

Grace Notes

February 14, 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

February 14, 2021
Transfiguration Sunday

In-person Sunday Worship Service
has been paused for four Sundays
(1/24, 1/31, 2/7 & 2/14)
due to rising COVID-19 numbers.

On-line Sunday Worship Service — February 14

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

Facebook:

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

YouTube:

Link coming on Saturday

Grace's website:

<https://gracedowntown.church/>

Family Sunday School is Back!

Sunday, 11:00 am
See article below for topics

Join Zoom Meeting each week using this link:

[https://zoom.us/j/97395961423?](https://zoom.us/j/97395961423?pwd=ZmxRdk8rSndiN2RrWnJPaHJqT2pSdz09)

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“Let's Talk About It”

Sunday, 3 pm on Zoom

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Family Ministries

Facebook page:

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



Link to 2021 Altar Flower Chart

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

In-Person Worship Services Resume

Grace's in-person worship services will resume on Sunday, February 21, 10 am. Reservations will be required, with a reservation link being emailed to you on Monday morning. The same safety protocols will be followed as before. Please arrive a few minutes early to allow time for screening.

Let's Talk About It

Since in-person worship is paused through February 14, let's gather online!

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm, through February 14, gather with Tal online via Zoom (link below). Prior to that Sunday's afternoon session, watch that Sunday's sermon online. That will serve as the basis of our conversation around that Sunday's sermon. What in that sermon excited you? Challenged you?

This will give you a great chance to safely connect with others within the Grace Family. So - grab a cup of coffee, fire up the Mac, and let's talk about it

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HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

In-person & Online Attendance & Offering for 2/7/2021

In-person Worship Service: 0

Online Worship Service: 136 views on YouTube

Operating Funds Given 2/3-2/10 \$ 6,925

January

Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 47,994

Operating Expenses YTD \$ 62,209

Balance \$ (14,215)

2021 Operating Budget = \$ 754,879

January

Building Preservation Fund Received 2021 YTD \$ 3,995

Building Preservation Fund Spent 2021 YTD \$ 0

Apportionments are paid through January

*includes funding and expenses related to hurricane repairs

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.

Online Family Sunday School Series

The class will look at the life of those who lived in Jerusalem during the time of Jesus. From the language to the daily activities, you will step back in time to understand the world they knew. You will find many connections to our modern life and see how they lived through difficult times.

Using video and pictures, along with archaeological evidence, we will explore the places Jesus walked and see how they influence our life today. Please join us at 11 am on Sundays, January 31—March 7.

The course outline is below.

Week 3 - A Day in the Life - Bethlehem

Week 4 - A Day in the Life - Healing the sick - mind, body and spirit

Week 5 - Sacred Spaces - Hilltops and fishing spots

Week 6 - Sacred Spaces - Synagogues and Temples

Prayer Requests

Remember: Prayer Vigil daily at 12:00 noon

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Linda Adams	Hank	Jeffrey Powers
Betty Arnette	Yesi & Matt Harden	Family of Frank Renales
Abel Autrey	David Hash	Chip Rivers
Bob B.	Shanon Hoffman	Noah Robertson
Blake Baker	Adam Horne	Aubrey Rose
Chris Beahan	Dick Hull	Jim & Pat Rudicil
Ann Booth	Donna Hunter	Ruth Ryland & Family
Robert Bowen	Family of Connie Jenkins	Judy Siebold
Gary Bowers	Larry Jennings	Vicki Stanfield-Switzer
Kitty Brunjes	Eddie Jones	Kent Stephens
Liz Carlson	Ruby Justice	Jim Teachey
Erin Cissel	Ann Lassiter	Veteran Village
Jim Conley	Josh Lee	Kay Warren
Laurie Cote	Joan Madren	Mary Williams
Clarke Cummings	Doug Mays	Martha Wofford
Gretta Fredericks	Ariel McCabe	Family of Gary Wrenn
Beth George	Linda McCabe	
Paul George & Family	Esther Nance	
Kaye Gibbs	Mary Neal	
Sid Goode	Carolyn Pope	
Family of Janice Gurganus	Daphne O'Brien	
Mildred Guthrie	Sarah O'Brien	
Rachael Hamm	Todd Paxton	

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
SPC James F. Pritchett, USA
LCDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
AB Michael Sloan, USAF
Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Michael Tate, USA
E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

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.

Thank You

Many thanks to those serving on Grace's Covid19 Task Force. Their task is to keep an eye on the state of the coronavirus and make recommendations to the Administrative Council regarding measures Grace UMC needs to employ to operate its ministry safely.

The members and the areas they represent are:

Marvin Evans—Trustees
Janet Keenan—Child Care
Mitch Duncan—Security
Jim Tyndall—Lay Leader
Jerry Cribbs—Music
Bill Booth—Admin. Council Chair
Pat Goodman—Admin. Council Vice Chair
Catherine Beaman—Worship
Robert High—Ushers
Cheryl High—Usher
Mike Mabee—Finance
Ron Moore—Volunteer In-Person Worship Overseer
Tal Madison—Pastor
Patricia DiGiuseppe—Pastor
Kelley Ahlers—Family Ministries
Liz Buskirk—At Large
Sam Spicer—At Large

God Squad Ride Program Update

The God Squad ride program is paused to exercise caution during the Covid19 pandemic. While we are doing this out of concern for our volunteers, we understand there are still people with transportation needs.

The Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, operating as WAVE, has a program called DART, where eligible passengers can call to schedule door-to-door rides to approved locations.

If you have a transportation need during this pandemic, contact WAVE to see if you are eligible for these rides. The cost is minimal.

DART Contact Information:

Telephone: (910) 202-2053

E-mail Address: ptschedule@wavetransit.com

Website: [https://www.wavetransit.com/dial-ride-transportation/#:~:text=Wave%20Transit%20has%20developed%20an,\(910\)%20772%2D7942](https://www.wavetransit.com/dial-ride-transportation/#:~:text=Wave%20Transit%20has%20developed%20an,(910)%20772%2D7942)

Everyone please stay safe!

Marvin Evans

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Caring for Caregivers

Are you a caregiver for a spouse, parent, or other relative? Whether you have been a caregiver for a few weeks, for months, or for many years, the journey can be exhausting, confusing, frustrating and lonely. You may wonder, "Who is taking care of me?"

You are invited to join with the Grace Stephen Ministers via Zoom for a two-part program on *Caring for the Caregiver*, to be held on Monday, March 1 and Monday, March 15, 7:00 pm. Learn about support and resources and hear from people who have walked in your moccasins.

Send an email to Brena Conley at brenagibson@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

Altar Flower Chart for 2021

Now that in-person worship services are restarting, please consider signing up to give flowers in memory or honor of someone. The link is on the first page.

If you wish to reserve one side, click sign-up box for one slot. If you want both sides, click both sign-up boxes. You may also call Marion in the church office to reserve a date.

The cost is still \$45 per side. Checks should be made payable to Grace UMC, with "altar flowers" written on the memo line. If you are attending an in-person service, place your check in the offering plate, or the check may be mailed to the office. Marion Little will contact you about the dedication the week prior to your selected date.

Grace's 2021 New Consecration Stewardship Campaign

Grace's New Consecration Stewardship Campaign for 2021 will go through the month of February. This campaign invites us towards the blessings of partnering in the work of God in the world through tithing. You are asked to begin now to prayerfully consider what God would have you give in 2021 in response to the grace He has given you through Jesus.

The Guest Leader for this year's New Consecration Campaign is Rev. Tom Newman. He will preach on Sunday, February 28, for both the online and in-person worship services. In the next few weeks, watch your email and regular mail for more information.

NEW!!!!

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 household served has increased.

At this point, there is a **desperate need for cereal**, since it is not being offered in the government food this quarter and the Cupboard cannot buy in bulk due to restrictions on purchases at grocery stores. So it would be very helpful to have donations of boxes of cereal! If you would like to donate some cereal, you can leave it in a labelled bag in the Welcome Center at Grace and it will be delivered! Other donations are still welcome, but this is a current item VERY needed!

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 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.