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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

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Spotlight on Grace: Creating a Music Hall

There are many exciting changes happening at Grace Church right now. Some are centered around new construction, but another exciting project is underway which involves repurposing of an existing space, rather out of sight, and perhaps unnoticed by most parishioners. With the support of the Rector and Vestry, Gammell Hall (the former parish hall) is being renovated and renamed *The Fred and Barbara Cronhimer Music Hall* to accommodate our growing music program. The existing choir room will be repurposed into the nursery and church-school space.

Fred Cronhimer, pictured at right, served as Organist and Choirmaster from 1948 to 1971, and had a great influence on the musical life of Grace Church. It seemed appropriate that the hall bear his name. Cronhimer Hall will be home to our ever-expanding choir program - both children and adults - and will include a Music Library and Choir vesting area.



With the valuable help of parishioners (and former Cronhimer singers/ringers) Luci Scanlan, Joan Martin, Bob Nelson and Fred White, we have made contact with many Cronhimer-era alums. Having shared our exciting plans for this space, many have contributed generously to the cost of the restoration and conversion. Their generosity has also enabled us to repair and restore both stairwells leading down to Cronhimer Hall from street level.

There is still work to be done, but the custom music library shelves have been built, movable choir rehearsal desks are currently underway, and painting will soon begin. Another feature will be the prominent display of many historical choir photos mounted above the new library shelves. A new (rebuilt) baby-grand piano has been given, and will arrive soon.



Local artisan Lynn Clapham, Ph.D. stands beside prototypes he created at varying heights for the new standing rehearsal desks.

On Saturday, September 30, we will hold a special Evensong and dinner for the Cronhimer alums to dedicate and celebrate this wonderful new space for our music program. And on Sunday morning, October 1, we will recognize our guests in the morning service. What an exciting and appropriate way to utilize old but wonderful space while glorious new space rises alongside!

Vince Edwards, Director of Music

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

Baptism: Come share in the joy of Holy Baptism at the 10am service this Sunday, May 21.

Thursday Concerts at Noon:

May 25 features Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, Organ.

Open Doors:

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



The West wall of Grace Church reflected in the new windows on the East wall of The Pavilion.

The Coast is Clear: We have no information of any road races occurring downtown this coming weekend.

Prayer Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am, Chafee Room.

A 50th Anniversary: Congratulations to Barbara and Winn Frank, married May 20, 1967 at Grace Church. Barbara (Slater) Frank is a former singer with the Grace Church Choir. The couple had hoped to travel from Maryland to join us for worship this Sunday, but due to a medical emergency is unable to come.

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.

Join a Global Wave of Prayer - Thy Kingdom Come

May 25 - June 4 The Episcopal Church [has joined](#) the worldwide Anglican Communion in [Thy Kingdom Come](#), a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension Day (May 25) and Pentecost (June 4) for more people to come to know Jesus.



The campaign has been initiated by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, who said, "I cannot remember in my life anything I've been involved in where I sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit."

A wide selection of resources and information are available including prayers and resources to help you pray [as an individual](#), with your [family](#) and as a [church](#). You can also [search all resources](#).

If you're going to participate, you can "Pledge2Pray." Pledge2Pray kicked off May 5; sign up to participate [here](#) and see how promises to pray are spanning the globe. After pledging to pray, be a part of the "Let the Light" shine social media campaign by posting a photo or video holding a candle or tealight with the campaign hashtags, and pledging to pray. There are daily prayer prompts available. [Information available here](#). Inspirational videos will be presented on each of the 11 campaign days - starting with one from Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on May 25.

May 21, 2017 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

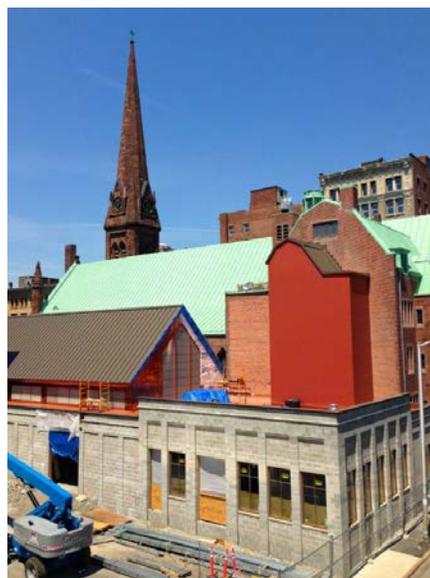
O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and 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](#):

[Acts 17:22-31 ~ Psalm 66:7-18 ~ 1 Peter 3:13-22 ~ John 14:12-21](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [How Can I Pray with Thy Kingdom Come?](#) [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

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.



Please join us to celebrate the new fence at
Gateway Cemetery and
Help us with some new planting & clean up

DATE: Saturday, May 20, 2017

TIME: 9:00 am—11:00 am

LOCATION: Meet at the Cottage in Trinity Square

Wear your gardening clothes!

**We will work in light rain but not a downpour*

Gateway Cemetery/Grace Church & **SWAP**



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