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 11
8:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion
9:30 am Fellowship Time
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service/Holy Communion

Monday, June 12
5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:30 pm Agape Circle

Tuesday, June 13
8:30 am Life Line Screening/Gym
9:30 am KnitWerks@Panera/Independence Mall
4:00 pm Basketball
6:00 pm Basketball
6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, June 14
10:00 am Staff Meeting
4:30 pm Worship Committee
5:30 pm Boot Camp
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 15
4:00 pm Basketball
6:00 pm Gracelettes/Stenson Home
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training

Saturday, June 17
10:00 am VBS Set-up/Gym

Sunday, June 18
8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Fellowship Time
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

Prayer Requests
Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:
- Chris Ahearn
- Shelley Atwell
- Christine Boone
- Brice Borowicz
- Ann Bowen
- John Henry & Kitty Brunjes
- Jeff Bullock
- Tom Cerjak
- Stephanie Christy
- Barry Cooper
- Tommy Cox
- David & Kay
- Family of Georgie Dunlap
- Pat DiGiuseppe
- Ron Downing
- Jay Farlow & Family
- Jonathan Finch & Family
- Susan Gardner
- Chris Ahearn
- Shelley Atwell
- Christine Boone
- Brice Borowicz
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If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Patricia at patricia@gracedowntown.net. In order to keep the prayer list current, names you submit for prayer will be kept on the list for 4 weeks and then removed, unless you instruct us otherwise.

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:
- MSgt. Cody Alford, USMC
- Gen. Gwyn Armfield, USAF
- Maj. Jeffery Bernard, USA
- Maj. Michael Collins, USMC
- Capt. Tim Collins, USMC
- Col. John Delaney, USA
- E3 Caylen Folmar, USN
- E3 Taylor Folmar, USN
- Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC
- Capt. Jason T. Hill, USAF
- SFC Letty Long, USA
- SFC Woodrow Long, USA
- Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
- LCDR Nicholas Madren, USN
- SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
- Sgt. Frank Olszynski, USA
- Capt. Brian Potts, USMC
- Lt. Kevin Ringelstein, USN
- Lt. Col. Amy Moore Russo, USMC
- Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
- AB Michael Sloan, USAF
- PFC Nathan Watson, USA
- WO2 Shaun D. Woods, USA

Grace’s Annual Patriotic Picnic
Sunday, July 2, 12:15 pm, Grace Gym

Wear your red, white & blue and come enjoy good food, fun and fellowship as we celebrate our Nation’s independence! Hot dogs and hamburgers will be grilled to perfection by Gary Rowe’s Grill Team. Drinks, condiments, and dessert will be provided. Please bring a side dish (no desserts) to complete the meal.

The cost is $4 for adults and $2 for children, which will help with the cost of the hot dogs and burgers.

There will be patriotic music and songs to be enjoyed by all!

To reserve your seat, use the tear-off on the next page or call the volunteer desk Mon.-Fri., 9 am-4 pm. Reservations must be made by Wed., June 28.

Sunset Park Prayer Partners
The annual end-of-school Prayer Partner Luncheon will be Thursday, June 15, 12:30 pm, in the school cafeteria. Prayer Partners are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Smithfield’s chicken will be provided. This is your opportunity to meet your prayer partner.

RSVP to Jessica Wilson, jjailwilson82@gmail.com, by Monday, June 12.

Grace Sunday Morning Security Team
For those who have had the Security Team Training, please sign up for the Sunday(s) you are willing to serve, noting either the 8:30 or 11 am service. The sign up sheet is on an easel in the Welcome Center.
Prospective Members Class

Sunday, July 16, 9:30 am
Second floor office suite
Light Refreshments

Thinking about becoming a member of Grace UMC? Pastor Tal will offer a history of the United Methodist Church, basic United Methodist beliefs, what it means to be a Christian, and the commitments of membership—all in an hour!

So that we can prepare the right number of information packets, let us know you are coming by using the tear-off at the top of the second page and place it in the offering plate, or call the church office (763-5197). Please respond by Sunday, July 9.

We look forward to seeing you!

Requests from Ms. Liz

Vacation Bible School is coming up quickly and we need more hands to serve! Please notify Mrs. Liz if you are available to be either hands on with the kids during the event or provide support before or afterward.

We also have a list of donations in the Welcome Center. We appreciate all that you can give. You can also make a purchase from our Oriental Trading company Wish List by going to:


The link can also be emailed by request.

We appreciate all that you do to support and serve the youngest here at Grace!

Gracelettes
(Young women)

3rd Annual LCR Game Night
Where: Jen Stenerson’s house
131 Camarillo Way
Rocky Point, 28457
When: June 15, 6 pm
(or whenever you can get there!)
Bring: an appetizer or dessert, special drinks (soda, water & tea, provided)

Bring a roll/bag of quarters if you want to play (one quarter gets you in the early rounds, so just a couple is fine, too).

RSVP to Jen on Gracelettes Facebook page or call/text 910-297-7687.

New Mission Project

As its mission project for the months of May and June, Divine Grace has selected Support the Girls of South-eastern North Carolina. This organization distributes new and gently used bras and sealed packages of feminine hygiene products to homeless women. These donations allow women to maintain their dignity while still providing for their families.

All women of Grace are asked to consider donating clean, new and gently used bras and sealed boxes of maxi pads or tampons. Donation boxes will be located in the Welcome Center during May.

On behalf of the women who will benefit from our generosity, thank you! Questions may be directed to Susan Gardner at flutegirl38@msn.com or contact her cell (910) 232-5495.

Special Artwork

The Children of Grace are selling greeting cards! The children designed the front of the cards and they want to share them with you!

You can pre-order your set of 20 blank greeting cards for only $20.50. Please use the order forms located in the Welcome Center on the bulletin board featuring their amazing artwork. Checks can be made payable to Grace UMC and given to Liz Steimer.

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, June 25, after which a bulk order will be placed.

Proceeds will benefit Grace’s Children’s Ministry and their many special events.

Thank you for your support!
**Fishers of Men Mission Team**

https://www.facebook.com/gracefishersofmen/

The Team thanks everyone who has donated supplies and money to the summer mission to the Dominican Republic. If you participated in the envelope fundraiser and put a name on your envelope, the team has left a note for you on the Youth Board by the nursery.

In these last two weeks, we are looking for a few specific supplies.

- Twin Sheet Sets (to be used and then donated to the kid’s camp in Sanchez)
- Travel Shampoos and Conditioners
- Work Gloves (Construction type, any size)

Please follow us on our journey by going to the Grace Facebook Page. We will be updating it daily during our journey.

**Area Newcomer Meal**

**Sunday, August 20, 5:30 pm**

Covered dish at Grace for those new to the area. Most people who move in the US move in June. Here is our way of helping those new to the Wilmington area make new connections — and to come into contact with Grace!

The hope is that some Grace folks will come and circulate among the newcomers, eat with them, and demonstrate that great Grace hospitality.

**Adult Bible Study Returning**

A study of the Book of Revelation will be offered in two sessions across 5 weeks. The Wednesday session will go from October 11—November 8, 5:30-6:30 pm. The Thursday session will go from October 12 –November 9, 10-11 am.

Does this mysterious book tell us about specific events today? What does it mean? Who does the number 666 refer to? We’ll explore all this.

**Leader:** Pastor Tal

**Fall 2017 Short Term Classes at Grace**

We are pleased to announce that two, new short-term classes will be offered in the fall. Specific dates and details will be publicized later. Childcare will be offered by a combination of Sunday School classes and childcare providers.

**Discovering God’s Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts** - This is a course developed by Stephen Ministries to help you learn what spiritual gifts God has given you and to motivate you to use them. The class is for youth, and adults, including senior adults. Topics will include: Sharing Your Uniqueness, Spiritual Gifts and Natural Talents, In Search of Rejoicing, and Love, the Heart of Spiritual Gifts, and others.

**Length of course:** 8 one-hour sessions starting **Sunday, September 10, 9:30-10:30 am,** in Room E208.

**Cost:** $20 to cover materials.

**Leader:** Patricia DiGiuseppe

**Financial Peace University** - Dave Ramsey and his teaching team (via video) will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. Participating in this group will help you share ideas, be encouraged, and stay motivated.

**Length of course:** 9 sessions, starting **Sunday, September 10, 9:00-10:30 am.** Cost: will be determined shortly.

**Leaders:** Elizabeth and Forrest Tabor

**Lay Leadership Committee Meeting**

**June 27, 6:15 pm, in the Bible Class**

We’ll begin the process of putting together our list of officers for 2018.

**Committee Members:** David Miller, Sandie Moore, Katie Coggins, Bob Henard, Russell Ipock, Darlene Tyndall, Rebecca Vaughn, Mary Tyndall, Melissa Cline,

**Ministry for Our Homebound**

Starting on Sunday, July 2, Grace will be taking Holy Communion to homebound members who would like to receive communion. This will be after the 11:00 am worship service.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Frank Steele at 434-906-4696 or email him at FOSTeele@aol.com. Thank you.

**Stephen Ministers: The After People**

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People.

**Stephen Ministers are there:**

...after the phone call you hoped you’d never get.
...after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
...after the last child honks the horn, waves and drives away--and the house suddenly seems empty.
...after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.

Stephen Ministers are ready to come alongside you--or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives--and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

If you or someone you know needs a Stephen Minister, contact:

**Brena Conley**, brenagibson@gmail.com, phone 910-769-2244 or **Patricia DiGiuseppe**, patricia@gracedowntown.net, phone 910-470-6310.
Looking Ahead at Grace

Saturday, June 17 - Vacation Bible School Workday

Sunday, June 18 thru Thursday, June 22 - Vacation Bible School 2017 PASSPORT TO PERU, Discovering God’s Good Gifts

Saturday, June 24 thru Saturday, July 1 - Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

Sunday, July 2 - Independence Day Picnic

Sunday, July 16, 9:30 am - Prospective Members Class

Sunday, August 20, 5:30 pm - Wilmington Area Newcomer Meal - Grace gym

Sunday, August 20-August 27 - Grace Hosts Interfaith/Family Promise

Saturday, September 9, 8:30 am-3:00 pm - Chancel Choir Retreat

Wednesday, October 11, 5:30-6:30 pm - Adult Bible Study: The Book of Revelation, study ends on November 8th

Thursday, October 12, 10:00-11:00 am - Adult Bible Study: The Book of Revelation, study ends on November 9th

Sunday, October 15, 9-9:45 am - Outdoor Worship Service

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2017 Membership Directory Update

Members who still need to have their picture taken can sign up for the photo sessions on June 29th, 30th and July 1st. Now that we know more how the process works, you are advised not to come early for your appointment and to expect a slight delay in start time. If you are able to carve out 40-50 minutes of time for the session, that is advisable.

Please sign up online for the June/July sessions either online here:

https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/9qqnzqsm/

or use the sign-up sheets that will be available in the Welcome Center, on Sunday mornings only, starting today. If you have a specific time in mind, please go ahead and sign up online or email Hope Inman at hopewalters@hotmail.com and she will help you.

Finally, if you are unable to get a photo taken by Lifetouch and would like to be in the directory, you may submit a photo electronically to Hope Inman or request that we use the photo from a previous directory. Please send all photo files or requests to Hope Inman. There is no charge for this. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact Hope Inman directly.

Thank you again to everyone for their participation.