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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

August 25, 2017

## Spotlight on Grace: The Joy of Finishing Touches

There's nothing quite like a fresh coat of paint to brighten up a space, and so Grace Church is beginning to positively glimmer.

Let us rejoice in the exciting work underway at the moment to restore portions of the interior of Grace Church that had been damaged by weather prior to the 2015 exterior restoration. While all of the many finishing touches now being applied throughout our campus are cause for celebration, it is with special thanksgiving that we greet an end to crumbling plaster in a rear corner of the chancel ceiling and around 8 of our 14 side windows. A team from [Egan's Restorations](#) is making quick and expert work of a challenging job. We hope you'll pardon our appearance if the church has a touch of dust this Sunday.



In addition to the work inside the church, we are blessed to have Lenworth "Skippy" Davidson (photo below) deftly painting a steady succession of areas throughout the existing building; presently focused upon the staircase on the Mathewson Street entrance. And finally, on the topic of finishing touches, have a look at the two photos below of the exquisite curved ceiling that's chugging rapidly toward completion in The Pavilion. Please don't forget to mark your calendars for [the Doors](#)

[Open RI Festival](#) on Saturday, September 23. Our participation in this inaugural event will serve as the public grand opening of The Pavilion, and we encourage you to come and have a first look.

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## 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.



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## 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.



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## Training Choir for Grace Church Choristers

Does your child love to sing? Would you like to begin or enhance their musical education? The Training Choir for the Grace Church Choristers offers vocal training, music theory and church education for youngsters entering 1st, 2nd or 3rd Grade this fall (1st graders must have some reading skills). Training Choir lays the groundwork for membership in the Grace Church Choristers, a choir for boys and girls based at Grace Church. Rehearsals will likely be on Thursdays from 4 to 4:45 PM, and include a snack. The first session will be September 14. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Vince Edwards, Director of Music: [vedwards@gracepvd.org](mailto:vedwards@gracepvd.org) or 203-984-8943.





## August 27, 2017 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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](#):

[Isaiah 56:1,6-8 ~ Psalm 67 ~ Romans 11:1-2a,29-32 ~ Matthew 15:21-28](#)



This week from the Episcopal Church: [Backpack Blessings](#). [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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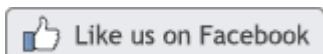
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*The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the gospel through worship, proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.*