

# Grace Notes

August 8, 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 8

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

#### Monday, August 9

6:30 pm Finance Committee

#### Tuesday, August 10

8:30 am Organist in sanctuary  
9:00 am Online Service Recording/Sanctuary  
9:30 am KnitWerks@Grace  
11:00 am Rotary Club/Grace Gym  
2:00 pm Organist in sanctuary  
5:30 pm Boot Camp

#### Wednesday, August 11

11:00 am Gentle Yoga Class/Gym  
2:00 pm Organist in sanctuary  
3:00 pm Organist in sanctuary  
4:30 pm Worship Committee  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, August 12

5:30 pm Boot Camp

#### Friday, August 13

8:30 am Organist in sanctuary  
1:30 pm Organist in sanctuary

#### Saturday, August 14

10:00 am O'Dwyer Memorial Service

#### Sunday, August 15

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



## VBS Superhero Camp Has Been Postponed

The Family Council has decided VBS will be postponed until this fall. The exact date will be decided at their August 22 meeting.

If you have questions, contact Kelley Alhers at

[Kelley@gracedowntown.net](mailto:Kelley@gracedowntown.net)



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

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

#### **In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 8/1/2021**

In-person Worship Service: 8:30 am - 16  
11:00 am - 125

Online Worship Service: 60 views

Operating Funds Given 7/28-8/4 \$ 5,450

#### **July**

Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 339,594

Operating Expenses YTD \$ 402,847

Balance \$ (63,253)

2021 Operating Budget = \$ 754,879

#### **June**

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.

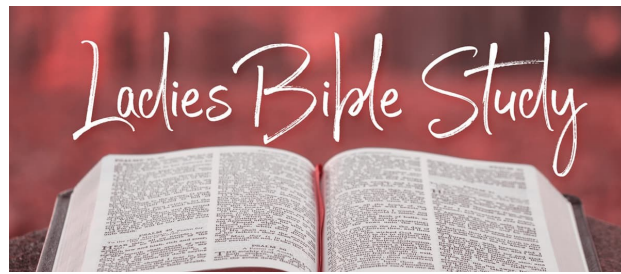
### **Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study Returning in September**

The ladies of Grace UMW begin another Thursday Morning Bible Study on September 9, with a 7-week study of Elijah by Priscilla Shirer. In this faith-building study, you'll discover how Elijah's obedience to God kept him anchored, sharpened his faith, broadened his impact, and invited heaven's fire to fall. God is also working in your life today to fashion a fiery, bold faith that will empower you to share the hope of Christ with your family, friends, co-workers, and community.

The group will meet in the Bible Class room on the second floor of Walsh Hall, beginning at 9:30 am and ending about 11:00 am. The class will meet September 9, 16, 23, 30, skip October 7 and continue October 14, 21, 28.

Please consider joining us as we get back together in person to study God's words from the story of Elijah.

**Contact Linda Snider by August 9** at 910-620-3756 or email her at [snidersnc@gmail.com](mailto:snidersnc@gmail.com) to sign up for the class and order a study book (cost \$17.00).



### **Grace Name Tags**

Everyone is reminded to please wear your Grace name tags on Sunday mornings. The tags are hanging on the hooks outside the sanctuary.

If you don't have a name tag or need a new one, please call or email Marion in the church office.

[marion@gracedowntown.net](mailto:marion@gracedowntown.net)

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Stephanie Alford	Marcia Lample
Archer	Janet Lipton
Janie Buck	Bobby M
Don Cole	Elsabet Nye
Danny	Judy O'Neal
Matthew DiAnthony	Todd Paxton
Patricia DiGiuseppe	Carolyn Pope
Tina Dixon	Christian Riggs
Mitch Duncan	Sharon Sabo
Stephanie Ennis	Sandee Murray Spradley
Betsy Foreman	Stowe Spratt
Debra Garner	Cindee Stetson
Leonard Garner	Shar Streeter
Josie Godwin	Matt Sutton
Madeline Greenwood	Veteran Village
Hank	Howard Walker
Heaven	Dee Ward
Dick Hull	Velma Ware
Amy King	Stew Wolling
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](mailto:sandysmithgrace@gmail.com) or 910-233-0310.

### The Bible Sunday School Class

Starting Sunday, August 29, 9:45-10:30 am, the class will once again meet. Come one, come all!!!

The class is going to look a little different. The first 15 minutes each week will be the "History of Grace UMC." The remaining 30 minutes will be Bible study.

The first study will be the Book of James, so get your Bibles out and start reading now.

Remember.....we begin right at 9:45!



### New Local Mission Opportunity

Help our Northside kids kick off the new school year by donating a new pair of shoes to the Portia Hines Shoe Drive.

Shoes can be left in the Welcome Center (see signage by the elevator). All sizes are needed for boys and girls in grades K-12th.

Shoes will go to families in Grace's backyard...the neighborhoods of the Northside. This is an easy way to serve our community and put a smile on kids' faces.



### **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.

### **Calling all knitters.....**

KnitWerks is coming back! From beginners to advanced knitters, come join us as we work on prayer shawls to be given to those who need comfort.

**KnitWerks@Grace  
August 10, 9:30 am**

We'll meet in the Bible Class room. Please call Marie Allison, 910-675-0612, to make a reservation so the meeting place can be set up.



***Come Join in the Fellowship!***

### 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.

### 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!

### **Stephen Ministers: Gifted to Care**

Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away. God gives them to us and we use them to serve others.

*How are you using your gifts right now?*

*Are you looking for a new way to use them?*

If your spiritual gifts include one or more of the following— faith, mercy, teaching the faith, encouragement, or knowing—consider Stephen Ministry, our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. This may be just what you've been looking for!

Training for new Stephen Ministers will begin in September. Please pray about whether you might be called to this ministry and contact Patricia DiGiuseppe (910-470-6310) or Brena Conley (301-802-5408) if you would like more information.



### **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 10 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.

### **LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE**

Sunday, August 29, 9:45 am - **Adult Sunday School Returns to Regular Classrooms**

Saturday, September 11 - **Annual Chancel Choir Retreat**

Sunday, October 3, - **World Communion Sunday/Joint Worship Service with St. Stephen AME**