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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

September 6, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: Fanfare of Choirs, Bells, & Ministry

We've enjoyed a wonderful summer at Grace! What a blessing it has been to be able to worship in our beautiful (and cool!) pavilion!

With the return of September, we are now moving back into our glorious, historic church for worship. And we'll do this with some fanfare. The full choir (Adults and Choristers) will pack the choir stalls and lend their voices to our celebration this Sunday. And as if that weren't enough, we will hear our venerable peal of bells - 16 in all - ring for the first time in almost two years.

Bells & Del's

Celebrate the Restoration of the Bells, enjoy frozen lemonade, and take part in our ministry fair.

*Sunday, September 9, following the 10:00am service
Grace Church in Providence
300 Westminster St*

Thanks to a generous gift from former parishioners Todd and Zoe Hart, a new computerized control system will allow our bells to ring the hour, play peals and hymns, and announce worship services. We'll gather on the labyrinth following the eucharist and hear the bells ring forth - and enjoy Del's frozen lemonade to make the occasion a little bit sweeter! Please plan to join us for this auspicious occasion as we return to the church and full choir season, hear our 150 year old bells, and share some Del's!

And this celebration of the bells will proclaim the beginning our ministry fair inside The Pavilion at Grace. Learn all about the many ministries that are active here at Grace -- including Outreach, Grace to Go, Choir, the 20s/30s Group, Health & Wellness, and more -- and meet some of the wonderful parishioner volunteers who make it all possible. We invite

and encourage everyone to participate in our ministry fair, and consider how you may wish to get involved more deeply in the life of this unique parish.

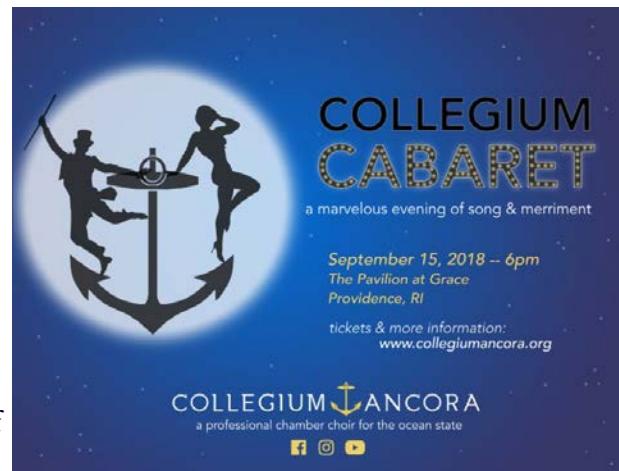
Come to the Cabaret for Collegium Ancora

[Collegium Ancora](#), the vocal ensemble in residence at Grace, invites you to their first-ever Cabaret evening held in the Pavilion at Grace, Saturday, September 15 at 6 PM. [Click here](#) for information and tickets, and please tell your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors by [sharing this Facebook event post](#).

The Collegium singers will step out of their usual ensemble to present interpretations of show tunes, torch songs, and contemporary cabaret: prepare to laugh, cry, and be dazzled.

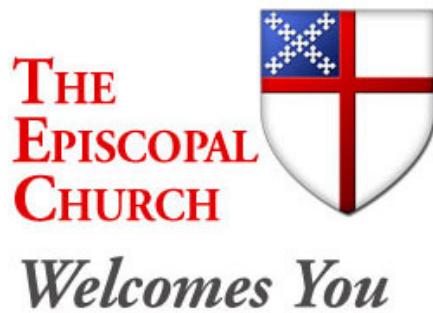
Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and music that is familiar, unexpected, and sure to delight. Proceeds from the evening will support our expanding programming across the region. This evening will officially launch our third season, so come be the first to hear about an exciting slate of concerts and venues for the year ahead.

Tickets are available individually, in pairs, or in tables of eight. We anticipate this event will sell out, so be sure to [get your tickets today!](#)



Inquirers' Class

Want to know the basics of what it means to be a Christian in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition? If so, join us for an inquirers' class Sunday mornings at 9am in the Chafee Room, September 23 through October 28. All adults interested in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, reception, or renewal of baptismal vows are encouraged to attend, and absolutely all in the parish are welcome, whether you're a cradle Episcopalian or you're brand new to the Episcopal Church or the Christian faith itself. The rector will lead the discussions. Feel free to call or email him with questions at 331-3225 or jhuyck@gracepwd.org.



Insights Into General Convention

General Convention - the governing body of the Episcopal Church - meets every three years. And this year, Grace Church parishioner Dave Seifert attended as a lay deputy from Rhode Island.

The convention acted on [a record number of resolutions](#). These included approving a way for all Episcopalians to be married by their priests in their home churches, and adoption of a plan for liturgical and prayer book revision to create new liturgical texts while continuing to use the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.



On Sunday, September 16, at 9:00am in the Chafee Room, please attend a discussion led by Dave Seifert highlighting the important developments from General Convention, and hear his first-hand account of the experience.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music

Wednesday 12:00 Noon Eucharist



Thursdays at Noon concerts resume next Thursday, September 13 with an organ concert by Vince Edwards. The half-hour concert will include music of Buxtehude, Johnson, Fleury, Langlois and others.

20s/30s Group: Please join Grace's lively and growing group of 20s/30s for a Community Dinner Thursday, September 6 at 7:00pm in The Pavilion at Grace, recurring the 1st Thursday of each month. Please bring a dish to share if you are able, and please contact 20s30s@gracepwd.org for any information.

Sunday School will reconvene for the fall session beginning next Sunday, September 16.

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.

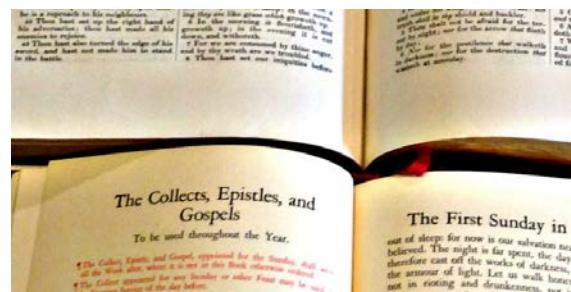
Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 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.

September 9, 2018

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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: [The Feast of Alexander Crummell and UBE Sunday](#). [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.
