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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

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Spotlight on Grace: Dedicating Our New Sacristy

After years of deferred maintenance, by last year the sacristy - the room where the church keeps the elements used in our worship services - had grown quite derelict. Thanks to a donation from parishioner Gail Kenney, the Grace Church sacristy has now been lovingly restored. This Sunday, July 22, at 9:00am, parishioners are welcome to gather in the sacristy as we dedicate the room in thanks to God and in memory of Gail's parents and husband.



We began by replacing the aged window with new double-hung windows that are far more energy efficient and provide welcome ventilation in the space.

Then, under the capable care of Vince Edwards and Liz Wheeler, we commissioned new custom cabinets to create ample new storage space. The previously-sagging sink basin was fortified and repaired, and a new countertop surrounds it. And as you see in the photo at left, we installed new holders for the processional crosses and candles, such that now both of our processional crosses are displayed: the traditional Grace Church cross *and* that which Church of the Messiah had utilized before our two churches merged just over a decade ago.



Of interest, the parquet floor in the foreground demarcates

an expansion to the original sacristy that took place in the mid-20th century. The beautiful stained glass windows in the vestry, then, would previously have been illuminated by outdoor light. Completing our present restoration, these floors were sanded and finished, and then the entire room was treated to a fresh coat of paint. Please join us this Sunday at 9:00am as we dedicate this holy space.

Know Thy Vestry: David Olsen

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 David Olsen.

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

As a life long Episcopalian and the son of an Episcopal Priest, music is central to my spiritual worship. The vibrant and rich music program coupled with the welcoming and diverse congregation brought me to Grace Episcopal Church. The spiritual guidance of the Rev. Jonathan Huyck has strengthened both myself and my husband's involvement within the life of the parish.



What ministries have you been involved in here at Grace?

We are both Lectors and we enjoy assisting in the decorating of the church at Christmas and Easter.

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

I served as the Treasurer for the City of Warwick for many years, retiring in 2016. My husband and I are enjoying our retirement years traveling the world.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music

Wednesday 12:00 Noon Eucharist

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.

Volunteers Needed!

On Friday, August 3 the Royal School of Church Music Newport Course will be in residence at Grace Church! The 120 singers will rehearse and sing Choral Evensong at 5 PM followed, by a banquet in The Pavilion. We could use some volunteers to help with a variety of tasks such as directing people to restrooms, handing out leaflets, collecting the offering during Evensong, and helping at the banquet (which will be catered.) If you are might be able to help us out on that day please contact Director of Music Vince Edwards at vedwards@gracepwd.org or 203-984-8943. Thanks in advance!



Worship Where You Are

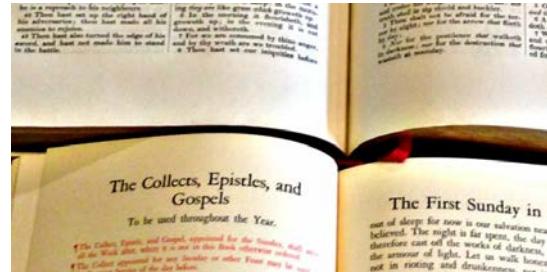
This latest segment of *Worship Where You Are* comes to us from Charlie and Drake, who just this past April were married here in Grace Church: *We were on our honeymoon a couple weeks ago, traveling in Belgium, The Netherlands, and Norway. We stayed for a night in Flåm, Norway, right at the inner end of a fjord, where we found this great little church. It was built in 1670 to replace a stave church on the same site (unfortunately there aren't many stave churches left). It was a nice place to take a quiet, prayerful break during a busy trip!*



July 22, 2018

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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: [United Thank Offering Grant Awards. 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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