



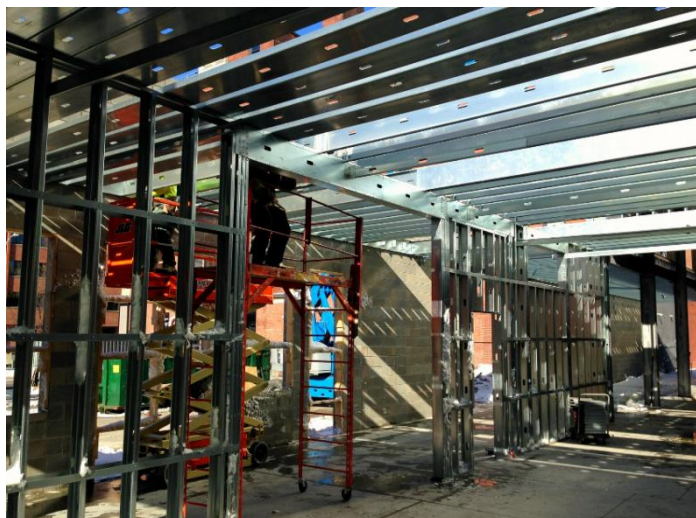
Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 16, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: Pavilion at Grace Construction Update

Again Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" ~ John 8:12

As the roof of The Pavilion at Grace quickly takes shape, and a portion of direct sunlight is refracted, we are reminded not only of the exquisite light-filled space that Centerbrook Architects has designed for us, but also of the abundant light that radiates from within this Grace Church community. As we gather together in this new space beginning shortly after the mid-year, let us celebrate the light that enters, and also the bountiful light that will radiate out.



With sufficient framing now in place to visualize the layout of spaces within the main entrance area facing Chapel and Snow Streets, the roof deck is moving swiftly into place above this flat-roofed portion of the building. Over the next couple of weeks, those steel supports will be fastened into place, and then plywood and insulation will be layered atop it in preparation for final sealing from the elements.

On the steeply-pitched roof over *The Atrium* (the name we've given to the principal gathering space



within The Pavilion at Grace), the focus will be upon completing trim work around the perimeter of the roofline (including gutters, etc.) prior to the installation of the final external roofing material. Presently, similar trim work is underway atop the new staitower, with that structure expected to be fully enclosed very shortly.

As construction moves ever-closer to completion, our collective excitement grows over what a blessing this new space will be to our campus, our beloved faith community, and our downtown Providence neighborhood. We are grateful to all who have made this project possible, and we are pleased to share this exciting journey with all of you.

Your Journey of Lent at Grace Church in Providence



We welcome you to immerse yourself in a spiritual journey of Lent here at Grace. Explore opportunities for special Lenten spiritual practice like Morning Monastic Meditation, opportunities for giving like the Lenten Giving Cross starting this Sunday, or nourish your soul with music for Lent.

Morning Monastic Meditation

Weekday mornings
from 8:30 - 9:00am at
Grace Church in Providence



Morning Monastic Meditation

Throughout Lent, please make time in your downtown mornings for Morning Monastic Meditation every weekday from 8:30-9:00am. We will open for half an hour weekday mornings for silent meditation and prayer to the sounds of monastic chant from across the centuries. Please stop in for a moment of peace to begin your day. Visitors are welcome to light a candle as a symbol of their prayer intention.



The Sandwich Brigade at Crossroads

Grace Church parishioners will volunteer to make sandwiches at [Crossroads](#), a homeless services organization in downtown Providence, on 2 remaining Saturdays, March 18 and 25, at 10:00am. To volunteer, please e-mail Outreach Ministry chair Nicholas Halar at outreach@gracepvd.org. Financial contributions are welcome (place check payable to Crossroads in the collection plate).

Take a Journey through the Bible The Prayer and Scripture Group at Grace will meet every Saturday during Lent in the Chafee Room at 9:30am to explore the exciting new book

from Forward Movement: [The Path: A Journey through the Bible](#). "With informative trail signs to help you see how each piece of the narrative fits together, The Path is an experience unlike any other: an amazing 360-degree overview of the vast, sweeping story of God's extraordinary love for ordinary people." To take part, [please contact Louise](#).

The Lenten Giving Cross

We still have flower bulbs remaining on the Lenten Cross in the back of the church, representing donation requests for foster families through our partner agency Children's Friend. Donations include bibs, clothes, car seats, gift cards and more. Thank you for bringing your donation in anytime during Lent, and thank you for your support.

Choral Evensong for Lent The Grace Church Choir will offer a Service of Choral Evensong for Lent, Sunday, March 26 at 5:00pm at Grace Church, featuring music of music of Vierne, Blair, and Finzi.

Other Resources for your Lenten Journey We still have copies available of Lenten Prayers for Hungry People, a six-sided 'table tent' provided by [Bread for the World](#). Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

This Week at Grace

Worship Schedule:

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

Thursday Concerts at Noon:

March 16 will feature organist Jacob Street, Director of Music at St. Paul's in Norwalk, CT. March 23 will feature Adam Gauthier, Trumpet



Morning Monastic Meditation:

Weekday mornings 8:30-9:00am
Silent meditation or prayer to sounds of chant. Light a prayer candle.

Open doors

Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am - 2:00pm.

Lecture-Recital by Christian Lane Sunday, March 19, 4:00pm

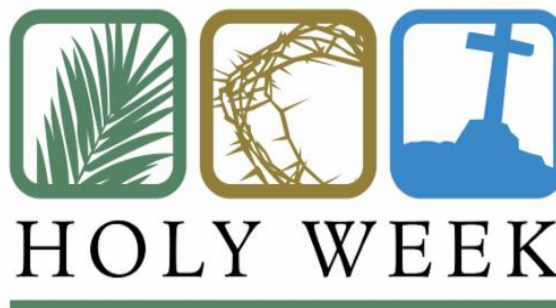
Please join the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Guild of Organists this afternoon at 4:00pm at Grace Church for Lecture-Recital on New Music for the Church Year by Christian Lane. Chris was the interim Director of Music at Grace from 2014-2015.

Prayer and Scripture Group:

2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room, and every Saturday during Lent.

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.



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9, 8:00am & 10:00am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13, 7:00pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 14, 12:00pm

Easter Vigil

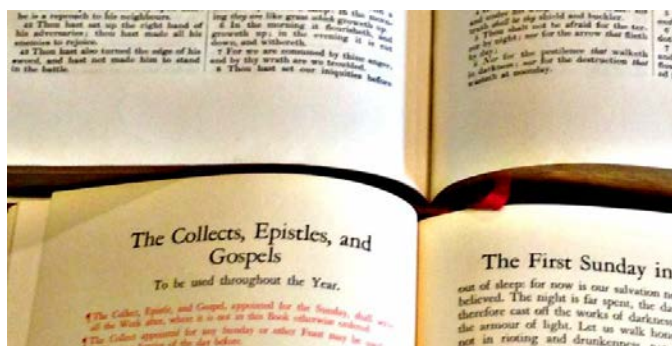
Saturday, April 15, 8:00pm

Easter

Sunday, April 16, 8:00am & 10:00am

March 19, 2017 - Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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](#):

[Exodus 17:1-7 ~ Psalm 95 ~ Romans 5:1-11 ~ John 4:5-42](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Feast of the Annunciation](#)

Also, [click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service.

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.

Join Us for Winter and Spring Musical Events at Grace

Thursdays at Noon through May 25

Please join us on Thursdays at Noon through May 25 for in for mal half-hour organ, vocal or instrumental concerts. Feel free to stay for a portion of the concert or the entire concert if your schedule will allow. Upcoming performers include: Adam Gautille, Trumpet; and Vince Edwards, Organ (March 23), Peter Berton, Organ (March 30).

Choral Evensong: Sunday, March 26 at 5PM

The Grace Church Choir offers Choral Evensong for Lent. Music of Vierne, Blair, and Finzi.

St. Matthew Passion: Friday, April 7 at 7:30PM

Museum Concerts of Rhode Island 50th Anniversary Gala Concert Performed by the Brown University Chorus and Schola Cantorum of Boston. For tickets, visit www.museumconcerts.org or call 401-274-5073.

Music of Praise and Glory:

Sunday, April 30 at 5PM

The Grace Church Choir and Choristers join with Collegium Ancora to present Vivaldi's beloved Gloria and Purcell's Te Deum and Jubilate with Chamber Ensemble. \$10 suggested donation



Today's Ten-fold Reasons to Smile

If you have been pondering a purchase through at Amazon.com, today may offer ten-times the enticement if you [route your purchase through AmazonSmile](#) and select "Grace Church Providence" as your selected charity. Through 11:59pm tonight, March 16, AmazonSmile will donate 5% of your purchase on qualifying items to Grace Church... that's 10 times the usual contribution rate! [Please click here to get started](#), and please pass word along to your friends and family and ask them to select Grace Church as their charity of choice.



Your Health & Wellness Minute

Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.
3 John 1:2

Spiritual Wellness is as important as physical health, in fact, it contributes to our physical health. Here are some tips to help you develop and improve spiritual wellness: Yoga and meditation can help you develop spiritual wellness. Having compassion, the capacity for love and forgiveness, altruism, joy, and fulfillment help you enjoy your spiritual health. Your religious faith, values, beliefs, principles, and morals define your spirituality.

Evaluate your own spiritual wellness with this brief quiz.

- Do I make time for relaxation in my day?
- Do I make time for meditation and/or prayer?
- Do my values guide my decisions and actions?
- Am I accepting of the views of others?

If you answered "No" to any of the questions, it may indicate an area where you need to improve the state of your spiritual wellness.



For more information go to this link: [The Healthy Mind Platter](#): Seven daily essential mental activities to optimize brain matter and create well-being. The Healthy Mind Platter was created by Dr. Daniel J. Siegel, Executive Director of the [Mindsight Institute](#) and Clinical Professor at the UCLA School of Medicine in collaboration with Dr. David Rock, Executive Director of the [NeuroLeadership Institute](#) .

Learn & Lead 2017: Understanding Generational Differences

Saturday, March 18, 2017
9:00am - 3:00pm
St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth

But We've Never Done it that Way Before... Understanding Generational Differences in our Churches


Within our churches at this moment in time are potentially five different generations of members, each operating with distinctly different expectations in such important areas as communicating, giving, learning, attending and participating. Come learn the basic ways of looking at different aspects of life - especially life in the church - through the eyes of the different generations. Learn how these differences may become either a stumbling block to church growth or a catalyst to new ways of living life together. [Click here to register!](#) With questions, email info@episcopalri.org. Ticket prices include the cost of a boxed lunch. \$10/person.



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Understanding generational differences

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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.