

# Grace Notes

November 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

#### Sunday, November 14

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

#### Monday, November 15

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting

#### Tuesday, November 16

9:00 am Organist in Sanctuary  
11:00 am Rotary Club in gym  
5:30 pm Boot Camp  
6:30 pm Administrative Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, November 17

9:30 am UMW Leadership Team  
11:00 am Gentle Yoga Class  
4:00 pm Organist in Sanctuary  
6:15 pm Grace Ringers  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, November 18

5:30 pm Boot Camp  
6:30 pm Basketball

#### Friday, November 19

9:00 am Organist in Sanctuary

#### Saturday, November 20

9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Sunday, November 21

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

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### 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>

### **HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?**

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

#### **In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 11/7/2021**

In-person Worship Service: 8:30 am - 33  
11:00 am - 128

Online Worship Service: 50 views

Operating Funds Given 10/27-11/3 \$20,344

#### **October**

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$	488,018
Operating Expenses YTD	\$	575,850
Balance	\$	(87,832)

2021 Operating Budget = \$ 754,879

#### **October**

Building Preservation Fund Received 2021 YTD	\$	43,557
Building Preservation Fund Spent 2021 YTD	\$	48,225

#### **Disaster Recovery** (Boiler)

Insurance Receipts	\$	67,859
Expenses to date	\$	80,963

Apportionments are paid through October.

### **Become a Grace Friend**

Grace is starting a new program to help new members become connected to our church family.

As new members join, they will be paired with a current member called a Grace Friend. This relationship will last about three months. The Grace Friend responsibilities are:

- Be present when the new member joins
- Get to know the new member
- Take them on a tour of Grace
- Explain the function of different committees, missions, volunteer opportunities, etc.
- Call them several times over the three months

Grace members are known for their warmth and welcoming ways. Please let Pastor Patricia know if you see yourself as a Grace Friend.

### **UPCOMING GRACE NOTES DEADLINE!**

The deadline to add any items for the November 28, 2021 edition of the Grace Notes will be **Friday, November 19, 2021.**

Your cooperation is appreciated as the church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26, 2021.

### **NOVEMBER 14, 2021 ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

The release of today's online version of the worship service will be delayed for a few days. Look for it in the usual online places starting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

After this week, the online services will return to the regular schedule and be released on Sunday afternoons at approximately 4:00pm .

Facebook: [facebook.com/gumcwillmington](https://www.facebook.com/gumcwillmington)  
YouTube: Grace UMC Downtown Wilmington  
Instagram: [graceumcdowntown](https://www.instagram.com/graceumcdowntown)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg>



## Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers

Afghanistan	Jamie Lassiter
Amy	Scott Lassiter
Archer	Keith Layton
Karen Aune	Lydia
Kristen Baker	Evelyn Madison
Family of Louise Berry	Julie Madison
Alan Biddle	Mike's Family
Katheryn Biddle	Aden Moody
Teresa Biddle	NHRMC Nurses/Doctors/ Staff
Family/Friends of Evan Book	Sarah O'Brien
Gail Braun	Judy O'Neal
Jackie Brown	Pam and Kadie
Family of Lynn Burney	Joan Pence
Family of Jennifer Casebier	Carolyn Pope
John and Mary Anne Ciriello	Wallace Riddle
David Cooper	Tom Schrami
Danny	Melissa Sesi
Kitty Eure	Judy Shafer
Josie Godwin	Mary Sloan
Madeline Greenwood	Sandee Murray Spradley
Katie Haldeman	Shar Streeter
Lauren Haldeman	Family of Parker Sumrell
Rich Holcomb	Peyton Sumrell
Gage Housholder	Matt Sutton
Dick Hull	Family of Ron Swaney
Maria King	Lindsay Thompson
	Susie Wells
	Brenda Wessels
	Stew Wolling

LCpl. John Capwell, USMC  
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC  
Maj. Tim Collins, USMC  
Col. John Delaney, USA  
Ens. Elizabeth Downing, USN  
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, USSF  
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 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  
E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

If you have a prayer request, please contact **Pastor Patricia** at [patricia@gracedowntown.net](mailto:patricia@gracedowntown.net) or 910-470-6310

### OFFICE STAFF CHANGES

With the retirement of Marion Little, Administrative Assistant, on October 29 and the upcoming retirement of Debbie Ashe, Director of Operations, at the end of December, the Staff Parish Relations Committee has taken this opportunity to restructure these two positions into one full-time position, the Administrative and Operational Director. This change will require the redistribution of certain tasks and more involvement of volunteers. A new job description has been written and approved by the church lay leadership.

If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please send inquiries to:  
[debbie@gracedowntown.net](mailto:debbie@gracedowntown.net)

### Happy Retirement!

As most of you know, Marion Little, Grace's Administrative Assistant, is retiring the end of October after serving Grace for 13 wonderful years. She has been a personal friend to all of us. Marion and Brian will remain members of Grace and the Chancel Choir.

You will have the opportunity to wish her well on **Sunday, November 14**, in the Welcome Center immediately following the 11 am worship service. If you would like to remember her with a card, a basket will be provided in the office area. You may wish to include a monetary gift or just your warm wishes. You may also mail your card to Grace (401 Grace Street, 28401). We will make sure she receives it.

Let's show her how much we have appreciated her great work throughout the years.

### Soles for Souls Project Results

Thanks to the generosity of Grace members and friends, over 150 pairs of shoes were collected at Grace and delivered to Partners in Ministry in Laurinburg, NC. As of October 23, the Harbor District had contributed 2907 pairs of shoes.

*Thank You!!!*



### Baby Basket

The Nurture Committee has placed a beautiful baby basket in the Welcome Center to welcome one of the youngest additions to the Grace Church extended family. You are invited to place a useful baby item in the basket, which will be presented to the family in the next few weeks.



Adalynn Michelle Upton  
Born March 13, 2021  
Daughter of Kelsey Keenan & Brent Upton  
Granddaughter of Janey Keenan  
Great Granddaughter of Morris and Marie Allison

Kelsey teaches in the children's Sunday School at Grace.

### Family Promise Thank You

Grace members contributed meals and gift cards the week of October 10-17, for the family currently staying in the Family Promise program. Please thank these culinary angels and consider signing up yourself on Grace's next designated week!

Thanks go to MaryClaire and Katie Mintz, Judy and Darrell Davies, Marilee Tremlett, Liz Thigpen and Margaret Batchelor for their help.

The families are so grateful when we give them a hand up to head toward permanent housing! As one little child told Bill and Emily Booth....."Hey, thank YOU for bringing our dinner!"

### Reminder: Christmas Love Offering for Grace Staff

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is collecting a Love Offering to recognize the Grace staff members at Christmas. If you would like to contribute to this effort, your donation can be made by:

- write a check payable to Grace UMC with Love Offering on the memo line
- pay with cash placed in an envelope with Love Offering on the front

make an online donation through PayPal or Bill Pay from your own bank with notation that it is for the Love Offering

Check or cash contributions can be made by placing them in the offering plate if you are attending our in person services or by simply mailing them to the church office. **Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 14, 2021.** Thank you for your consideration of this endeavor.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

### Administrative Council Covid19 Guidelines as of October 19, 2021

Upon the recommendation of The Covid19 Task Force, the Administrative Council passed the following recommendations at the Council's October 19 meeting. Unless otherwise noted, the Task Force recommends that these measures be enacted immediately.

#### Worship Matters

- *That we continue to follow the New Hanover County mask mandate which says that masks are required to be worn by all 2 yrs of age and older at all indoor events at Grace, regardless of vaccination status.*
- *The request was made in July by some parents that unvaccinated children be allowed to sit in the balcony unmasked during the 11am service. They would be required to wear their masks while going to and from the balcony. As the Covid numbers have risen and the mask mandate has been put in place since the request was made, it was decided that we would wait to consider this matter for further and continued review. For now, the Task Force and the Council deem it best for all children and youth to follow the guidelines set forth by the New Hanover County Public Schools while at events at Grace.*
- *As soon as New Hanover County lifts their mask mandate that Grace do the same without having to hold a separate meeting of the Covid19 Task Force and/or the Ad Council. Approving this now could*

Please check the appropriate box or boxes and place in the offering basket.

- Would like to join Grace United Methodist Church.**
  - Need Grace UMC name tag(s).**
  - Change of address, phone number, or email.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_