



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the gospel through worship, proclamation, and service to each other and to downtown Providence.

Grace Episcopal Church E-News

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January, 2016

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8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Eucharist

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Rector's Letter



This year of our Lord 2016 promises to bring new and continued growth to Grace Church. This year will mark the first full year that our new Director of Music, Vince Edwards, will be with us, having come to Grace this past August. I'm excited that, under his leadership, 2016 will see a new initiative in music with children, something for which Grace Church has been well known for over a century. We are also thrilled to have joining the staff here at Grace Christopher Barker, who takes over as Parish Administrator from Veda Bucko, who herself took a position with the state of Rhode Island in November after three years with us.

Chris has already been a blessing to us here at Grace, and you can read more about him below.

We will continue in 2016 our focus on the physical plant here at Grace. Having restored the church exterior in 2015, we will now turn out attention to the interior of the parish house and will continue to work towards the creation of a new, ground-level parish hall right next to the church. More about this in the months to come.

Thanks to all who have supported Grace in 2015 and made it the unique church that it is here in the heart of downtown Providence.

May God bless you all and our parish in 2016!

12:00 p.m. Noonday Eucharist
12:20 p.m. Intercessory Prayer

Jonathan+

2nd and 4th Saturday

Women's Prayer and Bible Study -
January 9 and 23, 9:30am. Contact
Gale Grey: 401-243-7058

Did You Know?

You can listen to recordings of
Sunday Sermons right on our Grace
Church website? [Please click here](#)
to peruse and enjoy!



Open Doors Ministry

Grace Church is OPEN to all visitors
each weekday from 11:00am -
2:00pm as part of our Open Doors
Ministry. Please spread the word, so
we can share the inspiring beauty of
our worship space with Providence-
area residents and visitors
alike. [Click here](#) for information.



Deadline for February E-News

Please e-mail
news@gracechurchprovidence.org
with any content for February's e-
news by **Friday, January 22nd.**

From the Director of Music

Please Join Us January 31 for a Wonderful Concert Event

A poster for a concert titled "Singing the Dream". The background is a black and white profile of a man's face. The title "SINGING THE DREAM" is written in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, it says "Rhode Island Communities Honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." and "A MUSICAL TRIBUTE OF OVER 150 VOICES". The date and time are "January 31, 2016 4:30 P.M." and the location is "Grace Episcopal Church 175 Mathewson Street, Providence". There is also a list of participating groups and a list of sponsors at the bottom.

Shir Emanu-El of Temple Emanu-El (Providence)
Grace Episcopal Church • HaZamir Providence
Shireinu – The Jewish Community Chorus
of Temple Sinai • Providence Gay Men's Chorus
Central Congregational Church • Prism of Praise

SINGING THE DREAM

Rhode Island Communities Honor
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE OF OVER 150 VOICES

Free and open to the public
Tickets are available at
■ [www.singingthedream.
eventbrite.com](http://www.singingthedream.eventbrite.com)

**January 31, 2016
4:30 P.M.**
Grace Episcopal Church
175 Mathewson Street, Providence

Supported by a grant from the Bliss, Gross, Horowitz Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation
Sponsored by R.I. Board of Rabbis, R.I. State Council of Churches, Jewish Alliance of Greater R.I.

Also, please **SAVE THE DATE**: our well-received Thursday
Noon organ concerts will resume February 17!

~ Vince Edwards

Director of Music at Grace Church

Welcome our new Parish Administrator Christopher Barker

Chris comes to Grace Church following careers as a small business owner, professional writer, yacht



captain and anthropologist. He resides and worships in Portsmouth, RI with his wife Sara and 2-year-old son Leo; and serves on the Vestry at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Chris has traveled extensively and lived abroad, is fluent in Spanish, and has worked with tribal communities in the Amazon rainforest and elsewhere. He is an avid sailor, an experienced vocal performer (1st Tenor), and a fitness instructor. He is also an avid lay genealogist, curating a massive Armenian family archive. Chris is thrilled to join the staff at Grace Church, and looks forward to becoming acquainted

with all parishioners. Chris can be reached via e-mail at cbarker@gracechurchprovidence.org, or by phone at 401-331-3226.

Health and Wellness Ministry at Grace



"Lord, by such things people live; and my spirit finds life in them too. You restored me to health and let me live." Isaiah 38:16

It is a new day in a New Year! Join us in building a healthy spirit at Grace! Grace's Health and Wellness ministry is under revision. We are planning to bring you some new ideas for creating improved health in mind, body, and spirit in the New Year. We have gathered a small team of parishioners who will work to create new programs and educational materials for your use. Some of our ideas include exploring the mind/body/spirit connection and what research tells us about that, diabetic teaching, disease prevention, stress management in the form of centering prayer and meditation, and caring for the caregiver, to name a few.

As part of this process, we are reaching out to you to complete the survey from the attached link so that we can get a better idea of your needs and requests in this area.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCRFFD>

For more information, contact Pam Quinn RN at 401-261-5944 or email to pquinn371@gmail.com. Thank you for your dedication to Grace and to one another.

Sunday School Resumes January 17



Sunday School resumes January 17 for children ages 3 to 12. Following the first hymn and prayer, children process downstairs to Gammell Hall; either joining the procession from the back of the church, or as the procession goes by. For first-timers, please walk down with your child to fill out some forms. Sunday School activities include: prayer time, Bible stories, snacks and activities. Many lessons are from the Godly Play curriculum, a Montessori-based, multi-sensory approach to learning God's Word. On the second Sunday of the Month, there is no Sunday School downstairs, as children remain in the pews for a children's homily.

Blessings and Best Wishes,

Your Grace Church E-News Team