolina Conference's AGAPE mission. A landlocked mountainous country in Eurasia, Armenia is bordered by Turkey, Georgia, Iran, and Azerbaijan. The children in this poverty-stricken country are not remembered through any other mission entities. Nara Melkonyan, an Armenian missionary supported by our conference, oversees distribution of these gifts to the local children at Christmas. To read more about this project, please go to

<https://nccumc.org/outreach/project-agape>

Supplies are available in the Welcome Center!

Here's what you do:

- Pick up a small (6-quart) plastic box with lid from the table in the Welcome Center. You may buy your own, but they should be 6-quart, hard plastic with lids that fit, secured with two rubber bands.
- Pick up a list from beside the boxes with suggestions as to what to put into the boxes. Check off what you add to the box. You may add other age-appropriate items and list them in the "other" designation. Please enclose the list in your box.
- Place in the top of the box \$5 in cash or a check (made out to NC Conference UMC, earmarked Agape Christmas Boxes) to cover the cost of shipping for your box. Members of the Missions Committee will take the boxes to our drop off location where they will be transported to Goldsboro for shipment to Armenia!
- Completed boxes need to be returned to the Welcome Center **by Sunday, September 22!**

If you have questions, please contact Marie Allison at alli7173@hotmail.com or 910-675-0612. Thanks in advance!

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.



Attention all sewers!

We need your help again. We had a great sewing instruction day on Tuesday, September 17, thanks to Dianna Florea. Many sewers learned about the ins and outs of pattern cutting and fabric selection.

NOW, the dresses you made or are working on are terribly needed for children from an orphanage in the Bahamas. Bring the dresses in by September 29 for shipment to these needy children. Presently, the children are in Florida but soon will be returned to the Bahamas where they lost everything.

Joint Worship Service

With

St. Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church

Grace UMC Sanctuary

World Communion Sunday, October 6, 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 its regular 8:30 and 11:00 am services that day. Mark your calendars and take part in this special worship opportunity.

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 page 2 and place it in the offering plate, or call the church office (763-5197). **Please respond by Sunday, October 6.**

We look forward to seeing you!

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Saturday, September 28, 8:30 am—2:45 pm - **Rescheduled Chancel Choir Retreat**

Sunday, October 6, 4:00 pm - **Joint Worship with St. Stephen AME Church** 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 - **Grace Annual 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

