



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

January 19, 2018

## Spotlight on Grace: New Spaces for Sunday School & Nursery



We here at Grace are thrilled to unveil the newly renovated spaces on the second and third floors on the west side of the campus, and this Sunday we will rejoice as our Sunday School and Nursery begin to make use of these beautiful spaces.

Over the past few months, we've repaired and painted walls, refinished or replaced floors, installed new lights, rebuilt and remodeled bathrooms, and appointed these spaces with furniture and finishing touches.

Your Director of Music Vince Edwards and buildings & grounds chair Liz Wheeler were instrumental in bringing forth a vision for these rooms, and now we can look forward to many years of enjoying their use.

To fully appreciate this blessing, it might be helpful to think back to the pre-restoration condition of these rooms. For example, the photo at right shows the same room that's shown finished above. The second floor rooms, which prior to the restoration had served as the choir vesting and rehearsal spaces, will now be the nursery and the primary Sunday School room (where all Sunday School participants will gather after processing from church).





2017 was of course a hugely transformative year for our beloved campus with the opening of The Pavilion at Grace and Cronhimer Hall, and as we begin 2018 we are so pleased by the further blessing of these newly renovated rooms.



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## Candlesong Returns to Grace

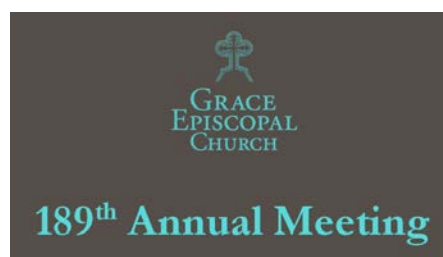
Candlesong returns to Grace on Sunday, January 28 at 9:00pm. Dozens of candles, sweet incense, and sublime chant combine to create a worshipful, restful, and meditative atmosphere. Please consider joining us for this half-hour service to end your weekend and begin your work week. A reception for college students will follow the Candlesong in The Pavilion, so if you know college students in the area please encourage them to attend.



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## Grace Church Finance Presentation and Annual Meeting

The Finance & Investment Committee will make a presentation of Grace's finances to the congregation on Sunday January 28 at 11:30am, and again on Monday January 29 at 6:00pm, in The Pavilion at Grace. This is the week before our Annual Meeting and follows a Diocesan tradition of doing the same before the annual Diocesan Convention. It is an opportunity for parishioners to learn more and ask questions. We hope that anyone who is interested will be able to attend one of these meetings.



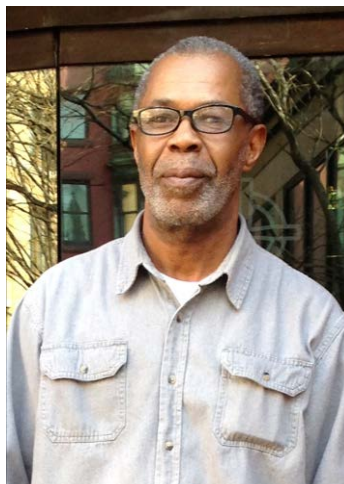
The Annual Meeting for Grace Church will be held on Sunday, February 4, at 11:30am in The Pavilion at Grace. All are welcome to attend!

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## Please Welcome Wade Hamilton to the Grace Church Staff

Please join us in welcoming Wade Hamilton as our new church sexton here at Grace. Wade is an experienced maintenance technician, and he will make a valuable addition to our team.

A resident of Bristol, RI, Wade is "happy to be a part of this family, because that is what it really seems to be here". He looks forward to meeting the Grace Church parishioners this Sunday, and we know he'll feel even more welcome here after meeting all of you.



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## This Week at Grace

### Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music

**Candlesong:** Sunday, January 28, 9:00pm (see above).

**Finance Presentation:** Sunday January 28 at 11:30am, and again on Monday January 29 at 6:00pm, in The Pavilion (see above).

**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.

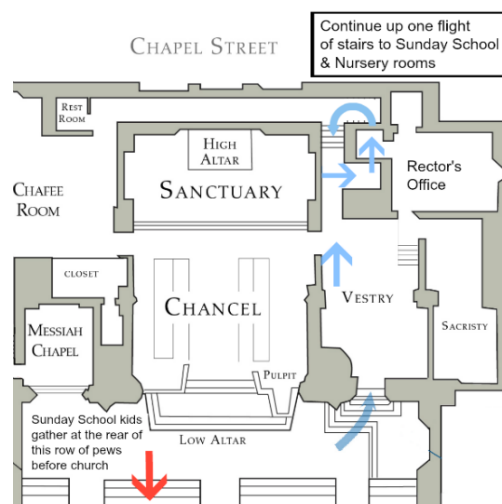
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## Sunday School Resumes this Sunday

Sunday School Resumes Sunday, January 21, in its newly renovated space one floor above the Grace Church vestry, in the *former* choir room.

The Nursery will also now move upstairs to the 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.

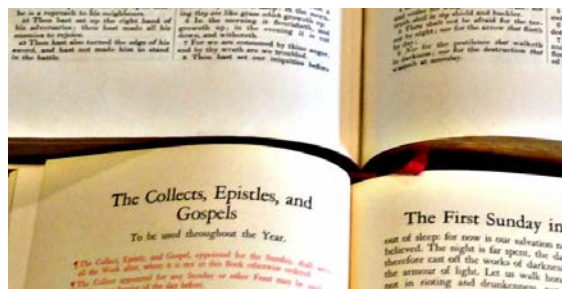


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## January 21, 2018 Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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: [United Thank Offering 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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