



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

October 18, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: The Reformation Series Continues Tonight

Join us this evening (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. for a lecture by Prof. Jeannine Olson of Rhode Island College on "The Emergence of Protestantism in England." In our lives, many of us have heard, "You're an Anglican? Didn't your church start because Henry VIII wanted a divorce?" The right response to that question is, "At best, that's a half-truth!" The fuller truth is that Luther's ideas were already gaining traction in England when Henry broke with Rome. And it took more than a century for Anglicanism as we know it today to emerge in a stable form. At the same time, other expressions of Protestantism emerged in England, such as the Puritans (Congregationalists), the Quakers, and the Baptists, all of whom were present in abundance in early Rhode Island.



The lecture will include time for questions and answers as well as refreshments and conversation and will give you the tools you need the next time someone asks you about Henry VIII! And this week, the church parking lot will be available for the event (and you can enter directly through the main doors of the Pavilion).

Following our lecture in The Pavilion at Grace this Wednesday, please also join us for the final two events on this reformation series:

October 25 at 6:00pm: "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 5:00 pm: 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.

New Parking and Entry Option for Sundays

The Grace Church lot is now available for parking for Sunday services. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving these spaces, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility. We continue to have Sunday access to parking on the top level of the PPAC garage, and to the lot diagonally across 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

Reformation Anniversary Lecture

Wednesday, October 18, 6:00pm, at Grace Church: "The Emergence of Protestantism in England." Speaker: Prof. Jeannine Olson, Rhode Island College.

Thursday Noon Concerts October 19 will feature Vince Edwards, Organ.

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. Open Doors is presently 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:

- 1.) in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow.
- 2.) 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. And
- 3.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Chapel Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.



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!



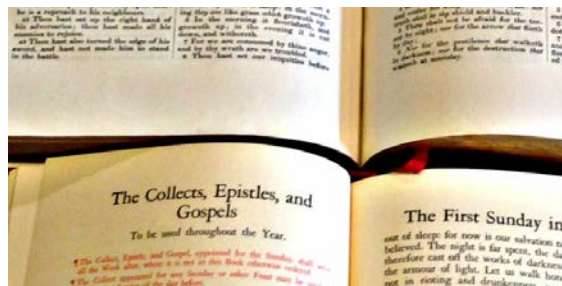
Support Hurricane Relief Efforts

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.](#)



October 22, 2017 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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 45:1-7 ~ Psalm 96:1-9 ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 ~ Matthew 22:15-22](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [A Word to the Church from the House of Bishops](#). [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.

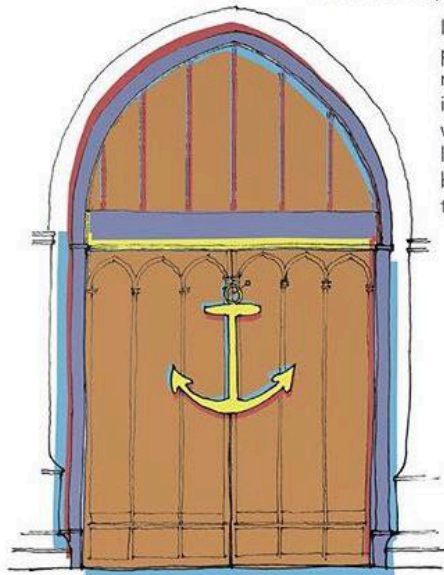
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REFORMATION GREATS:

Parsons, Taverner, Tallis, & Tye

In 1517, Martin Luther's conviction forever changed the power structures in western Europe. The emergence of new religious ideas was accompanied by innovations in musical form and style. Five hundred years later, we remain as enraptured by the genius of these timeless composers as their original audiences must have been. Join us as we breathe fresh life into these masterworks of the Protestant Reformation.



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6:30 pm

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
325 East Main Rd
Portsmouth, RI

NOV
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5 pm

Grace Church
300 Westminster St
Providence, RI

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Enjoy Halloween Village at ECC



Halloween Village 2017, Saturday, October 28, 1:00pm - 5:00pm, at the Episcopal Conference Center, 872 Reservoir Rd, Pascoag, RI. Admission is FREE, and all ages are welcome to this fun family-friendly event. Activities will include Halloween-themed games, costume parade,

and trick-or-treating in the cabins. Concessions available. For more information, please visit www.eccri.org.

And please spread the word among youths in grades 7 through 9 of the upcoming December Camp at ECC, December 1-3. For camp information call Sara at 401-568-4055.

E.C.W. Annual Meeting and Fall Ingathering



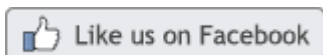
The Episcopal Church Women of Rhode Island will host their Annual Meeting and Fall Ingathering on Saturday, October 28, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2679 East Main Rd. in Portsmouth, RI, beginning at 10:00am. Catered luncheon to follow; for luncheon please mail \$10 per person by October 23, payable to ECW-Diocese of RI, to Mrs. Carol Blackinton, 20 Judy Terrace, West Warwick, RI 02893.

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