



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 17, 2017

## Spotlight on Grace: Commitment Sunday

*Come and See* -- The 2018 stewardship campaign for Grace Church -- will culminate with Commitment Sunday this Sunday.

Over the past few weeks, we've heard from parishioners sharing what they love about Grace. We've heard about the ways in which your financial support makes possible the ministry of this unique church in the heart of downtown Providence. But most importantly, we heard in Ben West's wonderful stewardship sermon the responsibility that we have, as Christians, to give back to God a portion of the blessings that God has bestowed upon us.



Please bring your completed pledge card with you this Sunday and place it in the basket on the altar when prompted during the service. Alternatively, you can mail your card to the church before December 1 when our budgeting process for 2017 begins. Thank you for supporting Grace Church!

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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

### Collegium Ancora Concerts This

**Weekend:** Please make a point to come out in support of [Collegium Ancora](#), the professional chamber choir in residence at Grace. They'll perform a concert of Reformation Greats, featuring works by Parsons, Taverner, Tallis, & Tye, with a Saturday performance at St. Mary's Church in Portsmouth at 6:30pm, and a Sunday performance here at Grace Church at 5:00pm. [Please click here for tickets and information.](#)

### A Cappella Concert at Grace:

Grace Church will host an a cappella concert and reception this evening (Friday) at 7:00pm featuring The Brown Jabberwocks and Harvard Din & Tonics. Brown's oldest a cappella group, The Jabberwocks, were founded in 1949 by four renegade glee club members, naming their group after the famous Lewis Carroll poem. 68 years later, the Jabberwocks remain a fixture of student life at Brown and beyond, bringing their powerful music and infamous antics to performances on campus, at colleges around the country and to international audiences in Europe & Asia.

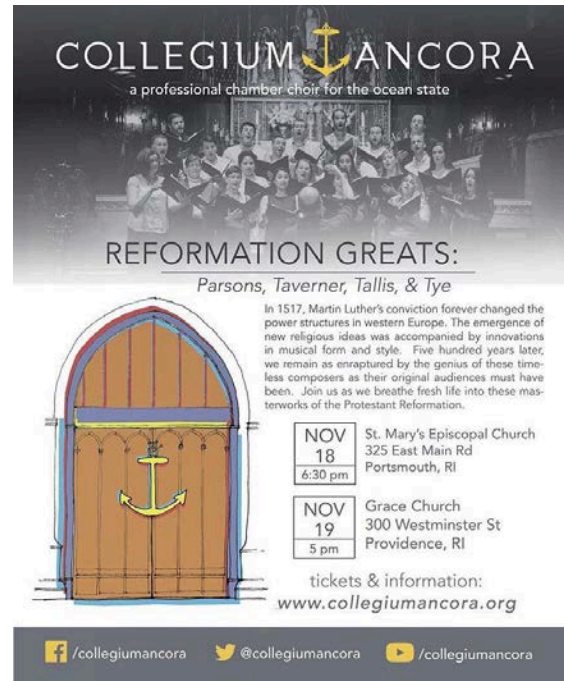
**Nursery Located Temporarily in The Pavilion** While we prepare a new nursery space on the 3rd floor, in part of what previously served as the choir room, please find the nursery located in a corner of the Pavilion.

### Prayer Group:

**Please note a temporary change of schedule for the holidays.** The prayer group, which normally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room, will shift to the 1st and 3rd Saturdays for November and December only.

**Open Doors:** Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please encourage your friends or guests to come and visit Grace Church and see the new Pavilion at Grace.

**Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:** Please find convenient accessible in the Grace Church parking lot with access from Chapel Street. The new parking lot gate will soon be raised for Sunday mornings, but for this week please drive around the gate. The new wheelchair ramp connects directly from the lot, and you will enter through the new reception entrance of The Pavilion and into the church at ground level.



**COLLEGIUM ANCORA**  
a professional chamber choir for the ocean state

**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.

<b>NOV 18</b> 6:30 pm	St. Mary's Episcopal Church 325 East Main Rd Portsmouth, RI
<b>NOV 19</b> 5 pm	Grace Church 300 Westminster St Providence, RI

tickets & information:  
[www.collegiumancora.org](http://www.collegiumancora.org)

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**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.



Pavilion Dedication, October 8, 2017.

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## Welcome to the Grace Reception Intercom

A new and helpful bit of technology has just been installed at the new reception entrance to The Pavilion, and we wish for all of you to be familiar with it. You will encounter a new intercom unit in two places: 1.) between the first two yellow metal poles as you approach the parking lot gate, and 2.) to the right of the double-door entrance to The Pavilion at Grace and the new church office. Pressing the small blue-lighted button at the bottom left of either intercom will ring the church office, and our parish administrator or another staff member can then "buzz" you in by lifting the parking lot gate and/or unlocking the door. When pulling into the Grace Church lot, you'll want to keep to the very far left so you can easily reach the intercom or card reader.



For those with Grace Church key fobs, please find the fob reader at each of those two locations for automated access. Those of you accessing the parking lot via key fob, we offer a tip: keep your fob on a clip so you can swipe it at the reader without having to take your car key out of the ignition.

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## Last Chance to Stock the Shelves at PICA

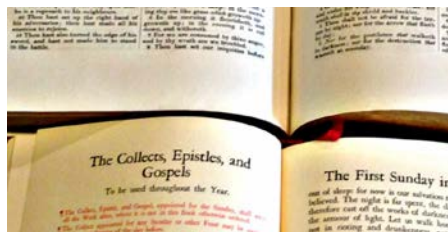
Please help local families in need this holiday season by supporting the Grace Church Outreach Ministry's food drive to stock the shelves at the PICA Food Pantry in downtown Providence.

Items of particular interest include: canned vegetables and fruit, stuffing mix, turkey gravy, rice, coffee, oatmeal, healthy breakfast cereals, and especially peanut butter. Please bring your food donations to Grace Church this Sunday, November 19. If you have a spare cardboard box to carry them in, that is helpful, but not crucial. Let us strive to gather ample supplies for this year's drive, as the need is truly great, and by living generously in this way we can "walk in

the way of love, just as Christ loved us" [Ephesians 5:2].

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## November 19, 2017 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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](#):

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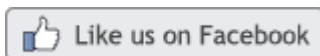
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*The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the gospel through worship, proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.*