



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 30, 2018

Pastoral Associate Coming to Grace

I'm happy to announce the appointment of Hartwell Hylton as Pastoral Associate at Grace Church. Hartwell, a recent graduate of Yale Divinity School, is in the ordination process in the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

As part of his preparation for the priesthood, Bishop Knisely has asked Hartwell to undertake a two-year internship at a parish in our diocese, and I've invited him to be here with us!

Most recently, Hartwell completed an internship at the Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York City, where he helped create the "Grace to Go" program of meal boxes for those in need - a bonus for us here at Grace, as we are in the process of launching that very program! Hartwell lives with his wife Elissa in Darien, Connecticut and will be with us on Sundays and one or two days during the week. They have a grown daughter named Elissa who lives in New York City.



Hartwell, a retired lawyer, will take on a variety of roles and responsibilities in the parish over the next two years. He'll also join in the preaching schedule at Grace, along with the Rev. Lavonne Seifert and the Rev. Jennifer West. Hartwell has been worshipping at Grace for the last couple months and says, "I felt at home immediately at Grace Church. I am delighted to be welcomed into this community," Welcome indeed, Hartwell!

Lessons & Carols for Advent This Sunday

Join us this Sunday, December 2, at 4 PM for A Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent. The Choir of Grace Church sings music of Palestrina, Praetorius, Boles, Wood, Rheinberger, Rachmaninoff, Poston, Hallock, and Thalben-Ball in procession around the candle-lit church. A reception follows in the Pavilion.



Advent Giving Tree

Beginning Sunday, December 2, the Advent Giving Tree will be placed in the Pavilion and adorned with ornaments that represent the holiday wishes of children through [Children's Friend](#) (a local social children's service agency that Grace regularly supports). Please retrieve the ornament(s) corresponding to gifts that you wish to donate, and plan to return your unwrapped gifts to church no later than Sunday, December 16th. In the case of gift store cards, please place those into the donation box near the baptismal font. Wrapping supplies, including wrapping paper, ribbon, tape and gift tags are also welcome gifts.

Christmas Giving Opportunity at Grace

For the next two Sundays (December 2 & 9), Grace is welcoming donations for families at DelSesto Middle School, where parishioner Arzinia Gill serves as principal. More than 90% of DelSesto students qualify for free or reduced lunch. On December 13, DelSesto is hosting its 9th Annual Winter Celebration, which features a donation center where families can collect goods and supplies free of charge. Desired items include:

- * New/Gently-used clothing (of all ages and sizes)
- * Socks
- * Winter jackets
- * Household items
- * Toys
- * Gift Cards/Certificates that can be used to purchase food or any of the above

Arzinia will be in the Pavilion before and after the 10 a.m. service for the next two Sundays (December 2 and 9) to receive donations. With questions, please call the school at 401-278-0557.

20s/30s Group Gathering Thursday December 6



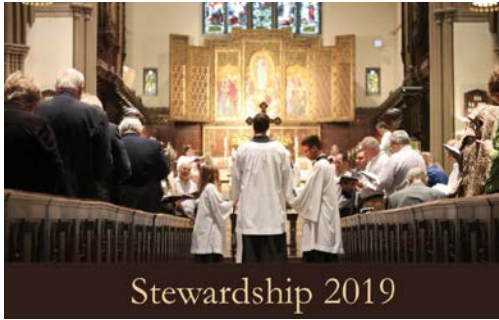
For the December gathering of the 20s/30s Group on Thursday, December 6, the group will meet at the Malted Barley at 7:00pm. [The Malted Barley](#) is located just a couple of doors down from Grace Church, at 334 Westminster St, on the corner of Westminster and Snow Streets. Please be sure to join us, including anyone interested in joining the 20s/30s Group! For information or with questions, please contact 20s30s@gracepvd.org.

Amica Downtown Jingle 5K

This Sunday, December 2, [the Amica Downtown Jingle 5K](#) will take place with the course

proceeding down Westminster St. The race start is scheduled for 9:00am at the RI Convention Center. We hope that none will be deterred from worship, but invite you instead to plan your route and your travel times accordingly.

Transforming Generosity - Stewardship 2019



Thank you to all who have submitted their annual pledges. If you have not yet submitted yours, please mail your pledge form at your earliest opportunity. Thank you also for ensuring completion of your 2018 pledge payments before year-end. For information on balances remaining, please contact Chris in the office (cbarker@gracepvd.org). Those who requested pledge envelopes or have traditionally received them, they will be available for

pick-up after the 8am and 10am services on December 9 and December 16. Thank you all for supporting the mission and ministry of Grace Church!

Transforming Generosity with Electronic Giving

Many Grace Church households are moving their stewardship giving to one of three electronic methods this year (though of course pledge donations of cash or checks remain very welcome).

A resource page to guide your electronic giving -- whether through our website, our mobile app, or via text -- is available in the back of the church. [Please click here](#) to donate to Grace on our website -- or to establish a recurring pledge contribution for 2019 -- using our [secure donation portal](#). Please note: If you're planning to give electronically for 2019, please do still submit a pledge card to ensure we record your pledge.

GivePlus is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone ([watch this video tutorial](#)). Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus" to download the app, search for "Grace Church Providence" in the app, choose which fund you'd like to support (Pledge, Music at Grace, etc.), and you're on your way.

Those accustomed to texting may enjoy giving through Give+ Text. Make one-time or recurring offerings by simply sending a text to our secure account at **401-298-9775**. Simply text the dollar amount of your desired donation, and follow the prompts for the rest. For further guidance, please [watch this brief tutorial](#).

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 Now through December 20, excluding Thanksgiving Day; and February 7 through May 23.

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.

The Grace Church Inreach Ministry

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? A member of the Grace Church Inreach Ministry would be happy to visit with you, by phone or in person, to keep you connected to your parish and offer prayers and support and, if you like, to bring you communion. Please contact Sue Hall at inreach@gracepvd.org, or call 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!

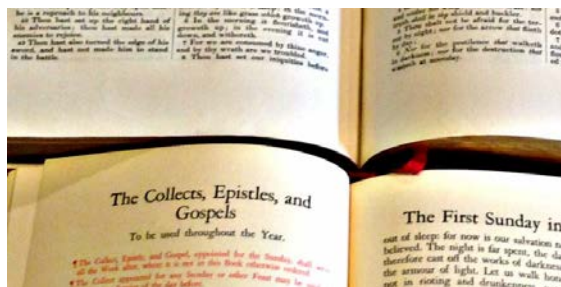


December 2, 2018

The First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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](#).

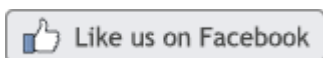
This week from the Episcopal Church: [Saying "Yes" to the Journey!](#)
[Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

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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