

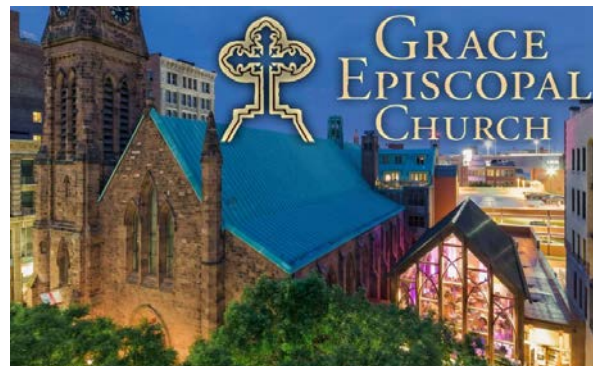


Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

October 4, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: Two New Ways to Give

With an official kickoff scheduled for Sunday, October 21, the theme for the 2019 Stewardship Campaign for Grace Church will be *Transforming Generosity*. The theme is very apropos, not only as we reflect upon the transformational power of giving according to God's calling in our lives, but also as we unveil two exciting new ways to give.



transforming  *generosity*

Mirroring the broader trend in our society, the proportion of Grace Church parishioners who make recurring pledge payments [through our online giving page](#) continues to rapidly grow. We welcome your donations by any method, but electronic giving is faster, more secure, provides important donation consistency, and strengthens our stewardship program overall.

Giving by Mobile App or by Text

We are excited to share with you these two great new ways to give to Grace! GivePlus is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus" to download the app for free and start donating today! If you already give online, use the same e-mail address, and the system will (we're told) connect to your existing profile. 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. When making donations either [online](#) or through the app, remember that donating straight from a checking or savings account means lower processing fees for the church, so that even more of your kind donation will go straight to supporting our mission and ministry. Please watch this brief tutorial on the GivePlus app.



GivePlus Mobile App

Those of you accustomed to texting may also enjoy the convenience of 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. And after your first text donation, future donations are easier still. Please watch the brief tutorial below.

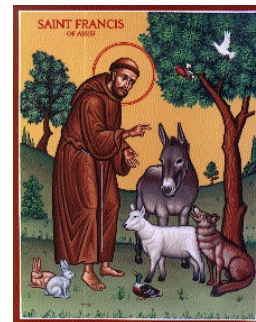


Give+ Text

Unlike the online and mobile app options, donations by text are made only by credit or debit card, which means somewhat higher processing fees incurred by Grace, but for that impromptu donation to the music program while attending a concert, for example, Give+ Text offers the fastest way to give. To direct a text donation to the music program, simply text the dollar amount, a space, and then the word 'music'.

Blessing of the Animals This Sunday

Grace Church will hold its annual Blessing of the Animals this Sunday, October 7, to honor St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck will bless the animals at the church at the 10:00am service. Grace Church welcomes everyone and their pets: dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, fish, turtles, and toy pets that are brought to the church for the service and the blessing. The only requirement is that all animals must be properly restrained, leashed or caged.



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 7: *The faith and teachings of the Anglican/Episcopal Church.*



Halloween Village at the ECC

As anyone who attended last year's inaugural Halloween Village event at the ECC 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.

And in case some of our Grace Church parishioners may wish to select a theme and organize to decorate one of the cabins and welcome Trick-or-Treaters on behalf of Grace Church, please contact the ECC at 401-568-4055.

Please visit the website of the Episcopal Conference Center for information on

A promotional poster for the Halloween Village event. At the top, a photograph shows a row of small, decorated cabins in a wooded area. Below the photo, the text 'HALLOWEEN VILLAGE' is written in a large, orange, stylized font. Underneath, it says 'Join us for Halloween Village!' in orange. The date and time are listed as 'Saturday, October 27 1:00 - 5:00 pm'. To the right, a red pumpkin graphic contains the text 'FREE ADMISSION!'. Below this, smaller text reads 'Activities include Halloween themed games, costume parade and trick-or-treating at the cabins! Concessions available.' At the bottom left, another pumpkin graphic says 'FAMILY FRIENDLY ALL AGES WELCOME!'. The bottom right features the text 'Episcopal Conference Center 872 Reservoir Road • Pascoag, RI For more information, please visit www.eccri.org'. The entire poster is framed by a green border and decorated with a row of jack-o'-lanterns at the bottom.

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 on 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](#).



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.

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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.



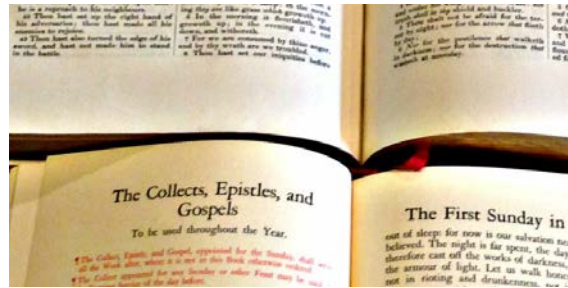
Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 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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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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: [Young Adult and Campus Ministry Grants](#). [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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