



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

May 26, 2016

Spotlight on Grace: *Honoring Service and Sacrifice*



Each Memorial Day we honor, remember, and give thanks for all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. If you have not already taken special notice of the two historical war memorial plaques inside Grace Church, this is a terrific occasion on which to do so. And if you count relatives among those named upon either plaque, we would very much like to hear from you.



At the back of the church, near our indoor coffee hour area, you'll find a plaque dedicated *In grateful memory of those from Grace Church who gave their lives for their country in World War II:*

William F. Arrighie
Robert A. Cole
Stephen M. Danforth
Robert C. Harvey
Russel P. Harvey
John J. Hasselman
Alfred A. Maybach
William H. Monahan, III
Charles D. Ruch
Leslie E. Salisbury
Carl V. Waterhouse
Richard W. Whipple
Oscar S. Wischnowsky

Then follows a long list of Grace Church parishioners who served in World War II.

At the front of the church, just to the left of the Eagle as you're facing the altar, please take note of the plaque from World War I. This *Roll of Honor* is inscribed: *To those who gave their services to our country in The World War, Grace Church has placed this tablet as a grateful tribute, that remembrance of them may abide.*

Let us remember and give thanks for all those in every generation who have given their lives in service, and let us honor all members of the armed forces past and present, and the families who support them.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for Heroic Service:

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of these lands share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



- from the *Book of Common Prayer*, p.839

This Week at Grace

Worship services:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist
with music
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

Outdoor Coffee Hour: Please note: we will gather outdoors for coffee hour following the 10am service this Sunday.

Final Thursday Noon Concert of the season: Thursday, May 26, featuring an organ performance by Vince Edwards, Director of Music!

Sunday School Year-End Picnic:

Attention Grace Church families with kids (whether or not you are currently attending Sunday School)!

On June 5, following our last Sunday School class of the season, you are invited to join us for a picnic in India Point Park immediately following the 10AM service (at the playground between Gano St. entrance and the shoreline). Please bring your own lunch, and any other fun items you wish.

Women's Prayer and Bible Study:

The next Women's Prayer meeting, and the final one of the season, will be Saturday, June 11. The group will not meet May 28 of Memorial Day Weekend.

Grace Church is OPEN to the Public each weekday from 11:00am until 2:00pm. Please tell your friends, co-workers, and visitors to stop by and explore this beautiful historic church. Our friendly docents will greet you with a smile.



Music at Grace

Exploring Music for Kids!!
A one-day musical experience for kids entering grades 1 through 6 in the fall!
Saturday, June 25 - 9 to 3
Learn about singing, strings, brass, percussion, piano... and more!
Cost: \$10 per child (includes snacks and lunch)
To register your child, contact Vince Edwards vedwards@gracepvd.org or 331-3225 x4
Sponsored by Grace Church in Providence
300 Westminster St.

Summer Choir at Grace

During the summer months (Memorial Day to Labor Day) we will enjoy the leadership of our summer choir! Summer Choir is open to anyone who sings with the Grace Church Choir, or anyone who would like to try singing in the choir. We meet in the Choir Room at 8:45 AM on Sunday mornings, rehearse the hymns and psalm, and prepare a simple anthem or two. You don't need to give previous notice, but if you would like to try Summer Choir, please do [email Vince Edwards](mailto:vince.edwards@gracepvd.org), Director of Music, for more information, or if you have any questions. Feel free to sing one Sunday or every Sunday!

Exploring Music for Kids

An engaging and inspiring day of music for kids entering grades 1 through 6 in the Fall. Please see the

flyer at left for details, or [contact Vince Edwards](mailto:vince.edwards@gracepvd.org) for more information.



Announcing an exciting new program for Fall 2016: The Grace Church Choristers

- A choir for boys and girls, grades 2 through 12
- Learn healthy vocal technique, music-reading skills, and history of music and the church!
- Sing the world's greatest sacred music, spanning 500 years!
- Perform alongside the Choir of Grace Church in our splendid landmark building!
- Attend a 5-day Choir Camp at Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT
- Free piano lessons offered to the first 10 choristers who join the program!

[Please click here for the full Choristers program brochure](#)

Musical interviews may be held at any time, but choristers must be registered for the program by July 1 to be able to attend the August 15-19 Choir Camp.

For more information, or to schedule a Musical Interview, please contact Vince Edwards, Director of Music at Grace Church: vedwards@gracepvd.org or 401-331-3225, ext 4

Your Priest-in-Charge: The Reverend Lavonne Seifert

During the period of Jonathan's sabbatical, beginning next week and through the end of August, please direct all pastoral questions, inquiries, and/or conversations to Mother Lavonne Seifert.

Lavonne will serve as Priest-in-Charge of Grace Church, and is already well known to this congregation as both a longtime parishioner and as our current Associate Rector. You may reach her by telephone at 401-331-3225 (ext. 6), or via email: lseifert@gracepvd.org.



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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.