

Grace Notes

June 20, 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 20

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, June 21

6:30 am Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting
7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, June 22

8:30 am Organ Practice
9:00 am Online Service Recording/Sanctuary
2:00 pm Organ Practice
5:30 pm Boot Camp

Wednesday, June 23

8:30 am Organ Practice
10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am Gentle Yoga Class/Gym
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm Chancel Choir/Grace Ringers Zoom

Thursday, June 24

5:30 pm Boot Camp

Friday, June 25

8:30 am Organist Practice/Sanctuary
1:30 pm Martha Organ

Sunday, June 27

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>

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.

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 rzigler@aol.com
Thank you!

HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 6/13/2021

In-person Worship Service: 8:30 am - 20
11:00 am - 107

Online Worship Service: 85 views

Operating Funds Given 6/2 - 6/9 \$ 14,365

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.

FAMILY MINISTRIES



SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, July 10
2-6 PM

Church members are invited to join the Youth as we prepare dinner for the Feast Gathering!

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church 12 N 6th St, Wilmington, NC 28401

The Feast Gathering is an UMC group that provides dinner, worship, and so much more to downtown friends in need. This July, Grace has been invited to help prepare the meal and join the gathering on Saturday, July 10. There are many ways you can help!

- Help us cook! Be on site at St Paul's from 2-5 as we help prepare the dinner trays.
- Send a dessert. We will set up a dessert table filled with choices. You can leave a dessert item in the kitchen at Grace before 2 on that Saturday.
- Donate Tide Pods. Part of The Gathering is the chance for those who join to wash clothes.
- Donate all sizes of Men's and Women's under wear. Our UMC Conference Shower tailor will be onsite and often the people needing showers can use new underwear. Items can be left in the baskets in the Welcome Center.

Contact Kelley to let her know of your participation.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

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

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



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

**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!



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!



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 front (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 resumes on June 20, 10am. The children will gather in their rooms; adults will 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.