

Grace Notes

April 11, 2021

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

April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter

In-person Sunday Worship Service **10:00 am, Bullock Activity Center**

Those who reserved a seat are asked to arrive early and wear a mask. Enter by the lower lobby off the parking lot to be screened before you are seated.

On-line Sunday Worship Service

The service will be available Sunday morning starting at **8:00 am**. You may worship by going to either:

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/gumcwillington>

YouTube:

Link coming on Saturday

Grace's website:

<https://gracedowntown.church/>

Family Sunday School

Zoom Family Sunday School
is taking a break .

Family Ministries

Youth & Children's Sunday Programming
Returning After Easter!

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/GrowinGraceUMC>



Link to 2021 Altar Flower Chart
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAA92DA5F5CF8-altar>

Grace to Service Family Promise

Grace's next opportunity to serve Family Promise families is the two-week period of Sunday, April 25 - Sunday, May 9. Please mark your calendar and be ready to serve! You may cook, order food or give gift cards, all are appreciated!

Contact Jane Spicer for more information at jdspicer@ec.rr.com or 910-622-1211.

New Members Received

Grace was blessed to receive the following new members during the taping of the online service for April 11.

Stewart and Anne Wolling moved to the area in 2017 from Long Island, NY. They're both volunteer at the Sheriff's department and enjoy gardening. The Wollings found Grace UMC through their friendship with Marvin and Karen Evans and Dan and Sally Barnes.

HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS? (Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

In-person & Online Attendance & Offering for 4/4/2021

In-person Worship Services: Sunrise - 40
11:00 am - 105
4:00 pm - 21

Online Worship Service: 146 views on YouTube

Operating Funds Given 3/31- 4/7 \$ 17,449

March

Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 150,848
Operating Expenses YTD \$ 185,647
Balance \$ (34,799)

2021 Operating Budget = \$ 754,879

March

Building Preservation Fund Received 2021 YTD \$ 14,190
Building Preservation Fund Spent 2021 YTD \$ 8,250

Disaster Recovery (Boiler)

Insurance Receipts \$ 62,048
Expenses to date 8,825

Apportionments are paid through March.

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.

Equal Exchange Coffee

The Missions Committee invites you to check out the Equal Exchange sales table in the Welcome Center, which displays coffee, tea and chocolate products. These items are available on a continuing basis.

Equal Exchange is a US co-op that provides small-scale farmer co-ops in many countries 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).

Prayer Requests

Remember: Prayer Vigil daily at 12:00 noon

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Debbie Ashe	Eddie Jones	Pete Robinson
Abel Autrey	Maria King	James Rodgers
Joyce & Gary Blauvelt	Walter Knopp	Pat Rudicil
Kitty Brunjes	Ann Lassiter	Judy Siebold
George Collins	Heather Meyer	Sandee Murray Spradley
Clarke Cummings	Wally Meyers	Vicki Stanfield-Switzer
Darcy	Helen Morgan	Shar Streeter
Pat DiGiuseppe	Millie Padgett	Sandy Strickland
Mildred Guthrie	Todd Paxton	Harry Studstill
Hank	Joan Penney	Roger Swilley
Theresa Harrell	Mike Penney	Jim Teachey
David Hash	Carolyn Pope	Terry
Ron Helms	Jeffrey Powers	Maria Tyler
Heather Hoefler	Chip Rivers	Veteran Village
Dick Hull	Noah Robertson	Joyce Witherington
Barbara Jackson	Donna Robinson	Laura Witherington

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
 E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN
 E6 William Chase Dubel, USA
 E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF
 E3 Taylor Folmar, USN
 Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC
 Maj. 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, USA
 SPC James F. Pritchett, USA
 LCDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
 Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
 E6 Jack Andre Settele, USA
 Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
 AB Michael Sloan, USAF
 Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
 Michael Tate, USA

Also, please pray for:

Our Country

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.

Do you enjoy landscaping? Are you looking for ways to serve Grace?

The Trustees want to establish a landscaping team to better beautify Grace's grounds. Everything from design to labor will be needed!

If you don't mind getting your hands dirty to beautify Grace, let us know your talent or gift!
 Contact Marvin Evans at GUMCTrustees1@gmail.com



Sunday Security Volunteers Needed

As Grace anticipates moving back to the sanctuary for worship beginning May 9, it's time to re-activate the different teams that make that possible.

The Sunday Security Team is in urgent need of volunteers. These volunteers will perform routine security during both worship services and the Sunday School hour. This will be done in teams of two for each service.

Please contact Mitch Duncan (803-669-4357) or Bill Booth (919-612-7875) as soon as possible if you are interested in serving Grace in this way. Thank you.

Missions

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Mother Hubbard's Cupboard is still serving clients on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The number of people served has increased by 17% in the past year! More than 1500 new households have sought food and the average size of a households served has increased.

The Cupboard is very grateful to Grace and many other local churches who have been faithful supporters during this pandemic. Our neighbors are eating thanks to your generosity! God Bless them and you!

The items below are always welcome as the Cupboard continues to help those of our neighbors who to struggle to put healthy food on their tables.

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| • . brown rice | • . toilet tissue |
| • . regular oatmeal | • . whole grain cereals |
| • . juice boxes | • . canned legume beans (navy, kidney, black) |
| • . water | • . healthy low sodium soups |
| • . mac and cheese/rice-a-roni | • . bar soap |

ALSO.....

- **Needed:** Paper bags with handles (grocery store type) in good condition. Plastic bags are not being used to hand out food at present.