

# Grace Notes

August 15, 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

#### Sunday, August 15

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Chancel Choir  
11:00 am Worship Service

#### Monday, August 16

6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting  
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

#### Tuesday, August 17

8:30 am Organist in Sanctuary  
9:00 am Online Service Recording/Sanctuary  
11:00 am Rotary Club/Grace Gym  
5:30 pm Boot Camp  
6:30 pm Administrative Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, August 18

9:30 am UMW Leadership Team  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
11:00 am Gentle Yoga Class/Gym  
12:00 pm Nurture Committee Meeting  
3:00 pm Organist in Sanctuary  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, August 19

5:30 pm Boot Camp  
6:00 pm Landscape Team Working  
6:30 pm Basketball

#### Friday, August 20

8:30 am Organist in Sanctuary

#### Sunday, August 22

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Chancel Choir  
11:00 am Worship Service

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### On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

The service will be available Sunday morning starting at **8:00 am**.

### Link to 2021 Altar Flower Chart

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAA92DA5F5CF8-altar>



### **HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?**

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

#### **In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 8/8/2021**

In-person Worship Service: 8:30 am - 25  
11:00 am - 150

Online Worship Service: 78 views

Operating Funds Given 8/4-8/11 \$ 10,558

#### **July**

Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 339,594

Operating Expenses YTD \$ 402,847

Balance \$ (63,253)

2021 Operating Budget = \$ 754,879

#### **July**

Building Preservation Fund

Received 2021 YTD \$ 32,163

Building Preservation Fund

Spent 2021 YTD \$ 21,354

#### **Disaster Recovery** (Boiler)

Insurance Receipts \$ 62,048

Expenses to date \$ 80,963

Apportionments are paid through July.

### **Are you looking for a way to serve Grace?**

Grace's Stephen Ministry program has remained active throughout the pandemic - caring for people in our congregation and making a difference in their lives. And these caring relationships are making a difference in the lives of the Stephen Ministers as well. Ask one of them, and he or she will tell you that it is humbling and rewarding.

Is it possible that you are being called to be a Stephen Minister? You don't have to be able to come up with just the right scripture for the occasion. You don't have to be eloquent in your prayers. Are you a good listener? That - and a willingness to give of your time - is really all that is required. You will receive training - and you will have ongoing support from a wonderful group of individuals.

Please pray about it and talk to either Brena Conley or Pastor Patricia if you have questions or are interested. Our next training session begins in September.



### **Individual Adult Sunday School Classes Restarting on August 29, 9:45 am**

**Bible Class** - Lots of people have been asking: Who will be teaching the Bible Class beginning on August 29? The answer: The same old teacher as always...Valoree Shinn! The first 15 minutes of class will be on the history of Grace. The remaining 30 minutes will start a study of the book of James. So, read the first chapter of James and bring your Bibles and a pen to class. Remember: we start right at 9:45 am. Meeting Room: W202

**Travelers Class** - The Travelers will start a study on a book by Adam Hamilton titled "Words of Life". This book examines the Ten Commandments from both a historical and a modern prospective. Come join the discussion. Weekly emails will tell you that week's assignment. Rick Zigler leads this class. Meeting Room: The Parlor

**Friendship Class** - To restart our class I thought it would be fitting to look at our faith. What better way than to follow the teachings of Paul. This will be a study of Hebrews 11, but will take us many places in the Bible and will cover who knows how many Sundays. You may know, I don't get in any hurry with the Word of God. We may trail off into another subject along the way...God will lead us. This is an open class, discussion is greatly appreciated at any time. As always emails will be sent as to the next week's agenda. Together in Christ "The Word is the Way", Larry Florea Meeting Room: E201

**All of these classes issue an open invitation to anyone (especially former members of the Wesleyan Class) to join them on Sunday mornings. Visit the different classes and find the one that feels like "home" to you.**

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Stephanie Alford	Maria King
Archer	Marsha Lample
Janie Buck	Janet Lipton
Don Cole	Bobby Mitchell
Annie Daniel	Elsabet Nye
Danny	Judy O'Neal
Matthew DiAnthony	Todd Paxton
Patricia DiGiuseppe	Carolyn Pope
Tina Dixon	Christian Riggs
Stephanie Ennis	Sandee Murray Spradley
Betsy Foreman	Stowe Spratt
Debra Garner	Cindee Stetson
Leonard Garner	Shar Streeter
Amelia Gifford	Matt Sutton
Josie Godwin	Howard Walker
Madeline Greenwood	Dee Ward
Hank	Family of Velma Ware
Heaven	Stew Wolling
Dick Hull	Julius Yang
Amy King	

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

Maj. Jeffery Bernard, USA	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Maj. Tim Collins, USMC	Sgt. James Pritchett, USA
Col. John Delaney, USA	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
Ens. Elizabeth Downing, USN	Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	E6 Jack Andre Settele, USA
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	AB Michael Sloan, USAF
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	Michael Tate, USA
Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC
Cpl. Chase Krieg, USMC	
SFC Letty Long, USA	
SFC Woodrow Long, USA	
Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC	
CDR Nicholas Madren, USN	

If you have a prayer request, please contact **Sandy Smith** at sandysmithgrace@gmail.com or 910-233-0310.

### **Chancel Choir Has Resumed Rehearsal! Would YOU Like to Participate?**

Grace's Chancel Choir (ages 18-110) has resumed rehearsals and serving the 11 am worship services.



If you would like to participate in this choir family, please contact Jerry Cribbs, Director of Music Ministries at [jerry@gracedowntown.net](mailto:jerry@gracedowntown.net) or call him at the church, 910-763-5197.

### **Thank You**

Grace had the opportunity to serve meals for the families in the Family Promise program this past week. This particular week, those served included 8 children and two mothers, who are working their way out of homelessness!

Many thanks to the following generous chefs who shared their time, talent, and effort to make this happen: Leigh Mabee, Katie and MaryClaire Mintz, Connie and Rod Caulder, Susan and Carol Gardner, and Marilee Tremlett.

We will provide meals again during the week of October 10-17. If you would like to sign up or to know more about the work of Family Promise, please contact Jane Spicer at [jdspicer@ec.rr.com](mailto:jdspicer@ec.rr.com) or 622-1211.

### **Would a Large-Print Hymnal Help You?**

Grace has 5 large-print hymnals available for anyone to use during worship services. There is also one large-print Bible available. They are located on the table right outside the entrance to the sanctuary.

Please ask the ushers for assistance.

### **Beauty of Grace Team Update**

The Beauty of Grace team will be doing weekly yard work at Grace each Thursday, at 6:00 pm.

The team now has a riding mower, self-propelled mower, gas trimmer and edger, and all the hand tools you could need! With an energetic group, all tasks can be wrapped up in about an hour and a half.

If you can spare some time to help beautify our Lord's House and grounds, can operate any of the equipment or can just help weed and rake, come and join us!

If you are coming to help, email Karen Evans at [gumctrustees1@gmail.com](mailto:gumctrustees1@gmail.com), so we can let you know if there are any last minute changes!



### **Parking at Grace UMC**

Due to Grace's downtown location, we have very few paved, off-street parking spaces on our grounds compared to the number of people who take part in the life at Grace. This is true both on Sunday mornings and many evenings during the week.

Recently, management of the bank building and parking lot across 4th Street has changed. As a result, and effective immediately, **we are only permitted to park in the bank parking lots on Sundays between 7 am—2 pm.**

Please remove your vehicle from the bank lot before 2 pm or you will be ticketed. Move your car to the church lot if you plan to have lunch or conduct other business near Grace.

The following parking is available as indicated:

- In the grassy lot across Walnut Street from our paved parking lot, available on weekends and after 5 pm M-F
- In Grace's paved parking lot, available anytime
- In Grace's grassy lot off our paved lot, available anytime.
- On-street parking is available anytime on 5th Street
- On-street parking is available on 4th Street on the weekends with no limit, **but** is restricted to 2 hours only during the week until after 6 pm.
- On-street parking is available on Grace and Walnut Streets between 4th and 5th, 5th and 6th, etc.

Call the office if you need any clarification.