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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

June 14, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: Parish Barbecue June 24

When we began planning for the Pavilion a few years ago, one of our dreams was to have a ground-level, fully-accessible gathering space where we could gather together as a parish for a meal. (In previous years, we shared meals together downstairs, which made it difficult or impossible for some to attend.) We've had a couple communal meals in the Pavilion since it opened in the fall, but now we can eat outside, too!



Photo by Jeff Goldberg for Centerbrook Architects.



Next Sunday, June 24th we'll celebrate the start of summer with a barbecue (immediately following the 10 a.m. service) in the parish garden that sits between our Pavilion and Westminster Street. (If it rains, we'll stay in the Pavilion!) The church will provide burgers and hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. This will be our first parish BBQ in two years, as well as being our very first in the new garden. We'll have a special game for the kids, so bring friends and kids! If you're relatively new to Grace, the BBQ is also doubling as our semi-annual newcomers' reception, so feel free to join us after church (at 11:15) at the foot of the pulpit for an introduction to Grace and then join us for the BBQ. And to everyone - pray for good weather on the 24th!

God's Peace,
Jonathan+

Know Thy Vestry: Pam Stephanopoulos

Our ongoing series *Know Thy Vestry* seeks to help parishioners and newcomers to better know the lay leaders who serve on the Grace Church Vestry. This week we highlight vestry member Pam Stephanopoulos.

My wife, Cindy, and I live in Riverside. We have been together for 32 years. I am an RN with a specialty in healthcare quality. I am also a Certified Faith Community Nurse with experience in pastoral care. I have 2 grown daughters and 4 granddaughters. When I am not working or helping with the kids, I love to read, spend time at the beach, and create.



What brought you to Grace and how long have you been here?

My wife and I were looking for a spiritual home and found Grace. We have been here for 6 1/2 years and were the first same-sex couple married at Grace

What ministries have you been involved in here at Grace?

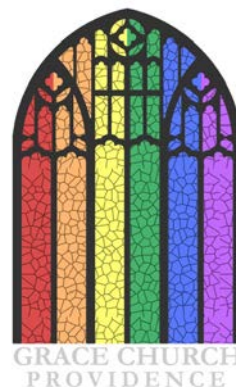
I am involved in the Health and Wellness ministry, In-reach ministry, I am a chalice bearer, and I serve on the vestry.

Tell us something about yourself that your fellow parishioners might not know.

People may not know that my granddaughters are all under the age of 5, and that I consider myself a healer.

Grace at the Rhode Island Pride Festival

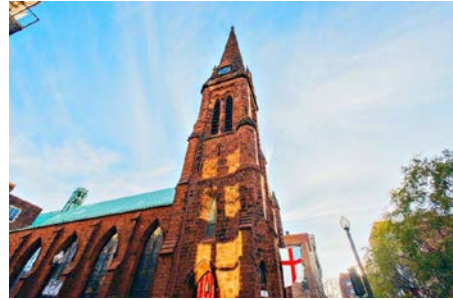
The Outreach Ministry at Grace Church will again this year have a tent at the Rhode Island Pride Festival, from 10:30am through 5:00pm on Saturday, June 16. Last year was our inaugural year with a presence there, which participants hailed as having been both fun and very successful at communicating what a warm and welcoming community we are. In conjunction with that effort, parishioners Rob & Ron Simoes Walsh produced this wonderful video called "Come and See", which if you haven't seen we [encourage you to view and share](#). So if you're in downtown Providence Saturday or attending Pride, we hope you'll stop by our tent and say hello! The Grace Church booth will be in Section 400, booth #715.



This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music
Wednesday 12:00 Noon Eucharist



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 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.

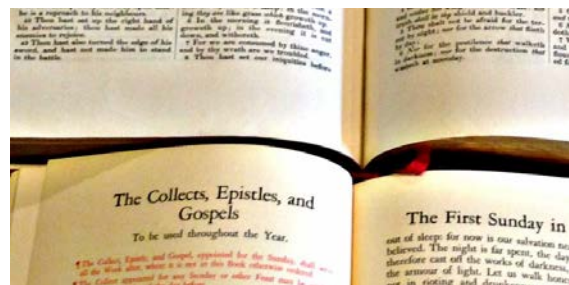
Come and Sing with the Summer Choir

Trinity Sunday marks the last Sunday of the full Grace Choir until September. During the summer months, we are grateful to those who volunteer in our Summer Choir. While many of these folks are regular members of the Grace Church Choir, others are visitors for the summer, guests or relatives of parishioners, etc. Please consider joining us for one Sunday or many! We meet at 9 AM in Cronhimer Hall (lower level under the Chancel) and sing an anthem or two for the 10 AM service. If you are interested or have questions about Summer Choir, please contact Vince Edwards, Director of Music: vedwards@gracepvd.org or 331-3226, ext. 4.

June 17, 2018

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus



Christ, 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: [TEConversations](#). [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

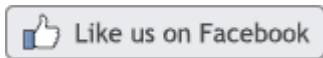
Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

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