

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

July 21, 2016

## Spotlight on Grace: From the Director of Music



Most churches have choirs, and choirs need music to sing!

Church choir directors are responsible for obtaining (mostly purchasing) sheet music for their choirs to sing, and over the years collections can grow to substantial scale. Certainly, this has been the case at Grace Church. The strong history of choral singing at Grace has demanded that many copies of music be available for choir members.

It's not uncommon for church music libraries to go for some time without a concerted process of review, organization, purging, etc. After almost a year as the Director of Music, I felt it was time to get the library here at Grace in order. This involves several steps.

Each anthem (mostly in library boxes at Grace) must be examined to make sure the correct anthem is in the correct box. Many of the boxes, made of cardboard, need dusting and repair. A great number of the boxes have either the wrong anthem, or no anthem in them at all! Perhaps the most important task is ridding the library of photocopies. Most music is copyrighted and must be purchased - one copy for every singer. While this can be an expensive prospect for growing choirs, it is the only ethical and legal way to build a library. Over the past 50 years, many choir libraries were filled with photocopies, mostly because people were not as aware of copyright law. I'm happy to say that as of this week, all unauthorized photocopied music has been removed from the Grace choir library, destroyed and recycled.

Music can also simply "age out". Being made of paper, this is unavoidable. We have had to remove a number of anthems which literally crumble in the hands. By the time the choir year resumes in September, there will be a completely organized library, in file boxes and cabinets. The entire library is also being entered into a spreadsheet, so we will be able to search an anthem by title, composer, keyword, library number, voicing, scriptural reference

or liturgical season. Please feel free to stop by on a Sunday after church to see this library work in progress!

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## This Week at Grace

### Worship Services:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music

Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

**Celebration of Life:** Our community will gather Thursday morning, July 21, for a Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Trish Newman, who passed away Saturday. All are invited to attend. May Trish's soul, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace. The doors will open at 9:30am; service begins at 10:00am. Those who wish to attend the burial are invited to meet in the Nardolillo Funeral Home parking lot after the service, to follow in procession to Highland Memorial Park, Johnston. Nardolillo is located at 1278 Park Ave., Cranston.



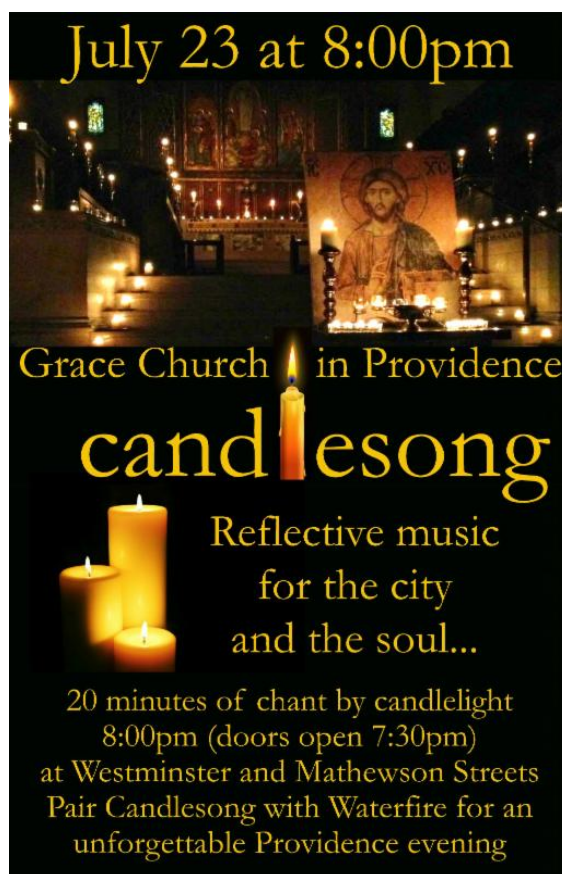
**Parking for Worship:** During construction on the site of the Grace Church parking lot, parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow Streets. For the Wednesday Noon Eucharist, we are unable to provide parking at this time.

### Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:

A temporary ramp is scheduled to be in place prior to Sunday worship on July 31, providing wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. A parking spot for people with disabilities has been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.

**Sunday School Summer Session:** July 17, 24, and 31: focusing on stories from the Hebrew scriptures. We will spend some time on Moses, Joshua, Esther and Deborah. Please come as you can!

**Please Don't Miss Candlesong:** Reflective music for the city and the soul. Saturday, July 23, 8:00-8:20pm, doors open 7:30pm. Gleaming candlelight, fragrant incense and sublime Gregorian chant combine to create a restful and reflective atmosphere. A brief Compline service to end your day with peace and reverence. Let the experience of Candlesong wash over you.



July 23 at 8:00pm

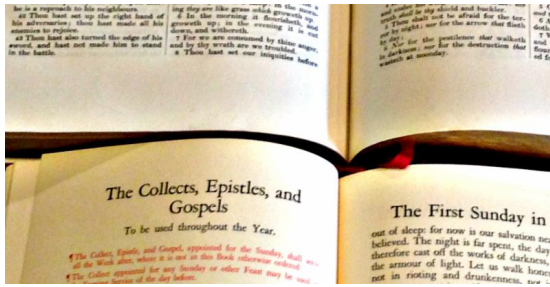
Grace Church in Providence

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Reflective music  
for the city  
and the soul...

20 minutes of chant by candlelight  
8:00pm (doors open 7:30pm)  
at Westminster and Mathewson Streets  
Pair Candlesong with Waterfire for an  
unforgettable Providence evening

# July 24, 2016 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please click here](#):

Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) Luke 11:1-13

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

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## Music at Grace

### 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 & 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!

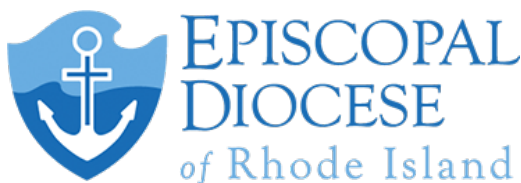


[Please click here for the full Choristers program brochure.](#) Musical interviews may be held at any time, but choristers must be registered for the program by August 1 to be able to attend the August 15-19 Choir Camp.

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

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## YES! A Workshop Series by the Episcopal Diocese of RI



The Commission on Ministry will again offer the Yes! curriculum beginning on September 21 through November 9, 2016. The 7 session course will be facilitated by our Archdeacon, The Venerable Janice Grinnell, and will be held at St. Columba's Chapel in Middletown, RI. This

program is in direct response to lay people who are seeking ways to discern and understand their God given purpose. Cost for the entire series is \$100. [Please click here](#) for a listing of all 7 session times.

[Please click here to Register Online](#)

For more information, contact Canon Betsy Fornal, 401-274-4500, ext. 225, [or by e-mail](#).

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## Your Priest-in-Charge: The Reverend Lavonne Seifert

During the period of Jonathan's sabbatical, 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. To speak with Lavonne, or to make an appointment to visit with her, you may reach her by telephone at 401-331-3225 (ext. 6), or via email: [lseifert@gracepvd.org](mailto:lseifert@gracepvd.org).

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## Parish Administrator Away Next Week

Our parish administrator, Chris Barker, will be away next week, July 25 through 29, vacationing in New Hampshire and Maine with his family. The church office will be closed Monday, and then have limited reception hours (11am-2pm) for the other days, thanks to the kind volunteer help of several Grace Church parishioners. For prayer list requests or flower dedications, please [e-mail your requests here](#), and although you may receive an 'out-of-office' reply, your message will get through to the appropriate contact. For all pastoral matters, please contact Priest-in-Charge Lavonne Seifert (contact information above).



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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.*