

Grace Notes

June 13, 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, June 13

8:30 am Worship Service
11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, June 14

9:00 am Organist Practice/Sanctuary
6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 15

8:30 am Online Service Recording/Sanctuary
5:30 pm Boot Camp
6:30 pm Administrative Council

Wednesday, June 16

9:30 am UMW Leadership Team
11:00 am Gentle Yoga Class/Gym
7:00 pm Chancel Choir/Grace Ringers Zoom

Thursday, June 17

1:30 pm Piano Tuning/Sanctuary
5:30 pm Boot Camp

Friday, June 18

9:00 am Organist Practice/Sanctuary

Sunday, June 20

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
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>

Grant Awarded

Grace UMC submitted an application to the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church for a COVID-19 Response Grant. Our application was approved and a grant was awarded in the amount of \$29,300.

This week we received \$17,700 of that total. The remainder will be paid over the next three months.

Because of your faithful giving, Grace was able to receive this grant, through the apportionment system, to assist us during the pandemic. The apportionment system is still funding other ministries around the world.

Grace Scholarships 2021

The Scholarship Committee will be accepting applications through June 13, 2021. If you are an active member of Grace UMC, you are eligible to apply.



If you are interested in applying, please send an email to scholarships@gracedowntown.net

HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 6/6/2021

In-person Worship Service: 8:30 am - 22
11:00 am - 107

Online Worship Service: 85 views

Operating Funds Given 6/2 - 6/9 \$ 14,603

May

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$	243,691
Operating Expenses YTD	\$	285,474
Balance	\$	(41,783)

2021 Operating Budget = \$ 754,879

May

Building Preservation Fund Received 2021 YTD	\$	23,077
Building Preservation Fund Spent 2021 YTD	\$	15,159

Disaster Recovery (Boiler)

Insurance Receipts	\$	62,048
Expenses to date	\$	72,113

Apportionments are paid through May.

We Are Pleased to Introduce Grace's New Organist! **Leslie Bergbower**

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is pleased to welcome to Grace UMC its newest member of the Grace staff and the Music Ministries, Leslie Bergbower, organist.

Mrs. Bergbower began piano lessons at age 7 and sang in church choirs throughout high school. She attended Concordia College to continue studying piano where she also sang in the touring choir. When she began studying organ in college, she said she was "hooked."

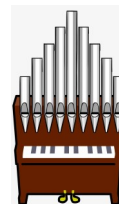
Mrs. Bergbower has served congregations of various denominations and her Lord with her musical talents for over 30 years. She also taught school for 26 years.

Her activities include participating as a member of the Wilmington Chapter of the AGO (American Guild of Organists), reading, biking, and gardening.

Mrs. Bergbower also volunteers with the Topsail Island Turtle Patrol and she volunteered (pre-COVID) at the Good Shepherd Center.

We look forward to having her as a part of the Grace family and the Music Ministries family.

Soli Deo Gloria
(To God Alone Be the Glory)



Liturgists Needed

There is an urgent need for liturgists for both services; but especially for the 8:30 am worship service. Please consider serving Grace and our Lord in this way.

Please contact Rick Zigler, liturgist coordinator, at zigler@aol.com

Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Archie	Family of Helen Hawley	Sharon Sabo
Kitty Brunjes	Dick Hull	Brooke Santos
George Collins	Family of Beth Humphrey	Mary Sloan
David Cooper	Larry Jennings	Sandee Murray Spradley
Family of Pat DiGiuseppe	Jessica	Stowe Spratt
Patricia DiGiuseppe	Eddie Jones	Shar Streeter
Donnella Dzengelski and Family	Maria King	Jim Teachey
Linda Garrett	Janet Lipton	Louise Thompson
David Elmer Hadley	Kathy Parker	Veteran Village
Hank	Todd Paxton	Bobby Wilcox
Theresa Harrell	Carolyn Pope	Stew Wolling
Family of Randy Harris	Family of Pete Robinson	
David Hash	Connie Roderick	
	James Rodgers	

Also, please pray for:

Our Country

The demise of the coronavirus pandemic
All medical personnel
All those working with the public

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

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, USA
Sgt. James F. Pritchett, USA
CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
E6 Jack Andre Settele, USA
Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
AB Michael Sloan, USAF
Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Michael Tate, USA

Sunday School Returns!

Sunday School returns for everyone on Sunday, June 20, 9:30 am.

The children will meet in their regular classrooms. All adults will assemble in the gym in one class. Leadership of the class will rotate among the teachers of the different adult classes.

Here is a schedule of the adult class leadership.

June 20	Kelley Ahlers
June 27	Tal Madison
July 4	No classes/July 4th holiday
July 11	Begin rotation among leaders

Make plans now to resume attending Sunday School.

Thank You

Dear Grace United Methodist Church,

I want to thank you for the donation to Sunset Park Elementary School for Teacher Appreciation Week! As you may know, we do not have an active PTO/PTA at Sunset Park and without your kindness and generosity we would not have been able to provide a full week of appreciation to our hard working teachers and staff. All of your time and effort is greatly appreciated!

You are making a difference for the students and staff at Sunset Park Elementary School.

Diego Lehocky, principal
Sunset Park Elementary School



The Grace Family Ministries Program Invites the Grace Congregation

to join us on

Saturday, June 26

for

Night Without a Bed

Night Without a Bed is a social media challenge to raise awareness about family homelessness.

Family Promise asks participants to spend the night of June 26, sleeping anywhere without a bed; in your car, in a tent, or on the living room floor. Take a photo of yourself and your family or group of friends and email it to Kelley, or share it on social media on Grace's pages using the #NightWithoutaBed hashtag.

This is a chance to take time from the basic comforts of our lives to experience what those less fortunate experience daily.

During the night when you are uncomfortable, pray and meditate on what you can do to make a difference in our community for families that are homeless.

Donations of support can be made at:

www.nightwithoutabed.org/organizations/family-promise-of-the-lower-cape-fear

Have you noticed new flower pots, new gardens and Grace's cleaner exterior?

Did you notice the sidewalks cleared of leaves?

Want to know who the garden elves are?

It's **The Beauty of Grace Team**.....a dedicated group of volunteers working to enhance the grounds around our church.

There is still room for more flowers and plants! The Beauty of Grace team is looking for volunteers for an **Adopt-A-Spot** program, where groups, Sunday School classes, families or individuals can select a small area around the church to tend and add their special touch.



If you are a gardener and have plantings from your home that you would like to see in the gardens of Grace, wish to join the "garden elves" or Adopt-A-Spot, contact Karen Evans or Sally Barnes. You can send an email to gumctrustees1@gmail.com and your message will be forwarded to Karen and Sally.

Moving forward - Grace has started a lawn treatment program that will, after a little time, provide us with a green and healthy lawn. Non-thriving plants and shrubs will be replaced and mulch beds replenished as resources allow. The Historical Site sign on Grace Street will be restored and the Worship times sign on 4th Street will be updated. *Donations towards these goals are welcome.*



Get out your gardening gloves and help create a landscape that complements our beautiful church facility!

Missions

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 households served has increased.

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 to 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

*******Needed:** Paper bags with handles (grocery store type) in good condition. Plastic bags are not being used to hand out food at present.