

Grace Notes

September 5, 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, September 5

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

Monday, September 6 - Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7

11:00 am Rotary Club/Grace Gym
5:30 pm Boot Camp

Wednesday, September 8

8:30 pm Organist in Sanctuary
11:00 am Gentle Yoga Class/Gym
4:30 pm Worship Committee

Thursday, September 9

9:30 am Women's Bible Study
5:30 pm Boot Camp
6:00 pm Landscape Team Working
6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, September 10

8:30 am Organist in Sanctuary

Sunday, September 12

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
5:30 pm Children/Youth—Grace Gym

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

The service will be available Sunday starting at **4:00 pm**

This is the link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg)

Link to 2021 Altar Flower Chart



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

HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 8/29/2021

In-person Worship Service: 8:30 am - 27
11:00 am - 119

Online Worship Service: 72 views

Operating Funds Given 8/25-9/1 \$ 9,430

August

Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 383,674

Operating Expenses YTD \$ 464,980

Balance \$ (81,306)

2021 Operating Budget = \$ 754,879

August

Building Preservation Fund

Received 2021 YTD \$ 37,413

Building Preservation Fund

Spent 2021 YTD \$ 21,354

Disaster Recovery (Boiler)

Insurance Receipts \$ 62,048

Expenses to date \$ 80,963

Apportionments are paid through August.

Have You Ever Thought About Becoming a Stephen Minister?

A new training class for Stephen Ministers will begin in September. Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time; such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. Contact Patricia DiGiuseppe or Brena Conley to talk more about this ministry opportunity.



Individual Adult Sunday School Classes Have Started

Bible Class - **TAKING A TWO WEEK BREAK. WILL BEGIN AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 19.** The first 15 minutes of class will be on the history of Grace. The remaining 30 minutes will start a study of the book of James. So, read the first chapter of James and bring your Bibles and a pen to class. Remember: we start right at 9:45 am. Leader: Valoree Shinn Meeting Room: W202

Travelers Class - **PLEASE CONTACT RICK ZIGLER FOR MEETING SCHEDULE.** The Travelers will start a study on a book by Adam Hamilton titled "Words of Life". This book examines the Ten Commandments from both a historical and a modern perspective. Come join the discussion. Weekly emails will tell you that week's assignment. Rick Zigler leads this class. Meeting Room: The Parlor

Friendship Class - **TAKING A TWO WEEK BREAK. WILL BEGIN AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 19.** To restart our class I thought it would be fitting to look at our faith. What better way than to follow the teachings of Paul. This will be a study of Hebrews 11, but will take us many places in the Bible and will cover who knows how many Sundays. You may know, I don't get in any hurry with the Word of God. We may trail off into another subject along the way...God will lead us. This is an open class, discussion is greatly appreciated at any time.

As always emails will be sent as to the next week's agenda. Together in Christ "The Word is the Way", Larry Florea Meeting Room: E201

All of these classes issue an open invitation to anyone (especially former members of the Wesleyan Class) to join them on Sunday mornings. Visit the different classes and find the one that feels like "home" to you.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Afghanistan	Julie Madison
Stephanie Alford	Bobby Mitchell
Amy	NHRMC Nurses/Doctors/ Staff
Archer	Christi Nichols
Avery	Judy O'Neal
Don Bowers	Todd Paxton
Jackie Brown	Annie Penney
Tim Collins	Cooper Penney
Debbie Cole	Guy Piper
Don Cole	Carolyn Pope
College Students	John Rayle
Laura Copeland	Christian Riggs
Ray Cox	Tom Schrami
Family & Friends of Annie Daniel	Valoree Shinn
Danny	Shelly Smyth
Matthew DiAnthony	Sandee Murray Spradley
Marvin Evans	Stowe Spratt
Amelia Gifford	Shar Streeter
Josie Godwin	Matt Sutton
Madeline Greenwood	Bethany Terry
Hank	Howard Walker
Heaven	Family of Dee Ward
Dick Hull	Brenda Wessels
Jessie	Barbara White
Maria King	Stew Wolling
Marsha Lample	Julius Yang

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	

Would a Large-Print Hymnal Help You?

Grace has 5 large-print hymnals available for anyone to use during worship services. There is also one large-print Bible available. They are located on the table right outside the entrance to the sanctuary.

Please ask the ushers for assistance.

Grace to Host Free Vaccine Clinic

GUMC is working with the New Hanover County Public Health Department to conduct a one-day vaccination event in the Bullock Activity Center on

September 29, 2021, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Both the Johnson & Johnson (1-shot) and Pfizer (2-shot) vaccines will be available. Depending on availability and qualifications, some may be able to get a booster, however, this is still in the works.



This clinic is free and open to all GUMC, families, friends, and the community!"

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

September Birthdays

9/1 Tom Powers	9/15 Marie Allison	9/20 Mac Cunningham	9/25 Everett Bruce Moore
9/5 Emily Booth	June Knox	Julie Godwin	Frank Steele
9/7 Nancy Bullock	Vicki Hutnick	Larry Jennings	9/27 Anne Wolling
9/9 Emery Rasmussen	9/16 Cindy Henry	9/22 Marsella Teachey	9/28 Robert High
Jake Rasmussen	9/17 Ann Ipock	Katie Stenerson	9/29 Renate Cooper
9/10 Brian Lewis	Fred Merritt	9/23 Evelyn Stanley	Rick Zigler
9/11 George Patterson	9/18 Joyce Witherington	9/24 Beth Steelman	9/30 Brian Stetson
9/14 Dianna Florea	9/19 Joe Huppmann		Nancy Pritchett
Nikki Howard			