



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

October 7, 2016

## Spotlight on Grace: Living the Good News

The Sunday School at Grace Church will soon begin using *Living the Good News*: a lectionary-based curriculum with a proven thirty-year heritage that helps all ages connect to the Sunday readings in worship. Each week, the lessons offer multiple learning methods, offering our children and youths an opportunity to identify their own sense of God and God's presence through Scripture and the tenets of our Episcopal faith.

Through a lectionary curriculum, we will connect education and worship together for all ages, offering a common story and theme to not only be discussed at church, but at home as a family.



Living the Good News uses a variety of learning media, including music, art, oral, visual and movement, which appeal to the learning styles of all ages and types of students.

Please note there is no Sunday School this Sunday, October 9, as children will remain in church for a Children's Homily.

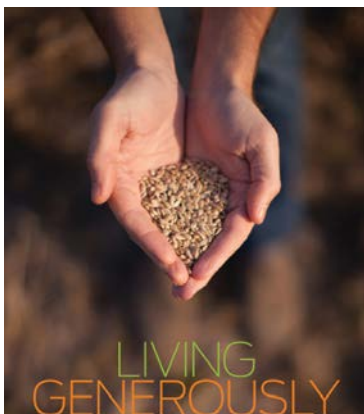
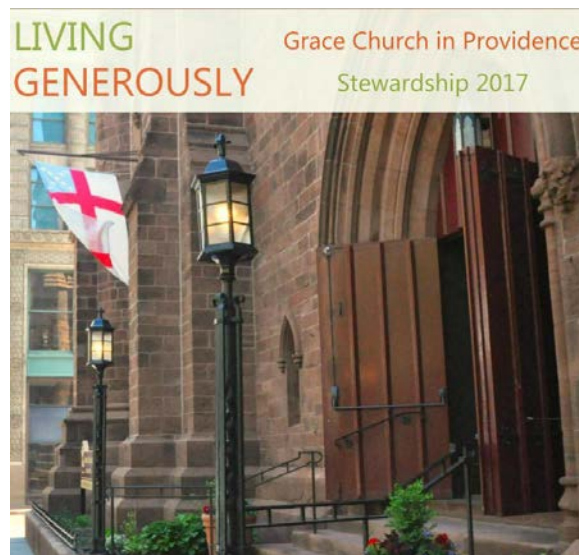
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## Stewardship 2017: Living Generously

There are many times when we experience miracles, small and large, in our lives. Do we take the time to give thanks for them or do we just go on about our daily work?

Do we even recognize God's grace and glory in our daily lives, let alone give thanks for them? Do we see God's abundance in our lives or simply think most of what we have is the result of our own hard work?

When we choose to live generously, we choose first and foremost to be grateful. Grateful to God for what we have; grateful to our families and friends for their love and support; grateful to our faith communities for their acceptance and challenge. Gratitude opens our soul to a fuller life because it opens our mind to seeing all that we have been given.



When we accept that we have received so much, we can then live generously. That generosity is more than how we share what we have, how we welcome the stranger or foreigner, and how we forgive those who have offended us. Living generously can transform our lives and transform our communities. It is a way of praising God for all we have been given.

**Reflection Questions:** When have you experienced a miracle in your life? How have you responded? What is your favorite way of showing gratitude?

Over the next several weeks, we will explore the idea of Living Generously as the focus of [our Stewardship campaign for 2017](#). The campaign will officially kickoff Sunday, October 16, and continue through Commitment Sunday on November 13. Please watch for your pledge cards in the mail during the week that begins October 16.

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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

**Thursday Noon Concerts:** Our popular free concert series continues. Thank you for encouraging friends, family, co-workers and/or visitors to join you.

**Parking for Worship:** Parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow.

A small number of spaces are available on the portion of the Grace Church lot facing Snow Street, along an inset section of the construction fence. For all other times, please [check with the parish administrator](#) for availability.

### **Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:**

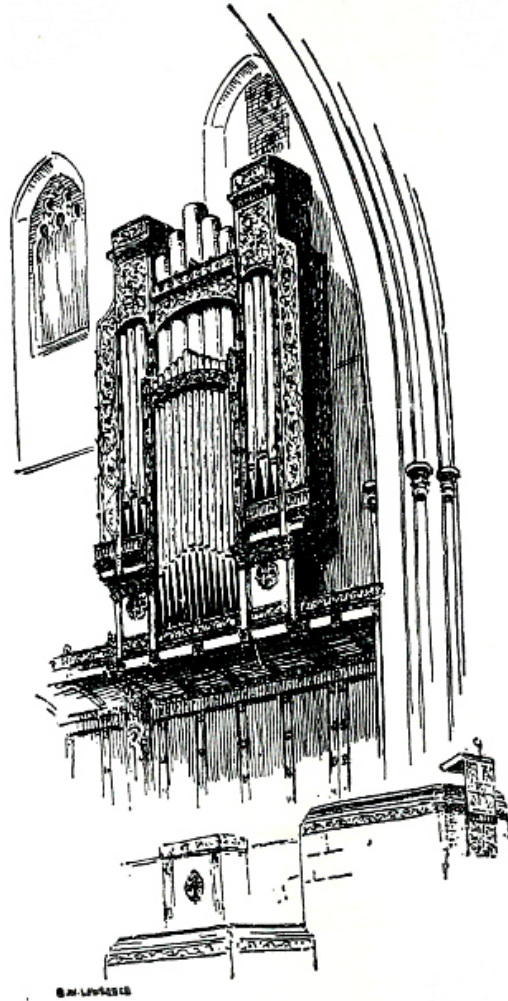
Please find wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. Handicapped parking spaces have been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.



## Music at Grace

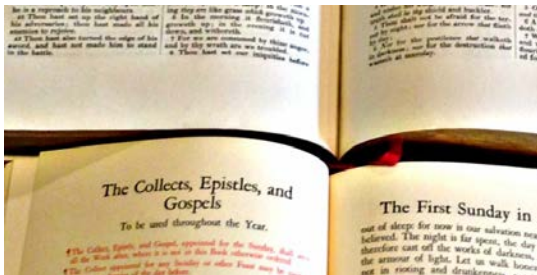
**Service of Choral Evensong, Sunday, November 6, 5:00pm at Grace Church.** On All Saints' Sunday, November 6, please join us here at Grace Church for Choral Evensong with combined choirs from Grace and from St. Luke's in East Greenwich, featuring Cathedral Greats - Music of Wood, Howells and Parry.

**Music Class / Training Choir for children** in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, Thursdays at 4:00pm at Grace Church. There is no fee for this program, and membership at Grace Church (or any church for that matter!) is not required. The 45 minute classes will be led by Grace's Director of Music Vince Edwards. The children will learn the basics of vocal production, sight-reading skills, and music history; and will use games and movement to ensure a fun experience! This music class / training choir will serve as a training program for the Grace Church Choristers, but participation does not obligate anyone to continue in the Chorister Program. For more information, or to register your child, [email Vince Edwards](mailto:vince.edwards@gracechurch.org) or call 401-331-3225, ext 4.



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## October 9, 2016 - Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost



Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c    Psalm 111    2 Timothy 2:8-15    Luke 17:11-19

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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## The 1829 Society - Special Workshop: November 13

The 1829 Society is sponsoring a workshop that will help you prepare a notebook of your wishes and preferences regarding issues that arise at life's end. This brief workshop -- which many Grace Church parishioners have found quite helpful -- will follow the 10:00am Sunday service on November 13th. We hope you will join us!

Members of The 1829 Society have remembered Grace Church in their wills, and we hope many of you will consider supporting Grace in this way.

The 1829 Society of Grace Church was created to encourage giving to God, to invite you to give witness to God's abundance in your life, and to honor the loving faithful who assure and sustain the ministries of Grace Church. The Society's purpose is to encourage, support, and celebrate gifts made to our endowment. With a gift of any size, you may direct the income to an area of specific interest to you.



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## Happening Weekend for High School Students



The Diocese of Rhode Island is about to have its 78th [Happening weekend](#) for the young people of RI! Happening is a diocesan youth-led retreat designed to give high school students an opportunity to explore their faith through small groups and by listening to their peers tell them about their own spiritual journeys. Happening provides a unique opportunity for friends and families of the participants to help them experience

God's love in a truly life-changing way.

The Happening weekend will take place at the Episcopal Conference Center at 872 Reservoir Rd in Pascoag, RI. The Fall Weekend is Friday, October 14th - Sunday, October 16th. The cost of the weekend is \$160.00. Scholarship is available if needed.

[Online registration for Happening is available now](#) through the ECC registration website. If

you would prefer a paper copy of the application or if you have any questions regarding the Happening weekend, email [happeningri@gmail.com](mailto:happeningri@gmail.com) . We hope you will encourage the high school students you know to attend this special weekend.


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