

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

July 8, 2016

## Spotlight on Grace: Building Foundations



A 3-Week Summer Mini-Session, July 17, 24 and 31  
at Grace Church in Providence  
Stories from the Hebrew Scriptures:  
Moses, Joshua, Esther and Deborah

As heavy equipment continues to prepare the site adjacent to Grace Church where the foundation for our new building will take shape, inside the church we'll be building foundations of a different sort.

On the second Sunday of each month, including this Sunday, July 10, we direct our sermon to the children of Grace Church with a [Children's Homily](#). In this way we endeavor to lay foundations for a lifetime of engagement with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and a continual journey of spiritual formation. Please be

sure to bring the kids for this Sunday's Children's Homily from Mother Lavonne.

Then, for the remaining three Sundays in July, the Grace Church Sunday School led by Kristie Puster will hold a 3-week mini-session devoted to stories from the Hebrew Scriptures: Moses, Joshua, Esther and Deborah. Following the first hymn and prayer on July 17, 24 and 31, children ages 3-12 will process downstairs to Gammell Hall. Please bring your little ones for these sessions as you're able.

Finally, the music program here at Grace is busy building foundations of musical education and appreciation for boys and girls entering grades 2 through 12.

Specifically, we're looking to add three new members to the choristers program this month, so if you have children who may be interested, please [contact Vince Edwards](#), Director of Music. Please also help us spread the word among your

family, friends, co-workers and/or neighbors with kids, and encourage them to inquire about the program. [Please click here for the full Choristers program brochure](#). Musical interviews may be held at any time, but choristers must be registered for the program by August 1 to be able to attend the August 15-19 Choir Camp.



# This Week at Grace

## Worship services:

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

**Open Doors Ministry:** The Open Doors Ministry will remain on break next week (July 11-15), but is expected to return the following week as limited parking availability returns. The Wednesday Noon Eucharist will proceed as usual on July 13, but the Grace Church parking lot will not be available.



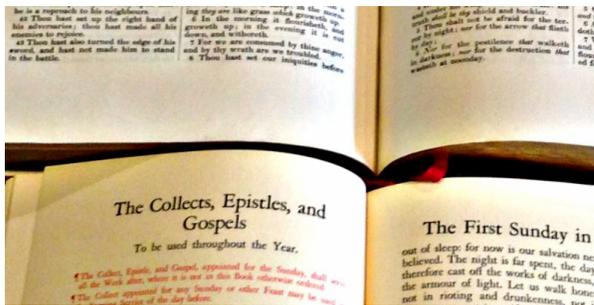
## Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:

A temporary ramp will soon appear, providing wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. A parking spot for people with disabilities has been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.

**The Nursery** returns this Sunday, July 10. We are thrilled that Rose O'Gara will be joining Cathy on our nursery staff this summer. Please join us in congratulating Amy on her glorious new arrival, Noah Bruce, and we'll look forward to Amy's return in the Fall.

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## July 10, 2016 - 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](#):

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-9 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

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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## Music at Grace

### An exciting new program for Fall 2016: The Grace Church Choristers

- A choir for boys and girls, grades 2 through 12
- Learn healthy vocal technique, music-reading skills, and history of music & the

church!

- Sing the world's greatest sacred music, spanning 500 years!
- Perform alongside the Choir of Grace Church in our splendid landmark building!
- Attend a 5-day Choir Camp at Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT
- Free piano lessons offered to the first 10 choristers who join the program!



**[Please click here for the full Choristers program brochure.](#) Musical interviews may be held at any time, but choristers must be registered for the program by August 1 to be able to attend the August 15-19 Choir Camp.**

For more information, or to schedule a Musical Interview, please contact Vince Edwards, Director of Music at Grace Church: [vedwards@gracepvd.org](mailto:vedwards@gracepvd.org) or 401-331-3225, ext 4

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## **YES! A Workshop Series by the Episcopal Diocese of RI**



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The Commission on Ministry will again offer the Yes! curriculum beginning on September 21 through November 9, 2016. The 7 session course will be facilitated by our Archdeacon, The Venerable Janice Grinnell, and will be held at St. Columba's Chapel in Middletown, RI. This

program is in direct response to lay people who are seeking ways to discern and understand their God given purpose. Cost for the entire series is \$100. [Please click here](#) for a listing of all 7 session times.

**[Please click here to Register Online](#)**

For more information, contact Canon Betsy Fornal, 401-274-4500, ext. 225, [or by e-mail](#).

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## **Your Priest-in-Charge: The Reverend Lavonne Seifert**

During the period of Jonathan's sabbatical, through the end of August, please direct all pastoral questions, inquiries, and/or conversations to Mother Lavonne Seifert.

Lavonne will serve as Priest-in-Charge of Grace Church, and is already well known to this congregation as both a longtime parishioner and as our current Associate Rector. To speak with Lavonne, or to make an appointment to visit with her, you may reach her by telephone at 401-331-3225 (ext. 6), or via email: [lseifert@gracepvd.org](mailto:lseifert@gracepvd.org).



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