



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 8, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: Reflecting on Community Outreach at Grace

Please join us **TONIGHT**, Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00pm in the Pavilion at Grace for an initial presentation by the rector intended to begin a conversation on how we might best use our new space here at Grace to help lift up those in need in our city.

As Christians, we are all called to care for others, but how best to do so? And how might we do so here at Grace in a way that makes best use of the resources we have in our parish? We'll also take a look at an organization called Focused Community Strategies, which is taking a new approach to outreach, and see how the priorities they've identified in their work might inform what we do here in Providence.



Feel free to park in the church parking lot as space permits, and please enter through the new pavilion entrance facing the lot (as opposed to the front doors of the church).

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music

Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

Guest Preacher this Sunday . As part of our stewardship season, parishioner Ben West will preach this Sunday. Ben has been licensed by the Episcopal Church to preach on the subject of stewardship, so we're thrilled to hear from him from as we discern how to give back to God from the blessings God has given to us.

Nursery Located Temporarily in The Pavilion While we prepare a new nursery space on the 3rd floor, in part of what previously served as the choir room, please find the nursery located in a corner of the Pavilion.

Thursday Noon Concerts: November 9 will feature Vince Edwards, Organ.

Prayer Group:

Please note a temporary change of schedule for the holidays. The prayer group, which normally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room, will shift to the 1st and 3rd Saturdays for November and December only.

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 Chapel Street. The new parking lot gate will soon be raised for Sunday mornings, but for this week please drive around the gate. 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 Chapel Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.

Mother Lavonne's Semi-Retirement

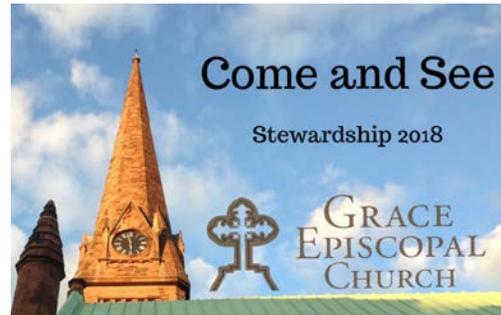
The Rev. Lavonne Seifert, our associate rector for nearly two years, is planning some changes in her responsibilities here at Grace Church, beginning in January. She will continue to preach and serve at the altar once a month, but she will no longer coordinate the Small Group and Lay Eucharistic Visitor programs. Mother Lavonne and her husband, Dave, live about 20 miles away, in Uxbridge, Mass. - a really long distance for us Rhode Islanders! - and they want to have a bit more flexibility in their Sunday morning schedules. Although the change means Lavonne won't be officially on our clergy staff, we'll enjoy having her and Dave with us often at Grace, as they plan to remain



active members of the parish. We thank Mother Lavonne for her ministry as Associate Rector these past two years and looking forward to continuing to hear from her from the pulpit!

Come and See

The 2018 Stewardship campaign at Grace Church is titled *Come and See*. There is just so much to see and experience here at Grace: our brand new Pavilion expands and beautifies our campus, the new Cronhimer Hall supports our vibrant music program, our active ministries impact people inside and outside our community, and most importantly the welcoming people that make Grace such a special place to gather for worship.

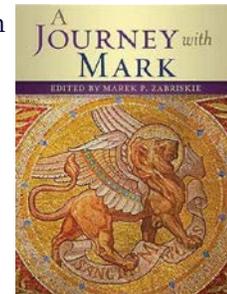


Thank you for placing your completed pledge cards in the offering on Commitment Sunday November 19, or mailing them to the office before Commitment Sunday. This coming Sunday, November 12, parishioner Ben West will be our guest preacher!

Small Groups: A Call for Hosts

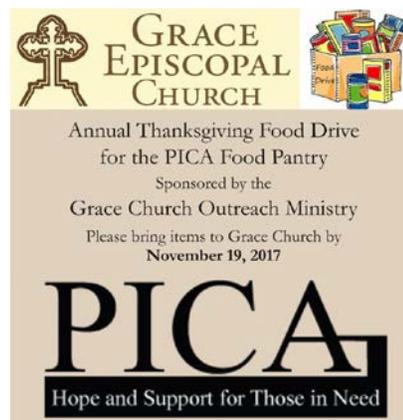
This year Grace Church will again launch a Small Group series beginning in Advent and running for six weeks. We hope to have a diverse location of host homes to ensure that parishioners can easily attend and are asking for volunteers to help us meet that goal.

If you are interested in extending the ministry of hospitality to a small group this year please [contact Drake Douglas by Friday 11/10 via email](mailto:drake_douglas@brown.edu) (drake_douglas@brown.edu) or phone (573-318-5198).



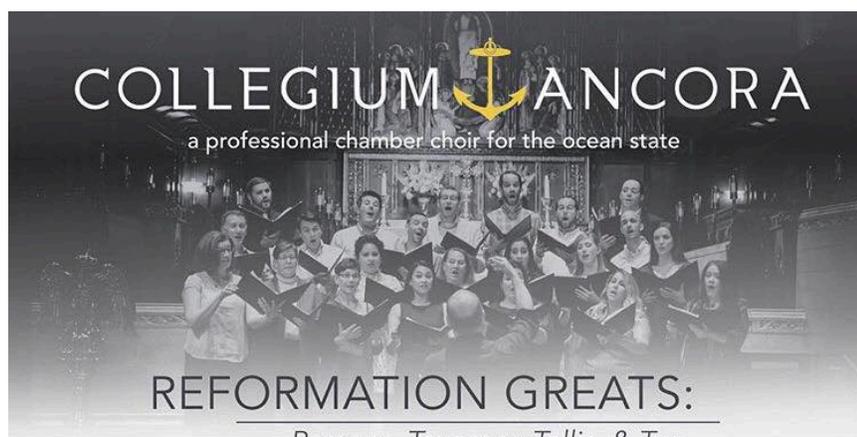
Let's Stock the Shelves at PICA

Please help local families in need this holiday season by supporting the Grace Church Outreach Ministry's food drive to stock the shelves at the PICA Food Pantry in downtown Providence. Items of particular interest include: canned vegetables and fruit, stuffing mix, turkey gravy, rice, coffee, oatmeal, healthy breakfast cereals, and especially peanut butter. Please bring your food donations to Grace Church no later than Sunday, November 19. If you have a spare cardboard box to carry them in, that is helpful, but not crucial. Let us strive to gather ample supplies for this year's drive, as the need is truly great, and by living generously in this way we can "walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us" [Ephesians 5:2].



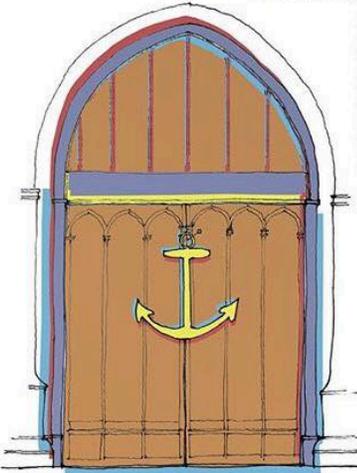
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NOV
18
6:30 pm

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5 pm

Grace Church
300 Westminster St
Providence, RI

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www.collegiumancora.org

November 12, 2017

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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: [San Joaquin Revival](#). [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.

Downtown Neighborhood Association Meeting

You are invited to the Downtown Neighborhood Association's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 14 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at our very own Pavilion at Grace Church. At the meeting you will meet the residents of downtown Providence, hear about the DNA's 2017 accomplishments, their direction for 2018, and, hear updates from Councilman Seth Yurdin and Representative Chris Blazejewski. Light refreshments will be provided. All are welcome to attend!



Adorn the Curved Wall of the Pavilion

Many of you have seen the beautiful etchings of Grace Church crafted by RISD professor and Edna Lawrence years ago. We use them in our parish publications frequently. We've decided to frame and install 10 Edna Lawrence originals from our archival collection in the new Pavilion, creating



another link between our new building and our historic church. Each of the ten pieces will cost \$100 to frame. If you're interested in donating \$100 to help us frame an historic piece of Grace art, we invite you to send a check to the parish office at 300 Westminster Street in Providence, RI, 02903, being sure to specify "Lawrence Prints" on the memo line. Thank you for being a part of art and history at Grace!

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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.