

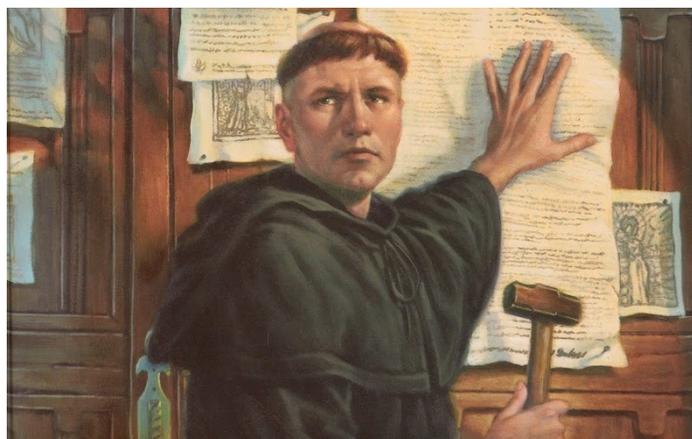


Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

September 22, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: Marking a 500 Year Anniversary

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. It was in October of 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses (statements of belief related to theology and church practice) to the doors of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany.



Join us this fall for an ecumenical commemoration of the Reformation, hosted by three churches in the City of Providence: Calvary Baptist, Central Congregational, and Grace Episcopal. A series of 4 lectures in October (the month that Martin Luther is said to have started the Reformation by posting his 95 Theses), each session will begin with a reception and conclude with a period of Q&A with the speakers, who join us from churches and colleges throughout Providence. The series concludes on All Saints' Sunday (November 5th) with a Reformation Evensong service at 5 p.m., featuring music of the 16th century. All lectures take place on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Schedule of Lectures:

October 4: "Christianity in Western Europe on the Eve of the Reformation." Speaker: Prof. Matthew Snider, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. Location: Grace Church, 300 Westminster Street.

October 11: "Martin Luther and the Dawn of Protestantism." Speaker: Prof. Tara Nummedal, Brown University. Location: Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell Street.

October 18: "The Emergence of Protestantism in England." Speaker: Prof. Jeannine Olson,

Rhode Island College. Location: Grace Church, 300 Westminster Street.

October 25: "The Protestant Experience in early Rhode Island." Speakers: Stanley Lemons, Historian of the First Baptist Church in America; Ray Rickman, Executive Director of Stages of Freedom; Prof. Adrian Weimer, Providence College. Location: Calvary Baptist Church, 747 Broad Street.

Sunday, November 5th at 5 p.m.: Reformation Evensong service featuring the combined choirs of Grace Church in Providence and St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich. Location: Grace Church, 300 Westminster Street.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music

Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

Thursday Noon Concerts

Our weekly concert series is back! Thursday, September 28 will feature Vince Edwards, Organ.

Grace Church and The Pavilion at Grace

participate in the inaugural Doors Open RI Festival, Saturday, September 23, 10:00am-5:00pm. Free and open to the public.

Festival Evensong Service Saturday, September 30, at 4:00pm to celebrate the dedication of our new music rehearsal space as Cronhimer Hall.

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.



Adorn the Curved Wall of the Pavilion

Many of you have seen the beautiful etchings of Grace Church crafted by RISD professor and Edna Lawrence years ago. We use them in our parish publications frequently. We've decided to frame and install 10 Edna Lawrence originals from our archival collection in the new Pavilion, creating another link between our new building and our historic church. Each of the ten pieces will cost \$100 to frame. If you're interested in donating \$100 to help us frame an historic piece of Grace art, we invite you to send a check to the parish office at 300 Westminster Street in Providence, RI, 02903, being sure to specify "Lawrence Prints" on the memo line. Thank you for being a part of art and history at Grace!



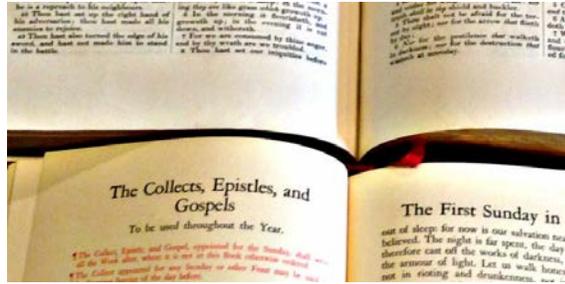
Support Hurricane Relief Efforts

Following the devastating trio of major hurricanes to impact the United States and Caribbean islands, Episcopal Relief & Development [has created a singular donation page](#) for those wishing to direct their support to victims of each of these horrific storms. Let us join together in prayer for all of the victims of these multiple disasters, and let us together foment a concerted and longstanding relief response. [Click here to donate today.](#)



September 24, 2017
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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](#):

[Jonah 3:10-4:11](#) ~ [Psalm 145:1-8](#) ~ [Philippians 1:21-30](#) ~ [Matthew 20:1-16](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Julia Chester Emery Birthday Celebration and the United Thank Offering](#). [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

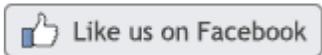
Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

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