



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

July 27, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: A Space for All Occasions

Grace Church in Providence delights in providing a space for all occasions, and with the recent addition of The Pavilion at Grace and the refurbishment of nearly the entire campus, we have never been better positioned to do so.

Here amid these varied spaces we as a church community gather to worship, to pray, to listen, to sing, to play, to learn, to support one-another, and so much more. But others gather here as well, and that is the focus for this week's Spotlight.



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We are proud to host the monthly meetings of the [Providence Downtown Neighborhood Association](#) here in The Pavilion at Grace, and beginning in September we will be thrilled to host children's programs by the Providence Public Library during [the library's renovation](#). During favorable weather, and as we're able, the general public is welcome to enjoy the garden of The Pavilion at Grace during our Open Doors hours as a place of respite amid the bustle of downtown Providence.

We regularly extend dramatic discounts to area non-profits for their use of The Pavilion, and have been pleased to host a launch event for [the 16th season of Reading Across Rhode Island](#) (see photo), a fundraiser for the Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts (whose work [you can support here](#)), and we've even hosted a live broadcast event with a panel of national and local experts discussing the future of our nation. You can [watch that video here](#). This truly is a

space for all occasions, and we are blessed to share our campus with so many delighted visitors.

Know Thy Vestry: Dave Reedy

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 Dave Reedy.



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

I came to Grace five years ago and was received into the Episcopal Church soon thereafter. I was drawn to Grace by the fellowship, friendliness of our community and the music - thanks Vince! It was a long road as a man on a search. I believe the Holy Spirit led me to Grace and continues to bless my presence here.

What ministries have you been involved in here at Grace?

I have represented Grace on the board of directors for PICA (the Providence In-Town Churches Association), been a contributing member of a discernment committee, a member of the Vestry and a Lay Eucharistic Visitor.

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

I have worked in Human Resources for large corporations and "in my youth" was a counselor and school adjustment counselor. I've been married 43 years to MaryJo and have a son and a daughter who live in Chicago and Williamsburg, VA respectively. We have two darling granddaughters - ages 7 and 4.

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.

While the Rector is Away

The Rev. Lavonne Seifert will lead our Sunday worship on July 29 and August 5, and will also attend to any pastoral emergencies through August 8. Please contact Lavonne via e-mail at lseifert@gracepvd.org, or call the church office.



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For the next two Wednesdays, August 1 and August 8, in lieu of our usual Wednesday Noon Eucharist, we will instead gather for noon prayers led by Grace parishioner Adrienne Southgate. Weather permitting, these noon prayers will take place out in the garden in front of The Pavilion.

Volunteers Needed!

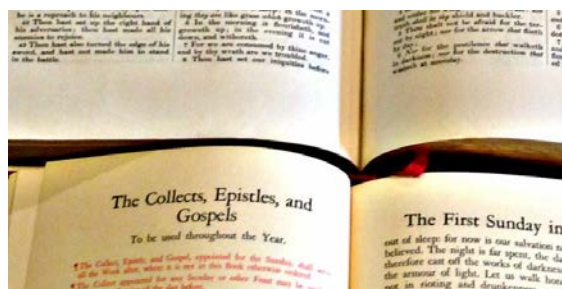
On Friday, August 3 the Royal School of Church Music Newport Course will be in residence at Grace Church! The 120 singers will rehearse and sing Choral Evensong at 5 PM followed, by a banquet in The Pavilion. We could use some volunteers to help with a variety of tasks such as directing people to restrooms, 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@gracepvd.org or 203-984-8943.



Thanks in advance!

July 29, 2018 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: [The Feast of William Wilberforce](#). [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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