

Grace Notes

July 11, 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, July 11

8:30 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, July 12

6:30 pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, July 13

8:30 am Organist Practice

9:00 am Online Service Recording/Sanctuary

9:30 am KnitWerks@Grace

11:00 am Rotary Club/Grace Gym

11:30 am Nurture Committee

2:00 pm Organist Practice

5:30 pm Boot Camp

6:30 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, July 14

8:30 am Organist Practice

11:00 am Gentle Yoga Class/Gym

2:00 pm Organist Practice

4:30 pm Worship Committee

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 15

5:30 pm Boot Camp

Friday, July 16

8:30 am Organist Practice

1:30 pm Martha Organ

Sunday, July 18

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**.
You may worship by going to either:

Facebook:

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

YouTube:

Link coming on Saturday

Grace's website:

<https://gracedowntown.church/>

Link to 2021 Altar Flower Chart



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

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
July 13, 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!

HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 7/4/2021

In-person Worship Service: 8:30 am - 17
11:00 am - 98

Online Worship Service: 86 views

Operating Funds Given 6/30-7/7 \$ 9,136

June

Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 293,725

Operating Expenses YTD \$ 337,261

Balance \$ (43,536)

2021 Operating Budget = \$ 754,879

June

Building Preservation Fund

Received 2021 YTD \$ 28,019

Building Preservation Fund

Spent 2021 YTD \$ 21,354

Disaster Recovery (Boiler)

Insurance Receipts \$ 62,048

Expenses to date \$ 80,963

Apportionments are paid through June.

Congregational Singing Resumes Sunday, July 18!



It is with great joy that we announce that after 15 months without congregational singing, we will resume singing hymns and congregational responses at both services on **Sunday, July 18**.

In order to continue to keep everyone healthy and safe, we will follow the same Administrative Council approved COVID-19 safety protocols that we are currently following at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

We invite you to be ready to "make a joyful noise" by singing as encouraged by John Wesley, "lustily and with good courage" on **July 18!**

Soli Deo Gloria!
To God alone be the glory!



Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Archer	Louise McColl
Scott Carter	Cris Mowrey
Don Cole	Todd Paxton
David Cooper	Carolyn Pope
Patricia DiGiuseppe	Wallace Riddle
Mitch Duncan	Sharon Sabo
Manaline Gibson	Sandee Murray Spradley
Madeline Greenwood	Stowe Spratt
Hank	Shar Streeter
David Hash	Matt Sutton
Dick Hull	Jim Teachey
Family of Beth Humphrey	Veteran Village
Maria King	Dee Ward
Janet Lipton	Stew Wolling

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
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	E6 Jack Andre Settele, USA
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	AB Michael Sloan, USAF
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Maj. Jason T. Hill, USAF	Michael Tate, USA
Cpl. Chase Krieg, USMC	E2 Cassie Wenz, 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.



Coming this August!!!!
Superhero Camp
August 8-12 from 5:45-7:00 pm

Join us for Superhero Camp as we learn about the Armor of God! We will make sure you have the superpowers needed to get through life.

- ◆ Join Miss Janet in the Costume Creation Factory,
- ◆ Test your skills in the Superpower Training Facility,
- ◆ Learn about the different ways God empowers us to be His heroes.

Ages 3-12 years old are invited to this year's Vacation Bible School at Grace!





VBS
August 8-12, 2021
5:45-6:00

Additions Being Held



Cape Fear Chorale will hold auditions for its Fall Concert Season throughout the day on, Monday, July 26, 2021.

Singers, who desire to be part of a quality choral organization with a 22-year history in the Cape Fear region, are encouraged to register at

www.capefearchorale.org/auditions

Rehearsals are each Monday at Grace UMC, 7:00 - 9:15 pm. All fees are being waived for this first post-pandemic season.

CFC's fall concert, "Sing Together, Always!", is planned for Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Kenan Auditorium, on the UNCW campus.

Thank You Note

We would like to thank all those at Grace who prayed and supported us during Sharon's recent surgery. The many cards received were also appreciated. She is now well on the way to recovery and looks forward to being back in church soon.

Sharon and Steve Sabo

Holy Communion Offered on August 1

Grace will offer Holy Communion at both worship services on August 1.

The elements will be blessed at the end of each service. As the congregation exits the sanctuary, each person/family will be given a small bag containing the blessed elements to take home and use.

Pastor Tal

Nurture Committee

The Nurture Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 27, 4 p.m. in the Bible Class room.

The Committee would very much like to expand its numbers. Whether you are someone new to Grace or a seasoned member, please join us as plans are made to serve the congregation.

If you are interested, please join us at this meeting or email Carole Ellis at retiredteacher1943@gmail.com

Thank you!

Out of the Office

Marion Little will be out of the office Monday, July 19 through Friday, July 23. Any requests, questions, etc., that arise during that time should be directed to Debbie Ashe, Debbie@gracedowntown.net

Beauty of Grace Team Update

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of church members, GUMC has received an edger, trimmer, and blower needed for our landscaping volunteers to maintain our lawns and gardens! Others donated plants, shrubs, flowers, topsoil, and their time to mow, weed, and plant! Substantial financial contributions were received that will allow us to acquire a riding lawn mower and the opportunity to have all existing flower beds re-mulched!

With the summer heat, additional planting will wait until fall but the maintenance goes on! Volunteers to help with the mowing, trimming, and blowing are always needed.

If you have plants or want to make a donation toward plants and shrubs in the fall, or to volunteer your time, please contact Karen Evans at evans493@gmail.com. Any financial donation should be made out to the church with "Beauty of Grace" in the memo line.

Thank you for all your support.
The Beauty of Grace Team

Psalm 100 4-5: *Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever. His faithfulness continues through all the generations*



Admin Council New Covid19 Measures - 6/15/21

Upon recommendation of the Covid19 Task Force, the Administrative Council of Grace UMC voted into effect the Covid19 measures listed below. Unless otherwise noted, these measures may be enacted immediately.

Worship Matters

- That we resume bringing children to the chancel area during worship for the Children's Moment on the second Sunday in August.
- That children continue to wear masks; fully vaccinated youth can go without masks if they so choose.

Sunday School Matters

- Sunday School resumed on June 20, 9:45 am. The children gather in their rooms; adults gather in one group in the gym. There will be a rotating system of teachers.
- We recommend that Adult Classes return to their own classrooms on Sunday, August 29.

Contact Sports In The Gym (specifically basketball)

- That it be allowed to resume pending approval by the Trustees. Pending approval by the Trustees is recommended to give them time to explore matters related to renting the gym to outside groups and cleaning matters.

Serving Food

- That serving of food and drink be allowed so long as there is no self service. This would avoid a common point of contact with people reaching into the same dish or using the same serving utensils.
- That we give permission to Nurture to resume serving of food and/or drink on Sunday mornings under the guidelines above whenever the leadership of that group is prepared to do so.
- That we give permission to the Welcome Table to resume serving food and drink on Thursdays under the guidelines above whenever the leadership of that group is prepared to do so.

LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

August 8 thru 12, 5:45-7:00 pm - **Grace UMC Vacation Bible School**

Sunday, August 15 - **VBS Sunday**

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

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