



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 15, 2018

## Thank You for Your Commitment to Grace

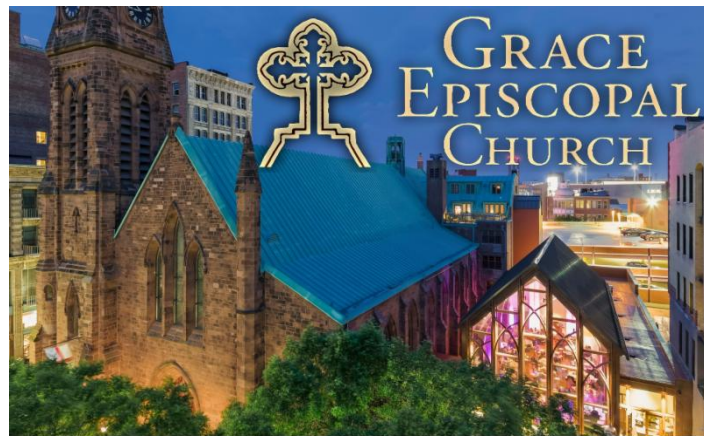
Over the past four Sundays, we've heard from parishioners sharing what they love about Grace. This Sunday will, in a sense, be your opportunity to respond to those words by making a financial commitment to this unique church - to your church.

We heard in Sunday's Gospel reading the story of the "widow's mite", where Jesus tells his disciples that what is important is not the size of the gift, but rather the gift's size relative to the giver's capacity to give.

I hope that you will feel called to give to Grace generously both out of a deep sense of thankfulness to God for the blessings in your life and also because you want to make sure that this special place in the heart of downtown Providence is here and thriving in 2019, in 2029 (our bicentennial year!), and for decades to come!

Please bring your completed pledge card with you this Sunday and place it in the basket on the altar when prompted during the service (pledge cards will also be available in the church). Alternatively, you can mail your card to the church before December 1 when our budgeting process for 2019 begins. Thank you for supporting Grace Church!

Blessings,  
Jonathan+



*transforming*  *generosity*

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## Compline This Sunday

Join us this Sunday evening at 8 PM for Compline, half an hour of chant, candlelight, and a bit of incense. The doors will open at 7:30 for prayer and meditation.

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## Advent Small Group Series

Small groups are a great opportunity to get to know some of your fellow parishioners here at Grace and to reflect together on a spiritual topic. During the four weeks of Advent this year, we'll offer a series that will use the Advent resource, "What Are You Waiting For?" by the Rev. Christine McSpadden. Please sign up for one of the three offsite small groups during coffee hour, or [e-mail the rector to sign up](#). During coffee hour for the next three weeks, you'll have the opportunity to sign up for one of four groups that will meet for four consecutive Friday evenings for a pot-luck supper and discussion starting on November 30th. We'll have small groups meeting in Providence, North Providence, and Cranston, as well as one group that will meet at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings at Grace. Please join us for whichever group works best for you!



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## Last Sunday for the Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please support the Grace Church Outreach Ministry's food drive to stock the shelves at the PICA Food Pantry in downtown Providence. Please see a list of particularly needed items posted in the narthex, and please bring your food donations to Grace Church no later than Sunday, November 18. If you have a spare cardboard box to carry them in, that is helpful.



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## 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.

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## Transforming Generosity - Stewardship 2019



*I give to Grace because I know that God is at work in this community, it is all around me, and I am so appreciative of having a space to bring my children every week that is different, that stands out from all other spaces, where people know and care about their well being, and where they can reserve time to focus and reflect on God's love and many blessings in their*

*lives. I also appreciate how welcomed children are by this congregation, and how they are also invited to have ownership of this beautiful space.*

*- Mary Watkins.*

### Transforming Generosity with Electronic Giving

A resource page to guide your electronic giving -- whether through our website, our mobile app, or via text -- will be 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.

 <p>Powered By Vanco Payment Solutions</p> <p>As part of our campaign of Transforming Generosity, we present GivePlus, our new mobile giving app. Now you can make weekly offerings, respond to special appeals, or set up a recurring donation... all through your smartphone!</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus" to download the app.</li><li>2. Enter "Grace Church in Providence" in the app, choose which fund you'd like to support (e.g. Pledge), and you're on your way.</li><li>3. Considering sourcing your contribution from a checking or savings account to maximize your contribution, or if using a card please consider selecting the option: "Help Offset the Processing Fee".</li></ol>	
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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.

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## 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](mailto: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!



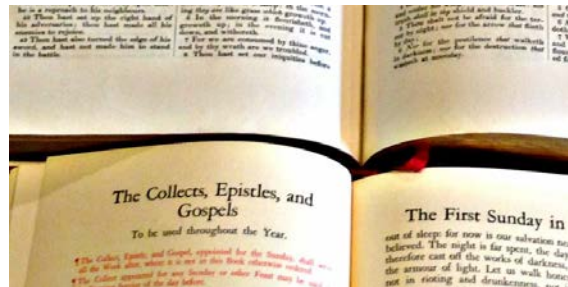
## Coffee Hour Goodies... and Labels

Here at Grace, food at coffee hour is provided by parishioners as the Spirit moves them...for which we are all grateful! When you bring something to share at coffee hour, please drop it off on the table in the kitchen. And we now have three different labels (which you'll find on the table) you can place by your item: 1) "Gluten Free". You can use this label if you're sure your item does not contain gluten. 2) "Contains meat" If your dish looks to folks like it might contain meat (and does), this can be a helpful label for vegetarians. 3) "Contains nuts" This label is the most important, as nut allergies (both tree nut and peanut) are common, and we want parishioners who have such an allergy to avoid an item that's "nutty." :) Thank you for your delicious contributions to coffee hour. Without them, coffee hour would just be...coffee! :)



## November 18, 2018 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Service Corps Application](#). [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.