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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

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Spotlight on Grace: Daily Transformations

From one day the next, The Pavilion at Grace continues to transform before our very eyes as construction activity surges here in the final weeks of the project. The photo at right shows the suspended structural grid that will hold the ceiling panels in place to create the distinct Gothic curvature of the building's principal space. Once the ceiling installation is complete, the floor will be installed beneath, and by then the entire interior portion of the project will substantially complete as the remaining work will be dominated by finishing touches like wood trim, [the window feature on the "wing wall"](#), etc.



Meanwhile, we'll soon see paint applied to the exterior walls facing Chapel and Snow Streets. The entrance stair and handicapped access ramp for the new reception entrance has been recently formed and completed, and in the weeks to come we'll see attention shift to completing the remainder of the exterior grounds. That effort will include the creation of the stone labyrinth facing Westminster Street, benches for seating around the labyrinth, installation of the attractive metal fence, and plantings that will complete the scene.

At this stage, the team is working full steam ahead to prepare for the public grand opening of The Pavilion that will take place Saturday, September 23, from 10:00am - 5:00pm as we participate as a featured site in the inaugural Doors Open RI Festival. We hope you will make a point to join us along with the general public on that day to step inside The Pavilion and see first hand the beautiful space that now adorns our historic church campus.

And spaces inside Grace Church are experiencing their own daily transformations as Director of Music Vince Edwards puts the finishing touches on the new music rehearsal hall, the vestry has just been painted, and very soon work will begin inside the church itself to repair plaster in spots where prior damage remains from before our 2015 exterior restoration. The former choir room will soon see much-needed work to prepare that space for use as the new Sunday School and Nursery. This flurry of important work ongoing at Grace Church means that transformations will remain a theme over the coming weeks, and collectively we can all look forward to enjoying the fruits of this labor throughout the decades to come.



This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

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

Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. During the summer, Open Doors will be Monday through Thursday.

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.

Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. Additional free parking is also available on the top level only of the PPAC parking garage, for which the



entrance is on Weybosset Street. A stairway from the top level leads right to Chapel Street across from the church. 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.



Back to School Supply Drive for Children's Friend

YOU can help send a vulnerable child to school ready to learn! Please support the Outreach Ministry's 2017 Back to School Supply Drive for Children's Friend. Needed items include: construction paper, children's books, writing paper, glue sticks/craft glue, crayons, popsicle sticks, pencils, small backpacks, washable markers, glitter, tempera paints, watercolor paint sets, paint brushes, preschool size scissors, etc. Donations will be collected each Sunday through September 10th, and can be left in the collection box at the back of the church.



Sing with the Summer Choir

A glorious Evensong If you were fortunate to be in attendance this past Friday, August 4 for a special Evensong with [the Newport summer course](#) of the Royal School of Church Music in America, then you were treated to outstanding choral music sung by a large ensemble of youth and adult singers under the expert direction of music director Sarah MacDonald. We would like to extend a big Grace Church thank you to RSCM America and everyone who led and participated in this year's Newport summer course for sharing this memorable Evensong experience with the Grace Church community.



Summer Choir is in session: 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 9:00 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](#), Director of Music, for more information, or if you have any questions. Feel free to sing one Sunday, or every Sunday! Please note: We may not

vest once the weather turns hot, so please wear our summer choir "uniform" - white blouse or shirt, black (or very dark) shorts, pants or skirt and dark-ish shoes (sandals are fine!).

August 13, 2017 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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](#):

[1 Kings 19:9-18 ~ Psalm 85:8-13 ~ Romans 10:5-15 ~ Matthew 14:22-33](#)



This week from the Episcopal Church: [Environmental Programs](#). [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

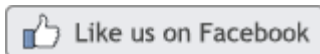
Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

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