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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

February 16, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: Works Completed and Works in Progress

The exciting transformation of the Grace Church campus continues here in 2018. With our new Sunday School and Nursery spaces now fully restored on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the church's west wing, our attention next turned to the former nursery space on the ground floor (1 level directly beneath the sacristy).



We're provisionally calling this space *The Lounge*, and it's a warm and inviting room that will be very useful for small meetings and ministries. Once again we are grateful to Director of Music Vince Edwards for so generously sharing his talents and energy by taking this and other ongoing

refurbishment projects under his capable wing, and to Liz Wheeler for her tireless dedication to the improvement of the Grace Church campus.

If you were here at Grace last Sunday, you may have wondered why some chairs and rugs can be seen tucked along the east side of the church. We are very excited to now be giving our beautiful Chafee Room some love and attention. While work is in progress, we ask everyone to kindly heed the signs asking all to remain outside of the room. We are looking forward to revealing the result in a matter of weeks, and we will invite all to walk through with us at that time.

On the opposite side of the altar, the vestry -- already looking sharp from last year's fresh coat of paint and other touches -- will soon say goodbye to its carpet in favor of refinished floors and an area rug. The



construction of The Pavilion was certainly a watershed achievement for our parish, but these multiple improvements to our historic church will likewise be enjoyed and appreciated for generations to come.

Join the Sandwich Brigade

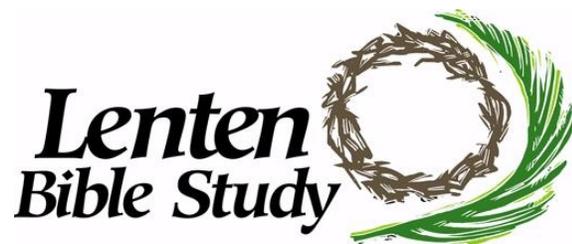


Each year during lent, volunteers with the Outreach Ministry at Grace Church descend upon the kitchen at Crossroads Rhode Island for a number of Saturday mornings to make sandwiches for members of our downtown community. This rewarding and enjoyable ministry offers a great opportunity to get active in outreach at Grace Church and get to know your fellow parishioners in the process.

This year's sandwich brigade will take place on four Saturdays at 10:00am: February 17 and 24, and also March 17 and 24. Please look for a sign-up sheet in the back of the church beginning this Sunday, and thank you for signing up in advance for any number of those four Saturdays that you'd like to take part in. With question, please contact Nick Halar at outreach@gracepvd.org.

Lenten Bible Study

Lenten Bible study: The Gospel of Mark. Join with others in the parish in reading and studying the Gospel of Mark together, which we'll be reading in church in 2018. This shortest and earliest (scholars believe) of the gospels moves quickly through the life, ministry, and Passion of Jesus. In our study, we'll be using *The 50 Day Bible Challenge*, reading through Mark over the 40 days of Lent and into Easter. We'll have copies of the study book available, and it's also available as an eBook.



There are three times/groups that will read Mark together, so feel free to join the one that works best for your schedule!

Fridays at 9 a.m. on the East Side:

Contact discussion leader Ryan Weimer at ryanbweimer@gmail.com

2nd and 4th Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Pavilion at Grace:

Contact discussion leader Anne McCarthy at annina.mccarthy21@gmail.com

Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Pavilion at Grace beginning of February 18:

Just join us! Discussion leader: the Rector

Adult Baptism at Grace

It was the practice in the early Church that adults would be baptized at the Easter Vigil and spend the season of Lent preparing for the sacrament through prayer and study. If you are a teenager or adult and have never been baptized and feel God's call to take that step in your life of faith, please call the rector at the church at 331-3225 or email him at jhuyck@gracepvd.org.



Your New Senior and Junior Wardens

At last week's meeting of the Grace Church vestry, the vestry selected officers for the upcoming year: with Marc Schrank elected Senior Warden, Todd Hart elected Junior Warden. Liz Messier will continue as Treasurer, and Adrienne Southgate will continue as clerk. We thank these officers and the entire vestry for their ministry and service, and we express our gratitude to Polly Daly and Bill Galligan for their prior service as Senior warden and Junior Warden, respectively.

COLLEGIUM ANCORA



THE SONG THREE WAYS:

Madrigal, Spiritual, Folk

Join us for a concert that explores three rich choral traditions: "Madrigals" - the equivalent of pop music in Renaissance Europe; "Spirituals" - a musical and cultural tradition born of insistent dignity & relentless hope in the midst of great suffering; and "Folk Songs," diverse traditional songs created, sustained, and reimagined by everyday people.

FEB 10	St. Luke's Episcopal Church 99 Peirce St. East Greenwich, RI
5 pm	

FEB 11	Grace Episcopal 300 Westminster St. Providence, RI
5 pm	

FEB 18	St. Columba's Chapel 55 Vaucluse Ave. Middletown, RI
4 pm	

\$20 General Admission | \$10 Students

tickets available at the door or online: www.collegiumancora.org

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

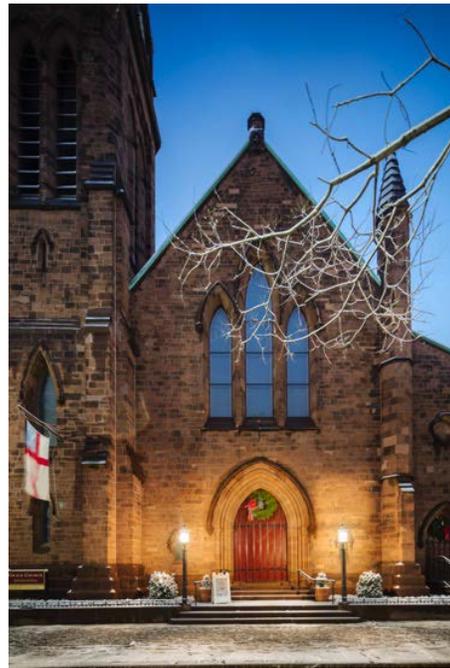
Thursday Concerts at Noon: Our Thursday Noon concert on Feb 22 will feature Peter Burton, Organ, and on March 1 Nick Voermans, Organ.

Lenten Bible Study with the Rector:

Sundays in Lent at 9:00am in The Pavilion

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, presently in The Pavilion at Grace.



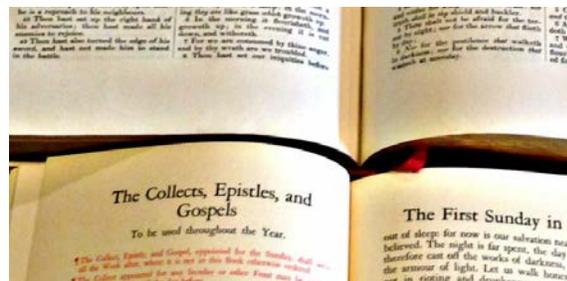
Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking: Please find convenient accessible in the Grace Church parking lot with access from Snow Street. The new wheelchair ramp connects directly from the lot, and you will enter through the new reception entrance of The Pavilion and into the church at ground level.

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.

February 18, 2018 First Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy



Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Protect and Support Indigenous People](#). [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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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.