

Grace Notes

August 22, 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 22

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

Monday, August 23

11:00 pm Retired Teacher's Lunch

Tuesday, August 24

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

Wednesday, August 25

11:00 am Gentle Yoga Class/Gym
3:00 pm Organist in Sanctuary
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 26

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

Friday, August 27

8:30 am Organist in Sanctuary

Sunday, August 29

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

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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAA92DA5F5CF8-altar)




HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS? (Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)	
<u>In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 8/15/2021</u>	
In-person Worship Service:	8:30 am - 22 11:00 am - 134
Online Worship Service:	76 views
Operating Funds Given 8/11-8/18	\$ 10,680
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.	

Have You Ever Thought About Becoming a Stephen Minister?

A new training class for Stephen Ministers will begin in September. Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time; such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. Contact Patricia DiGiuseppe or Brena Conley to talk more about this ministry opportunity.



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 perspective. 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	Marsha Lample
Archer	Bobby Mitchell
The Best Family	Christi Nichols
Janie Buck	Elsabet Nye
Don Cole	Judy O'Neal
Annie Daniel	Todd Paxton
Danny	Carolyn Pope
Matthew DiAnthony	Christian Riggs
Patricia DiGiuseppe	Sandee Murray Spradley
Stephanie Ennis	Stowe Spratt
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
Maria 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.

Attention Ladies!!!

**United Methodist Women
THURSDAY, September 2, 10:30 am
Bullock Activity Center**

PLEASE COME. Our guest will be District Director Jo Weinwright bringing us updates on UMW District and Conference projects. Jane Spicer will give us an update on Grace's participation in the Family Promise program. Hopefully, we'll also have an update from Sam Spicer about the Rotifunk Hospital in Sierra Leone.

Instead of lunch, we will be providing you with coffee and homemade muffins and cookies for a light snack.

Masks are a must! Come join the fun as we kick off the new program year.

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, so we can let you know if there are any last minute changes!



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 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.

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.