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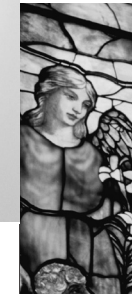
Newsletter Deadline

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From The Rector

We are now in the season of Lent. I've always found it ironic that the coldest month of the year, January, is also the time when the days start to get longer. Just as we land in the chilliest season we begin to head out of the darkest one. I don't know the meteorological explanation for that, but I've often thought to myself on those bitter January days, "Well, at least it's getting lighter every day!" Science aside, the impact for us is that just when we are coldest, we start seeing more and more of the sun, which promises to bring warmth soon enough.

We now find ourselves in the season not just of winter but of Lent. When most of us think of Lent, we think of fasting and self-denial. We think of Jesus spending 40 days in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. It's a season that begins on Ash Wednesday with a reminder of our mortality through the imposition of ashes, and has as its last full day Good Friday, when we remember the crucifixion of our Lord.

And yet, what does the word "Lent" mean? It's simply a premodern English word for the season of spring. This period of fasting and self-denial goes by the name of a season that is synonymous with longer and warmer days and rebirth of the land. Is that just about as curious as entering the coldest time of year just as things start to get lighter?

For Christians, actually, no, it's not. That's because we gather together not as an Ash Wednesday or Good Friday people but as an Easter people. It's the resurrection of Jesus that catalyzed the birth of the Christian church, and it is toward Easter that we are always turned, just as churches themselves are turned to face east, toward the rising of the sun. (Even when churches can't face east – like our church, which faces south – the direction of the altar is called the "liturgical east.") Easter gives Lent meaning, because it's the triumph of the resurrection that brings Jesus' temptation and suffering its vindication. That is why it is very fitting that this season of penitence and self-denial and remembrance of the temptation and suffering of Christ is called Lent, spring, because even in darkest of times, the light is on its way. As the Gospel of John says, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Even the darkness of death on the cross could not overcome the light of Christ.

Traveling deeply through the season of Lent makes Easter Day much more meaningful. Through a practice of prayer, Bible reading, fasting and good works, we can keep Christ in our hearts and on our minds as we approach Holy Week next month. Here at Grace this month you can delve more deeply into the Christian faith in our Inquirers' Class (more information in this newsletter). However you choose to walk with Christ this Lent, remember that in this season when we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness and head towards his Passion we are also on a direct and unstoppable course for his glorious resurrection. So, happy Lent, happy spring.

— 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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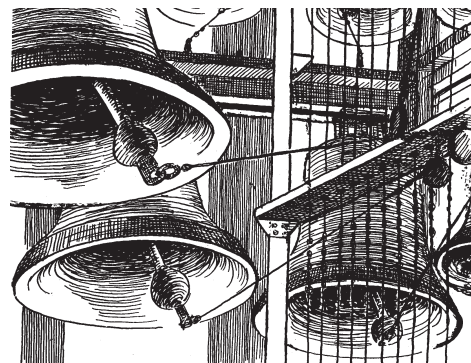


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This year March includes most of Lent right up until the day before Palm Sunday. The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday on February 22, when the choir sang music by Allegri, Gibbons, Hilton and Tallis. On the

first Sunday of Lent, February 26, the liturgy began with the Great Litany, one of the earliest texts of the Book of Common Prayer, sung in procession.

On March 4, the Grace Church Singers will lead the music at 10 a.m., and the choir will sing choral Evensong that evening as part of the “Sundays at 5” series. Choral music will be by Henry Purcell. The third Sunday of Lent, March 11, will include Bishop Wolf’s final parish visitation as our bishop. Choral music for the day will include pieces by Byrd, Tallis and Sable. At 8 p.m. that evening, a choir of men’s voices will sing Compline in the candlelit church. On Sunday, March 25,

the choir will sing Passiontide music and the motet in honor of the Annunciation at the 10 a.m. service; as part of the “Sundays at 5” series, members of the choir will sing the annual Passiontide Meditation service. This service consists of three sections: Gethsemane, The Trial and The Crucifixion. It will include music by Vulpius, Handl, Tchaikowsky, The Southern Harmony and Stainer, as well as hymns and plainsong.

Information about the Grace Church music program and about a variety of opportunities in which you may participate is available from Mark Johnson at 401-330-6787.

New Schedules for Parish Newsletters

As part of ongoing efforts to improve communication with parishioners, we’re implementing changes to our print and electronic newsletters.

Most importantly, we are no longer mailing our print newsletter except to parishioners who request that it be mailed to them. This will save money on printing and postage and it is environmentally responsible. You can access the newsletter through a link to the

parish website that now is included in each edition of the e-news. You also will be able to pick up a printed copy at the back of the church. If you want to continue to have the newsletter mailed to your home, contact the parish administrator at 401-331-3225 or cboyle@gracechurchprovidence.org.

Some minor timing changes also have occurred. The e-news now is sent on the 15th and last day of each month. The print news-

letter is posted to the website (and mailed to those who request it) on the last day of the month.

With these changes, the deadlines for submitting content also have changed. Submit content for the print newsletter by the 15th of the preceding month. Submit content for the e-news one week in advance. If you have questions, contact Dave Seifert at daveandlavonne@yahoo.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2012 INQUIRERS’ CLASS – FOR LENT AND BEYOND

On Sunday, March 4, the rector will begin offering a six-week class about the Christian faith in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition, including theology and the Bible, history of the church, the Book of Common Prayer, the structure of the church and a look at contemporary issues.

The class will meet during the Sunday forum hour (9 a.m.) in the Chafee Room. The series will end the week that the sacrament of Confirmation (and Reception and Renewal of Baptismal Vows) is offered by the bishop to the churches in Providence.

Anyone who is considering Confirmation (or Reception or Renewal) should attend all these classes, but anyone in the parish is welcome to come to any or all of them. If you have any questions, please contact the rector at jhuyck@gracechurchprovidence.org or at 331-3225.

20s/30s GROUP: THEOLOGY ON TAP

Anyone in their 20s or 30s is welcome to join us on Friday, December 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. for “Theology on Tap” at Finnegan’s Draft House, just down the street from Grace Church at 397 Westminster (at the corner of Empire Street). The topic this month will be “Should we Fast?” Friends are most welcome!

KNITTING AND YOGA!

Well ... not together. Our friends and neighbors at Beneficent Congregational Church (one block from Grace on Weybosset) are interested in starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry and perhaps a yoga class as well. If you’re interested in either of these, please contact parishioner Anne McCarthy at capris1103@hotmail.com or simply speak with her after church. If you contact Anne by email, include which days/times are convenient for you during the week. Classes will be held at Beneficent, which has a ramp leading into a large meeting room.

Convocation 2012: Feeding the Hungry

Registration is now open for the annual diocesan formation event: “Convocation 2012: Feeding the Hungry,” March 9 – 10. Visit www.episcopalri.org/convocation and register before the March 2 deadline (11:45 p.m.) to avoid any late fees!

This year, Convocation focuses on the goal of creating a diocesan mission focus of “Feeding the Hungry.” The Mission Task Force has taken the lead role in planning the weekend that features nationally known guest Sara Miles, author of “Take This Bread” and “Jesus Freak.” Sara brings a unique and refreshing perspective on worship and what it means to be a Christian. Come feed the spirit and body through worship, fellowship, and formation.

Friday, March 9 at 6 p.m.:
Holy Eucharist and Community Supper
St Luke’s Church, 99 Peirce Street,
East Greenwich, RI

Come to this free evening, and be fed with your friends in the Diocese of Rhode Island. Join the diocesan community for Holy Eucharist, followed by supper together. Bishop Wolf will preside and Sara Miles will be our guest preacher. Childcare is available onsite and children are welcome in worship.

Saturday, March 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.:
Convocation 2012 Feeding the Hungry
The Providence Marriott, One Orms Street,
Providence, RI

(Check-in and continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m.)

This is an opportunity to worship together in creative and nourishing ways, hear an inspirational keynote address by Sara Miles and attend workshops to deepen our engagement. Includes buffet lunch together. Workshop topics will include: “A Foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet: Transcendent Worship,” “Cultivating Kingdom Hospitality,” “Ministry That Feeds Bodies and Strengthens the Body of Christ,” “The Kids Are Hungry: Nourishing the Spiritual Lives of Young People” and “Feeding Hungry Teens: Nourishing Youth and Young Adults.”

A few things to note:

- Remember to register by March 2 to avoid additional late fees!
- You do not need to register separately for Friday unless you are only attending Friday.
- To pay by check you must click “show other payment options” before you click the orange “order now” button
- Registration is being done online only this year, through the form at www.episcopalri.org/convocation. We cannot accept mail or phone registrations. If you have any problems registering, please email ruth@episcopalri.org or call 978-273-6291 x226, and we will assist you as best we can.

Stewardship Moment



Dreams

- Inspire your stewardship in March with your Dreams.
- Dreams of Spring.
- Dreams of more daylight and sunshine.
- Dreams of Lent giving way to a glorious Easter.
- Dreams of your generosity in the world in which we live.
- Dreams of making a difference in the world.

In the Bible dreams are used to give warnings, to reveal prophesy, and to encourage. How will your dreams be manifested? Is God giving us a warning about our stewardship? Is He revealing a vision of our future through our generosity? Are we constantly encouraged toward visioning our stewardship goal? This is a Dream come true: “You will be enriched in every way for your generosity.” 2 Corinthians 9:11

GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sundays in March

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. – Adult Christian Formation: Chafee
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Gammell Hall
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m. – Teens in Action: Teen Room

Sunday, March 4

10:00 a.m. – Healing Prayer: Messiah Chapel
11:30 a.m. – Health & Wellness Committee:
Chafee
5:00 p.m. – “Sundays at 5”: Choral Evensong

Tuesday, March 6

1:00 p.m. – Communications Team: Chafee

Thursday, March 8

Content deadline: March 15 e-news

Sunday, March 11

Daylight Saving Time begins
8:00 p.m. – Compline service

Wednesday, March 15

Content deadline: April print newsletter

Sunday, March 18

11:30 a.m. – Stewardship Committee: Chafee
11:30 a.m. – Finance Team: Pews

Thursday, March 23

Content deadline: March 30 e-news

Sunday, March 25

11:30 a.m. – Shrink the Temple: Chafee

Tuesday, March 27

6:30 p.m. – Vestry: Chafee

Outreach Ministries



Each Saturday in February, devoted Grace Church parishioners and friends came together and prepared more than 300 bagged lunches for our annual Sandwich Brigade in support of Crossroads Rhode Island. We want to give a special thank you to all the organizers, bakers, shoppers and sandwich makers!

As announced at our recent parish annual meeting, the Outreach Ministries at Grace Church will be developing an exciting new relationship with the nonprofit agency, Children's Friend (www.cfsri.org). Located on Summer Street in Providence, Children's Friend has been serving Rhode Island's most vulnerable children and their families since 1882. The agency provides a wide range of services to those in the greatest need, including: family support drop-in centers,

foster care, adoption, family counseling, early intervention, Head Start, child and adult food programs, and child care.

We will begin to roll out our partnership with Children's Friend this Lenten season and into the spring. Starting with our annual Giving Cross, all of our collected donations will be made to Children's Friend. Please select a “bulb” from the cross (located at the back of the church) any Sunday during Lent, and bring back the requested item by Easter Day. Watch for the cross to begin to “bloom” as parishioners bring in the much-needed items. At the conclusion of the Giving Cross initiative, we will present the collected items to the Children's Friend executive director or representative during a 10 a.m. service. Following that will be a reception and a presentation by a representative from Children's Friend that will focus on the services they provide as well as volunteer and outreach opportunities for parishioners. Look for more details on this event in upcoming newsletters.

Additionally, the Outreach Ministries will continue our long-standing support of PICA and explore new ways that we may assist this agency and its mission to offer stability, justice and hope to people in need.

We are always looking for more people to help with future projects as we move forward. If you are interested in pledging your time and talent or if you have any questions please feel free to contact either of us. Temporary Co-Chairs: Elaine Gabellieri jefffoster1@cox.net and Joshua Klemp jklemp@ccri.edu

❖ A note from the rector:

“As Josh and Elaine step into the roles of temporary co-chairs of the Outreach Ministries at Grace Church, let me express my thanks to their predecessors, Marty Ames and Faith Goepfert, who served in that position with great devotion for 2½ years.

Thank you, Marty and Faith!”

Parish Profile: Dave Stender

by Raymond Finelli

Dave Stender, a relatively new Grace Church parishioner, newly elected member of the Vestry, tenor in the choir and active participant in the church's outreach ministry, brings with him the same enthusiasm for the work of the church he has for his work in higher education.

Dave is a complex coordinator within student affairs at Johnson & Wales University. His job is that of advocating for resources or change in policy related to anything in the office of residential life, depending on what will impact the students he supervises. Of a total of about 3,800 residents who live on campus, Dave oversees about 1,300.

Dave came to Grace Church when he started work at Johnson & Wales in the fall of 2010. He grew up an Episcopalian, was a boy chorister, also a Boy Scout, and had an immediate sense of familiarity with the intent and practices of our church. He involves himself in the church's various ministries with ease and alacrity, accepting any and every cause and responsibility offered: he participates in the Saturday Sandwich Brigade; and he was a member of the Outreach Task Force, a committee of six appointed to research and reflect on how and where the church should direct its outreach focus — all the while working toward his Doctorate in Education, concentrating in Higher Education Leadership.

David holds high the value of community service, providing assistance to the Boy Scouts. Says Dave, “I like people. I particularly like meeting people, and I always look forward to a new assignment as an opportunity for a fresh exchange of ideas.” It's the same philosophy of co-op education that he played a part in while in college at Northeastern University.

Northeastern has a co-op education program that is built into its curriculum. In the last four years of his five-year program, Dave would spend half of each year in industry and half in study. One such half-year involvement was in the marketing department for MacComber Inc., a construction management company that renovated Quincy Market in Boston, and who also built the EMC campus in Massachusetts. (Egan and Marino [EMC] developed the first 64-kilobyte computer memory boards.) MacComber also built the



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offshore foundation for the IMAX aquarium theater in Boston.

Dave also spent co-op time in Waltham, Mass., in the human resources department of a biotech company working on the development of a drug for prostate cancer, and in his last year he went to Weber Shandwick, a public relations firm in Cambridge, Mass., involved with the development of OnStar, the automatic “call for help” device in case of emergency that's offered by General Motors. Finally, Dave worked at Scottish Enterprise, an organization that represents all the scientific research coming out of Scotland.

During his last two years at Northeastern, he became a resident assistant in the housing office, working with first-year students. He was later hired full time as resident director while working on his Master of Public Administration degree (MPA). It was through his co-op period in college that Dave said he learned

things through hands-on experience that are not possible to obtain from text books. “I much prefer working with people over working by one's self in a cubicle.”

In 2006, after he got his MPA, he served two years at Mitchell College in New London, Conn., as Director of Resident Life. In 2008 he entered Union Graduate College in Schenectady, N.Y., where he had studied to earn his Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT). He did a one-year internship teaching two eighth-grade social studies classes.

Dave's leisure time reading consists almost wholly of the Tom Clancy series. In the summer months he enjoys getting his hands dirty in the garden. “I find it relaxing to grow both vegetables and flowers for everyone's enjoyment.” He lives with his cat, Daisy, in an apartment on campus, the better to be aware of any student problem.

Search for Bishop in Final Stages

The search process for the 13th Bishop of Rhode Island is reaching its final stages. In mid March, the Search & Nomination Committee expects to announce the slate of three to five finalists. Prior to making the final choices, the committee spent time with nine candidates at a discernment weekend in Rhode Island.

Also in March, a two-week period will open during which individuals may nominate other candidates by petition. To do that requires signatures from four clergy in each of the diocese's six deaneries as well as four Convention delegates from each deanery.

Contact the rector (jhuyck@gracechurch-providence.org), who is a member of the Search & Nomination Committee, if you have questions or would like additional information.

While that work continues, the Transition Committee is getting closer to firming up plans for four special events related to the search process:

- May 11 – 12: A “walkabout” where Rhode Island Episcopalians can meet and hear from the final candidates
- June 2: The convention to elect the 13th

Jonathan Daniels House: Building the kingdom of God

Note: Laypeople and clergy in the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island currently are working on a new initiative – to establish Jonathan Daniels House, a residential service community for young adults. As part of the Episcopal Service Corps, an expanding network of more than 20 service communities for young adults in cities across the country, Jonathan Daniels House will welcome four to eight young adults to South Providence, we hope in the fall of 2013. The Rev. Edmund Harris, assistant to the rector of Church of the Epiphany in Rumford and a leader in this initiative, recently wrote the following article.

[Episcopal News Service] Jonathan Myrick Daniels was a 26-year-old seminarian when he heard the televised appeal of Martin Luther King Jr. for students and clergy to join the struggle for civil rights.

Inspired by the words of the Magnificat about the God who “hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek,” he knew he had to travel to Selma. Once in Alabama, he took up the work of building the kingdom of God: integrating local Episcopal churches, registering African-American voters, tutoring children, and galvanizing relief agencies.

Bishop of Rhode Island, which will be held at St. Paul's Church in Pawtucket

- September 23: Celebration of Bishop Wolf's ministry, at St. Luke's, East Greenwich
- November 17: Ordination of the 13th Bishop of Rhode Island, with the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, presiding

For more information about these special events, contact Cathy Iacobucci (cgj1002@cox.net), a Grace Church parishioner who is chairing the Transition Committee

After being released from jail for joining a picket line, Daniels was shot and killed while pushing an African-American teenage girl, Ruby Sales, out of harm's way.

Although Daniels is recognized as a martyr of the Civil Rights Movement, few people know that he spent time ministering in South Providence, Rhode Island, before traveling south.

• **Read More:** To read the rest of this article about the diocese's hopes for this new ministry, go to <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2012/02/03/jonathan-daniels-house-building-the-kingdom-of-god/>.

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Stewardship 2012

But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee.
– I Chronicles 29:14, ERV

As of Wednesday, February 15, Grace Church has received 114 pledges totaling \$177,305.08! Our goal is to receive \$230,000 in pledges from 147 members of our congregation. We still need \$52,801 more in pledges from 36 people to achieve our goals.

Here are some of our joyful givers to date:

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Carleen Aubee	Anne Finelli	Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Martin Jr.	Ellen Sherman
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Shirley D'Antuono	Dwayne Keys	Ernest Saleh	Comfort Yengbeh
Jessica David	Joshua Klemp/Raul Iriarte	Barbara Salisbury	
Euphemia Davis	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Lapolla	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth N. Scanlan	

The final and complete list will be published in the April newsletter. Please continue to pray our stewardship prayer as we wrap up this final phase. For those who have not yet made their financial commitment to Grace Church, we have placed a universal pledge card in the pews. It is also available on the church website:

II Corinthians 9:11 - *You will be enriched in every way for your generosity.*

– Patricia Rollins Trosclair, Stewardship Chair