

Grace Notes

April 18, 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 18, 2021
Third 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

As the pandemic continues, Family Promise is still helping families who are homeless through their Day Center. Grace is continuing to fulfill it's obligation of helping by providing meals to the families. Meals are taken to the Day Center and left in a cooler labelled for each family.

If you would like to help with providing dinner one night (between 5:30 and 6pm) during the weeks of April 25-May 9, please let me know! You may also give a coupon or provide funds so they can purchase their own food (gift cards to Food Lion work well) or send a delivery from a restaurant to them.

Thanks in advance for showing God's love to these families struggling to find a stable home! Please let me know if you have questions or want to help!

Jane Spicer

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HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

In-person & Online Attendance & Offering for 4/11/2021

In-person Worship Service: 10:00 am - 70
Online Worship Service: 106 views on YouTube

Operating Funds Given 4/7- 4/10 \$ 7,282

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

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

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.

UMW Mission Project



Grace UMW's mission project this month will be the continuing support of the children of the school "Done in Love" in Haiti. Martha Worsley, our contact person in Wilmington and speaker at our April meeting, travels there yearly to teach sewing classes to both men and women.

UMW is collecting sewing supplies and used sewing machines for her next shipment the end of May. We will also be sending the dresses that have been completed thus far this year.

If you have items to donate, please put them in the UMW bin in the Welcome Center by Sunday, May 23.

The following is a list of the items Martha includes in her sewing kits:

- sewing shears
- cotton blend fabric
- medium or large spool of thread
- buttons
- needles in original packaging
- notions (trim, bias tape, zippers, etc.)



Missions

Family Promise Grace's next opportunity to serve Family Promise families is the two-week period of April 25-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.

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.

- . 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.....

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

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Sunday, April 25 - Sunday, May 9 - **Serve Family Promise Participants**

Sunday, May 9 - **In-Person Worship moves back to the sanctuary**

June 16 thru 19 - **NCCUMC, General Conference**

August 8 thru 12 - **Grace UMC Vacation Bible School**

Sunday, August 15 - **VBS Sunday**