



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 18, 2016

Spotlight on Grace: Awaiting The Pavilion's Slab and Steel



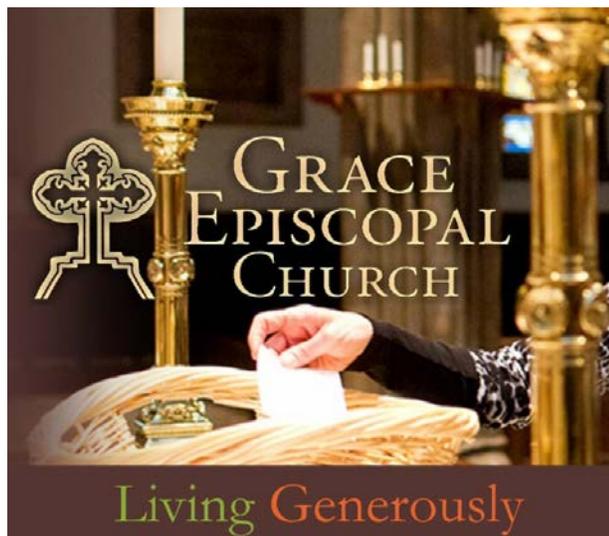
Welcome to the ground floor of The Pavilion at Grace! After skilled masons made quick work of the foundation wall this week, the crew then carried fill material into the void to surround the underground plumbing and rise up to near floor-level. That fill was then carefully compacted in preparation for the imminent pouring of the cement slab that will underlay the final floor.

The next piece to watch for in terms of vertical progress will be the erection of the steel structure for the new stair tower, followed shortly thereafter by the arrival of the remaining structural steel on-site. December will be an exciting month of progress as the structure really begins to rise up and take shape right before our eyes.

Stewardship 2017 Reminders

We would like to thank all who submitted their annual pledges on Commitment Sunday last week, and encourage those who have not yet done so to please mail your pledge forms to the church, or place them in the collection plate before December 1 when our annual budgeting process begins.

Thank you also for ensuring completion of your 2016 pledge payments before year-end. For information on balances remaining, please [contact Chris in the office](#).



Those who requested pledge envelopes -- or have traditionally received them -- they will be available for pick-up after the 8am and 10am services on December 4 and December 11. A limited number of additional sets are available by request using the sign-up sheet located in the literature rack in the narthex. Thank you all for supporting the mission and ministry of Grace Church!

"Do good, be rich in helping others, be extravagantly generous. If you do that, you'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life." 1 Timothy 6:17-19

This Week at Grace

Worship Services:

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

Collegium Ancora's Debut Concert: Sunday, November 20, 5:00pm. Please see details [under Music at Grace below](#).

Parking for Worship: Parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. A small number of spaces are available on the portion of the Grace Church lot facing Snow Street, along an inset section of the construction fence. For all other times, please [check with the parish administrator](#) for availability.

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Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:

Please find wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. Handicapped parking spaces have been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.

Music at Grace



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Collegium Ancora's Debut Concert: Sunday, November 20, 5:00pm. *In Celebration of the Human Voice: music of Handel, Byrd, Britten, Copland and more!* Collegium Ancora is a new professional chamber choir, and Ensemble-in-Residence at Grace Church.

Music Class / Training Choir for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, Thursdays at 4:00pm at Grace Church. There is no fee for this program, and membership at Grace Church is not required. The 45 minute classes will cover basics of vocal production, sight-reading skills, and music history; and will use games and movement to ensure a fun experience! This music class / training choir will serve as a training program for the Grace Church Choristers, but participation does not obligate anyone to continue in the Chorister Program. For more information, or to register your child, email Vince Edwards or call 401-331-3225, ext 4.

Thank You for Stocking the Shelves at PICA

Thanks to your outpouring of generosity in support of the Grace Church Outreach Ministry's Thanksgiving Food Drive for PICA, we meaningfully boosted food availability for those in need in our area this holiday season.

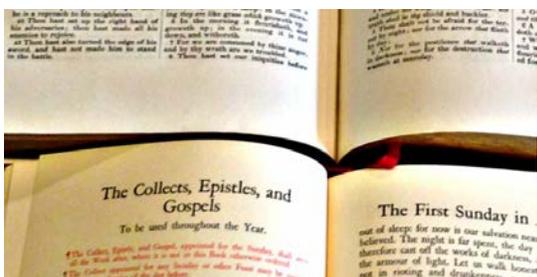
In the words of PICA's Ron Watts, "Grace Church has really opened its



hearts for this year's drive, at a time when the need has never been greater". Please continue to bring your food donations to Grace Church throughout this holiday season and, indeed, throughout the year.

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Last Sunday after Pentecost - Christ the King



Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please click here](#):

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

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.

Grace Cemetery: Help Save the Trees

After 3+ years of working to secure \$100,000+ grant money to repair the fence around historic Gateway (Grace) Cemetery in south Providence that dates from 1834, we are excited that the revitalization is about to happen. Some the very old, elegant trees need attention, and a bit of additional money is needed to take proper care of them. Please consider saying "YES" to keeping green space alive by making a donation. The window of opportunity is tight, as work will be done very soon. \$6,000 is available, and contributions are sought to match that; \$1,100 has already given. If this opportunity touches you, please grab your check book right now and send a donation (marked "cemetery trees") payable to: SWAP, Inc., 439 Pine Street, Providence, RI 02907.



You will be listed on the "We Helped Save the Trees" registry in the cemetery gatekeeper's cottage. Also be sure to include your return address to receive a 501(c)3 charitable donation letter for your contribution. Securing and beautifying the cemetery grounds enhances the area for all. Be a part of this progress!

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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, to downtown Providence, and beyond.