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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

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Spotlight on Grace: What Does Grace Mean to You?

Our annual fall stewardship season, when we invite everyone to make a financial pledge to support Grace Church in the year to come, begins next week. A parishioner told me recently that she loves this time of year in church because each Sunday, for four weeks, we hear from a parishioner about what Grace means to them and why they give to Grace. These testimonials are always heart-felt and often moving and even inspiring.



We hear from parishioners who've been at Grace for 80 years and folks who've joined us only in the last year or two. But one thing I don't think we've ever heard from these testimonials is: "I joined Grace Church because it was the closest parish to my home." Grace is a church that people actively seek out to make their spiritual home, and it is inspiring to hear directly from parishioners about how they came to Grace and why they make their home here, of all the places they could worship each Sunday.

Next week, you'll receive a letter from me inviting you to make a pledge, in thanksgiving for the blessings of God in your life, to the work of Grace Church. But even before I issue that invitation, I want to invite you to come to church to hear from your fellow parishioners about what Grace means to them and to take the opportunity to reflect on what your church means to you. That's a worthwhile endeavor any week of the year.

God's Peace,
Jonathan

Service of Compline October 21

At 8:00pm this Sunday, October 21, the Grace Church Women's Schola will sing Compline, from the Latin completorium, or the completion of the day. This service is half an hour of soaring chant, glowing candlelight, and fragrant incense. The doors open at 7:30 for meditation.



Inquirers' Class

Inquirers' Class: Join us for this Sunday's forum on the Episcopal/Anglican Church at 9:00am in the Chafee Room. The topic for October 21: *Contemporary Issues and the Future of the Church*.



An Occasion for a Special Coffee Hour

We are so fortunate each and every week to delight in the wonderful array of potluck offerings that Grace parishioners so generously prepare for Coffee Hour. Collectively, you all make coffee hour such a terrific time of fellowship. With this Sunday being the kickoff Sunday for our annual stewardship campaign, we thought we might encourage just a little something extra for our coffee hour spread. Thank you!



Two Upcoming Events at ECC

As anyone who attended last year's inaugural Halloween Village event at the Episcopal Conference Center will attest, this is an incredibly fun and family friendly event! Trick-or-Treat down the row of softly spooky cabins decked out by costumed volunteers from area Episcopal churches. Mark your calendars, and [click here for directions](#), and be sure to join in the fun.

An ECC Conference for Parents The Episcopal Conference Center in Pascoag, RI will offer an adult conference November 9-11, 2018 called Seeking Divine Direction: Navigating Your Child's Teenage Years. Take time away for rest, renewal, and fun at ECC for the weekend while exploring topics like: Understanding the teenage experience, changing roles as parents from manager to consultant, and how caring for ourselves allows us to be better parents. Conference fees including lodging and meals range from \$200 - \$250. Please find additional information, and [register online here](#).



Please visit the website of the Episcopal Conference Center for information on upcoming events, including [winter camps for youths in 7th through 11th grade](#), and consider [supporting the ministry of the ECC](#) through the Diocesan website here.

An Episcopal Revival in Worcester

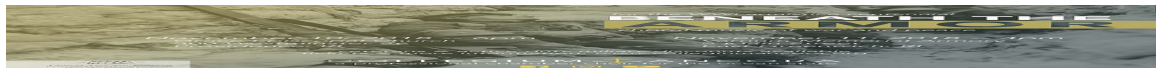
Ever been to a revival? Now's your chance. Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry will preach at the next Episcopal Revival - in Worcester. He's the preacher at a 5 p.m. service this Sunday, October 21, at the Hanover Theater.

The Diocese of Western Massachusetts is hosting the revivals, which includes a similar event earlier in the day in Pittsfield. Free tickets are available online through the [revival website](#).



Save the Date: Collegium Ancora Concert

Commemorating the Centennial of the World War I Armistice, Collegium Ancora presents *Beneath the Armor: Songs of War and Peace*, featuring the world premiere of Canadian



composer Colin Eatock's "Five Poems from the Great War". Tickets and more information are available at www.collegiumancora.org.

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.
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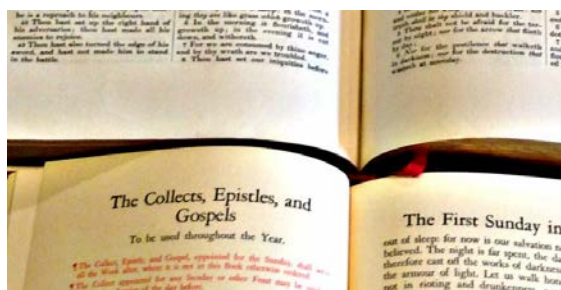
The Episcopal Church Women of RI



The Episcopal Church Women of RI will hold their Annual Meeting and United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering on Thursday, November 8, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Bristol. Welcome registration begins at 9:30am, followed by Eucharist with Bishop Knisely as Celebrant, and a catered luncheon during the annual meeting. The luncheon is \$12, with registration by November 1 to ECW-Diocese of RI, c/o Carol Blackinton, 22 Judy Terrace, West Warwick, RI 02893.

October 21, 2018 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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: [United Nations Commission on the Status of Women Applications](#). [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.