

Grace Notes

November 7, 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 7 All Saints Sunday

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 8

6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 9

9:00 am Organist in Sanctuary
9:30 am KnitWerks@Grace
5:30 pm Boot Camp
6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee
7:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal/Gym

Wednesday, November 10

11:00 am Gentle Yoga Class
4:00 pm Organist in Sanctuary
4:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting
6:15 pm Grace Ringers/Sanctuary
7:30 pm Chancel Choir/Sanctuary

Thursday, November 11

5:30 pm Boot Camp
6:30 pm Basketball

Friday, November 12

9:00 am Organist in Sanctuary
4:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal/Gym

Saturday, November 13

4:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Concert

Sunday, November 14

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

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 10/31/2021

In-person Worship Service: 8:30 am - 25
11:00 am - 141

Online Worship Service: 51 views

Operating Funds Given 10/27-11/3 \$10,882

October

Operating Funds Given YTD	\$	446,043
Operating Expenses YTD	\$	522,329
Balance	\$	(76,286)

2021 Operating Budget = \$ 754,879

October

Building Preservation Fund Received 2021 YTD	\$	40,422
Building Preservation Fund Spent 2021 YTD	\$	21,354

Disaster Recovery (Boiler)

Insurance Receipts	\$	62,048
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.

A Farewell

Amanda Allred, Children and Youth Choir Director, will be leaving Grace UMC on November 7. Her "day" job has become full time and there just are not enough hours in the day.

We thank Amanda for her ministry to the children and youth, her contributions to the Children's Moment during worship services, and the gift of her beautiful voice to Grace's Music Ministry.

Don't Forget!
Daylight Saving Time Ends On Sunday,
November 7, 2021!



Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

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

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
Maj. Tim Collins, USMC	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Col. John Delaney, USA	Sgt. James Pritchett, USA
Ens. Elizabeth Downing, USN	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, USSF	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	

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!"

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.

Cape Fear Chorale

PRESENTS

Sing Together Always!

Saturday, November 13, 4:00 pm
Kenan Auditorium, UNCW Campus

ADMISSION FREE OF CHARGE

Grace UMC members who participate in Cape Fear Chorale:

Amanda Allred	Belinda Mayhew
Cheryl Cribbs	Edna Mory
Jerry Cribbs	Javier Mory
Susan Gardner	Judy Siebold
Joe Huppmann	Liz Thigpen
Jenny Lewis	Marilee Tremlett

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!!!

Christmas Love Offering

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will once again this year be collecting a Love Offering to recognize the Grace Church Staff at Christmas. These wonderful men and women work hard for the church all year. This year has been especially difficult; and our staff members have risen to the challenges 2021 has thrown at them. With this special offering, we would like to recognize their extraordinary efforts with a little something extra during the holidays. If you would like to contribute to this effort, your donation can be made in several ways.

- 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. Please remember to make the 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 thoughtful 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 help us move more quickly when that day comes.*

November Birthdays

11/1	Jeanne Hadaway Kevin Edwards Charlotte Bailey	11/10	Ann Edwards	11/19	Jarvis Simmons Mary Neal	11/24	Rod Roberts Mitch Duncan Charlie Reap
11/2	Jean Duncan	11/11	Mike Tripp Carol Jennings	11/20	Julie Godwin	11/26	Bettye Broadwater Javier Mory Craig Wengerd
11/6	Louise Thompson Rick McDow	11/13	Emily Rogers	11/21	Kathy Roberts	11/30	Rebekah Vaughan
11/8	Laura Still	11/15	Kristin Gibbs	11/22	Sabrina Helsabeck Pat Goodman Sharon Sabo		
11/9	Carole Ellis Jo Ellen Hickmon Joan Pence	11/16	Greydon Fuller Charles Lindsey	11/23	Frank Lee Randy Musselwhite		
		11/18	Michelle Ginocchio Linda Russ				

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: _____