



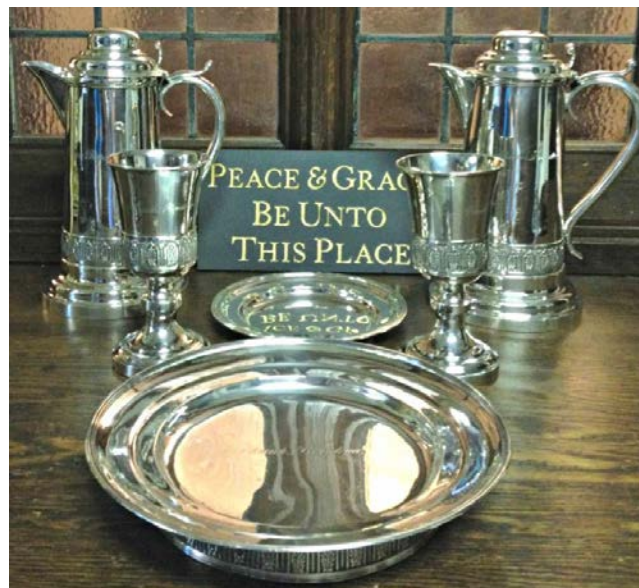
Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

July 13, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: Artifacts Predating our 1846 Church

Our beautiful 1846 church has been a beloved icon of the downtown Providence landscape for more than 170 years, but you might be interested to know it's not the oldest thing here.

As we enjoy summer worship in the cool new Pavilion at Grace, we'll be using a silver set that was presented by *The Sewing Circle* ministry to Grace Church in 1832! You may recognize the flagons as those we have long used to hold the sacramental wine before it is poured into chalices, but this summer we will use the matching chalices, paten (the plate for the bread or hosts), and alms basin (in which the offering is presented to the altar).



This mark on the bottom of the alms basin clearly shows the year 1832, and [closer inspection reveals](#) the mark of Welles Silversmiths of Boston, which was active from 1810-1827. Accordingly, it is probable that the pieces themselves were fashioned before 1827, and later engraved in 1832 when they were presented to the church. Accordingly, they may be more than 190 years old, and predate even the 1829 founding of Grace Church. Curiously, this silver set is not our oldest artifact, however. That distinction no doubt goes to [The Grass Stone](#) (c. 1694) located in the base of our pulpit.

Know Thy Vestry: Diane Stamp

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 Diane Stamp.



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

Although my parents were not members of Grace Church, I remember hearing stories about the "high episcopal" magnificence of Grace - the craftsmanship, the choir, ushers in morning coats - from about the 1940s. My family and I decided to attend a Christmas Eve service in 2010, and we were overcome by the physical beauty of Grace, the choir and Jonathan's kind and welcoming spirit - we had never experienced anything like it before...so, as they say, the rest is history!

What ministries have you been involved in here at Grace?

This is my first year as a Vestry member, and I am involved in the following ministries - Welcome, Usher, and Floral Guild.

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

My husband Wally and I are lifelong Rhode Island residents. We have 3 adult children, 2 of whom live in Providence and one who escaped to Manchester, NH! We are also the proud grandparents of 2 dachshund puppies and 2 cats!

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

Memorial Service for Lester Fales: There will be a Memorial Service for Lester P. Fales Jr. on Monday, July 16 at 10 AM at Grace Church. Mr. Fales and his wife Virginia (Ginny) were life-long members of Grace Church. Les served on the vestry and as Junior Warden and Treasurer. Les and Ginny's son Steve, now a retired Episcopal priest, would be happy to have anyone who remembers his parents to join the family for the service on Monday.



Summer Worship in The Pavilion at Grace:

Please note that during the warm summer months we will be enjoying worship in our beautiful new (and air-conditioned) Pavilion. Please enter through the pavilion's entrance gate at Westminster Street, or through the reception entrance off our Chapel St parking lot.

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.

Upcoming Collegium Ancora Performances

Collegium Ancora, is honored to have been invited to perform the closing concert of the Newport Music Festival, Sunday, July 22 at 7 PM at St. Mary's Church in Newport. The choir, accompanied by the Newport Music Festival Orchestra, will present Vivaldi's Gloria and Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, under the direction of Collegium Artistic Director Vince Edwards and St. Mary's Director of Music Cody Mead. [Ticket information is available here.](#)



The Grace Church Inreach Ministry

Are you (or someone you know) unable to make it to church, either for the short or long term, for any reason? If so, a member of the Grace Church Inreach Ministry would be happy to visit with you, either on the phone or in person, to keep you connected to your parish and offer prayers and support and, if you like, to bring you communion. You can be in touch with the ministry, coordinated by parishioner Sue Hall, by emailing inreach@gracepvd.org, or by calling the church office. Of course, as always, if you want your rector to visit you, just give Jonathan a call at the church at 331-3225. That's why he's here!



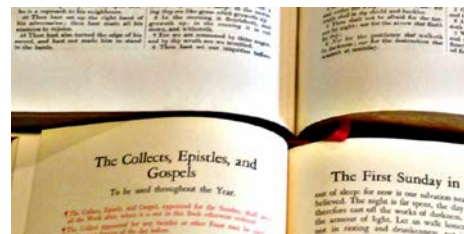
Providence Memory Cafe

Providence Memory Café is an opportunity for both caregivers and individuals living with memory loss to come together for a social gathering that includes interactive activities. Laurie Mantz from Dementia Training for Life will offer this program every third Thursday of the month, from 1:00pm-2:30pm, at Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard St. in Providence. Refreshments will be served.



July 15, 2018 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ 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: [Safety Net Sustainability](#). [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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