



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

January 12, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: Works by Edna Lawrence on Display



When you come in for worship this Sunday, please be sure to visit the reception area of The Pavilion to enjoy the nine original pen and ink drawings by Edna Lawrence that we've just installed along this curved wall.

Edna Lawrence (1898-1987) taught at RISD for more than 50 years (1922-1974), and founded the school's Nature Lab [which now bears her name](#). Both locally and through her extensive travels, she

amassed a natural history collection of more than 25,000 specimens that continue to inspire students today. Edna Lawrence's renderings of motifs from the interior and exterior of Grace Church were created for the purpose of embellishing our Sunday bulletins and other communications, and they likewise remain in frequent use today.

All of us here at Grace Church would like to express our profound gratitude to [artist and RISD professor Andrew Raftery](#), not only for his faithful stewardship of Grace Church's archive of Edna Lawrence drawings and printing blocks over many years, but also for his generous gift of time and effort in selecting the pieces for this permanent exhibit and for framing them so beautifully. *[Photo at right: At his studio in Grace Church, Andrew Raftery displays Grace's Edna Lawrence collection to a RISD student.]*



We also thank the several parishioners who kindly contributed to this effort to offset the cost of the frames. Theirs is a lasting gift to enhance the beauty of our new space, and we are sure that parishioners and guests alike will find much enjoyment in viewing these works that were themselves inspired by Grace Church.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music

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.

Prayer Group: The prayer group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room.

Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking: Please find convenient accessible in the Grace Church parking lot with access from Snow Street. 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.



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 Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.
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Candlesong Returns to Grace

Candlesong returns to Grace on Sunday, January 28 at 9:00pm. Dozens of candles, sweet incense, and sublime chant combine to create a worshipful, restful, and meditative atmosphere. Please consider joining us for this half-hour service to end your weekend and begin your work week.

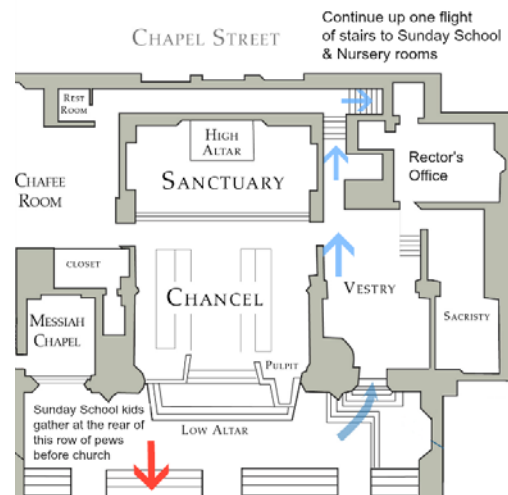


Sunday School Resumes January 21

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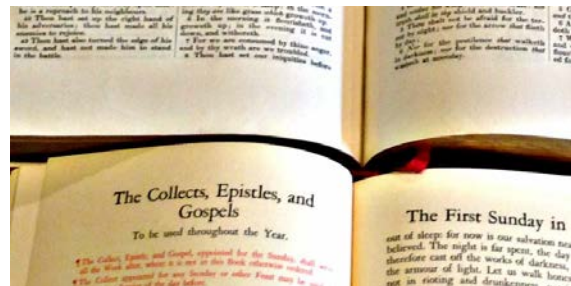
The Nursery will also move upstairs beginning January 21 to a room adjacent to the new Sunday School. Our ushers will be delighted to show you the way to the new Sunday School and Nursery.

To the staff of both programs and the parents and children, we thank you for your adaptability as we awaited the renovation of these spaces.



January 14, 2018 Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please click here](#):

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Young Adults and Campus Ministry Grants](#). [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

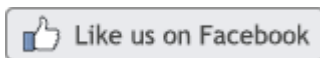
Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

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