

Fall Kickoff – September 16th

Join us for a celebratory coffee hour/potluck after the 10 a.m. service on the 16th, as we welcome fall and get to know the new parishioners who've joined us in recent months! The event will take place in the church parking lot and will feature great food and drink and a chance to learn more about the various ministries at Grace Church as well as each other. More details will be coming over the next few weeks. If you're interested in helping with the kick-off and/or are interested in showcasing your ministry here at Grace, please contact the event coordinator, Andy Shapiro-Zysk, at 716-417-9736 or azysk@cox.net.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline date for October's Newsletter is Friday, September 14. Send submissions to Andy Shapiro-Zysk at azysk@cox.net.

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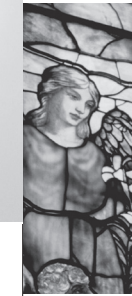
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From The Rector

"...so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord."

- Psalm 102:18

As the Church, we are called to live in the present while building for the future. At Grace Church this fall, we're doing just that. Through our 3rd Build Committee, commissioned by the vestry, we will be working this fall to determine what our space needs are here at Grace. We'll be talking with the leaders of our various parish ministries to hear their thoughts on what could benefit their own ministries as well as providing opportunities for the parish at large to share their thoughts and wishes. This will not be a quick process. It will be a marathon rather than a sprint. We're confident, however, that through this process of listening, discernment, and long-term planning, we will be able to create meeting space here at Grace that will allow us to be a vibrant and faithful church well into our 3rd century, so that (to paraphrase from Psalm 102), the people of our city and region who are yet to be born may grow in Christ and praise his name.

While that important work is going on, though, we're also living our lives and our faith right here, right now. In fact, after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, September 16th, we will have a "Fall Kick-Off" in our parking lot (not exactly bucolic, but extremely convenient!), featuring good food and a chance to learn about and get involved in the various ministries of our diverse parish. The 20s/30s Group has a barbecue on September 8th. The parish choir returns on the 9th. The mid-week Eucharist resumes at noon on Wednesday, September 12th. Sunday School registration takes place on September 9th and 16th, and Sunday School itself kicks off on the 23rd. The Sunday Forum resumes at 9 a.m. on the 16th in the Chafee Room with a series on the Holy Eucharist. You get the picture.

In addition to the new beginnings here at our parish, our diocese starts a new chapter this month with the arrival of our Bishop-elect, Nicholas Knisely. He and Bishop Wolf will overlap for two months, and then Bishop-Elect Knisely will formally take over from her on November 17th at his ordination. Our diocese will bid farewell to Bishop Wolf at a reception in her honor on the 23rd of this month (see announcement on page 2.)

I hope you all find many ways to engage in the life of our parish this fall. Please let me know if I can be of any help in that process. That is, quite literally, why I'm here!

Blessings,

Jonathan+

The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the gospel through worship, proclamation, and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.

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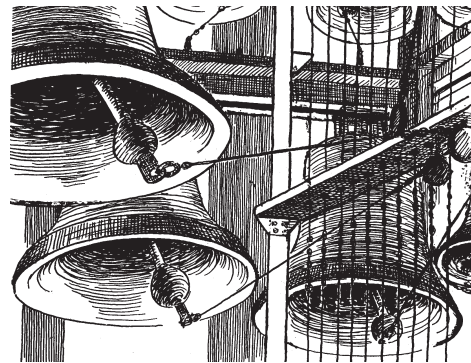
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GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sundays in September

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
 9:00 a.m. – Sunday Forum: Chafee (beginning Sept 16)
 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School (beginning Sept 23)
 10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays in September

Noon – Holy Eucharist (beginning Sept 12)

Sunday, September 2

10:00 a.m. – Healing Prayer: Messiah Chapel

Friday, September 7

Deadline for submissions for the September 15 e-news

Sunday, September 9 and 16

11:30 a.m. – Sunday School Registration

Friday, September 14

Deadline for submissions for the October Newsletter

Sunday, September 16

11:30 a.m. – Fall Kick-Off: Grace Church

Sunday, September 23

5:00 p.m. – Choral Evensong

Monday, September 24

Deadline for submissions for the September 30 e-news

Tuesday, September 25

6:30 p.m. – Vestry Meeting: Chafee

Sunday, September 2nd, marks the end of a very full summer pick-up choir season. Despite very warm and humid conditions, we enjoyed consistently good attendance, and our ever-changing ensemble (which included several first-time participants) made a memorable and important contribution to our summer worship through leading the congregational singing and providing anthems each week. On several Sundays, our worship was enriched by instrumental offerings (harp, violin, viola, French horn, saxophone, trumpet, recorder, and harmonica), and we are grateful for these gifts of time and talent as well.

On Sunday, September 9th, the Grace Church choir returns to sing the first 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist of the program year.

As has been our custom, the choir and/or the Grace Church Singers will sing every Sunday at the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist. We are eager

Weekly Sunday Forum – Begins September 16th

Last year, the rector turned the 10 a.m. service one Sunday into an “instructed Eucharist” where he explained the different parts of the Eucharistic service. Beginning on September 16th, the Sunday Forum will provide an opportunity to look at the worship we offer to God through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in an even more in-depth way. Join us as we discuss over the course of several weeks what it is we do here each and every Sunday morning!

Bishop Wolf’s Farewell Celebration – Sept 23rd

A special celebration of Bishop Wolf’s ministry will take place on Sunday, September 23rd, from 5 to 8 p.m. at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 99 Peirce Street, East Greenwich. All members and friends of the diocese (including kids of all ages) are welcome, and the facility is handicapped-accessible. The evening will feature delightful hors d’oeuvres prepared and served by More Than a Meal catering (staffed by graduates of the Amos House Culinary Education Program working in conjunction with seasoned industry professionals). In addition to enjoying great food, you’ll be treated to wine, beer and soft drinks, as well as a slide show of photos from the bishop’s time with us. Festive tents will be set up outside for those who want to take advantage of the beautiful September weather.

Sunday School is Back!

Sunday School begins on September 23rd, and registration will take place after the 10 a.m. service on September 9th and 16th. The Grace Church Sunday School program uses the Godly Play curriculum and meets from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m., at which time children join their parents in church for the Eucharist. If you have a child between the ages of 3 and 12, come on down! Questions? Please contact our Sunday School Coordinator, Rose Phildor, at: rphildor@gracechurchprovidence.org.

to welcome new singers to our company. The choir commitment includes a weekly rehearsal. The Singers commitment is a one-hour rehearsal prior to the Sunday morning service.

We will continue to offer evening services with music (as part of our “Sundays at Five” series) on certain Sundays each month. The first service of the series will be Sunday, September 23rd at 5 p.m. The full schedule will be published in next month’s newsletter.

This season we are reinstating the singing of Compline, the Office for the end of the day. It will take place at 8 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month.

Further information about the Grace Church music program is available from Mark Johnson at 401-330-6787 or mjohnson@gracechurchprovidence.org. As always, your comments, concerns, and hopes for our music program are welcome.

Parish Profile: Susan Isett Olson

by Raymond Finelli

When Sue Olson was in grade school at age 7, she rode on the school bus with an armed American guard. It was in the city of Kitzingen, Germany, in 1948, subsequent to the Nazi surrender. Sue’s father, a Tank Corps Lieutenant in the 2nd Armored Division who had fought in the Battle of the Bulge, returned home in 1945 only to be ordered to Germany as part of the American occupation force. Susan, born in 1941 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, as the daughter of a career officer, became an “army child.” Her father was continuously being moved from post to post, and Kitzingen was the first of many assignments.

The German citizens, however, had not welcomed the Americans with open arms. The city of Kitzingen was in ruins. No buildings were intact, and the ever present smell of decay, the total lack of sanitary facilities, and the sight of blood stains everywhere were constant reminders of the earlier chaos. Nothing had been done, and the sense of still unaccepted defeat and hate for the conqueror was evident in the attitude of the survivors. Sue recalls being bumped and deliberately pushed. She saw people picking up bits of discarded food and cigarette butts dropped by the Americans. This was at a time before the Marshall Plan, which came into force in late 1948, and during the Nuremberg Trials of Nazi war criminals.

However, by 1953 when the family left Germany and returned to the States, Susan says a railroad line was operating and farms and market places had begun to appear. “As a child, the slowly developing transition for me was a great eye opener,” says Susan.

Sue finished junior high school plus her first year of high school in Boulder, Colorado, while her father, now a Colonel, was stationed there. Sue later completed her high school education in Jacksonville, Florida, and attended Florida State University in Tallahassee for a period. It was at the time of the first integration march and other civil rights demonstrations in Tallahassee.

At the end of 1959, Sue’s father was sent to Germany once again, this time to Munich, and Sue says she was again shocked to see the



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progress in rebuilding which the Germans had made in only six short years.

Sue came home again and attended the University of Maryland in Baltimore for one year, returning to Germany for holidays with her parents where she met her now ex-husband, a U.S. Army physician. They had four children together: Stacey, Victoria, Kelly and Mathew.

In pursuit of culture, Sue attended classes offered at the Minneapolis Atelier Studio Program of Fine Art in Minnesota and did some stone sculpture at Minnetonka Art Center in Wazweta, Minnesota. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work at the University of Minnesota and her

Master of Science in Psychology at St. Mary’s University, Minnesota.

Today, Susan enjoys her family, her church, and her drawing and sculpture. At Grace, Sue is relatively new, having come to us from St. Stephen’s Church on the east side. She had been visiting Grace Church and said she noticed the mix and beauty of the people. “I was especially impressed with the congregational response and on seeing the sharing of the service between the Rector and Bishop Wolf on a recent Sunday of the Bishop’s visit.” Sue participates in the Church’s Saturday Sandwich Brigade in February and comes to the Sunday Forum.