



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

February 17, 2017

Spotlight on Grace:

Your Journey of Lent at Grace Church in Providence



Morning Monastic Meditation

Weekday mornings
from 8:30 - 9:00am at
Grace Church in Providence



Ash Wednesday services and imposition of ashes Grace Church will offer two Ash Wednesday services on March 1, at 12:00 Noon and 7:00pm, plus an additional imposition of ashes during the Morning Monastic Meditation between 8:30 and 9:00am (see below).

Morning Monastic Meditation

Throughout Lent, please make time in your downtown mornings for Morning Monastic Meditation every weekday from 8:30-9:00am. We will open for half an hour weekday mornings for silent meditation and prayer to the sounds of monastic chant from

across the centuries. Please stop in for a moment of peace to begin your day. Visitors are welcome to light a candle as a symbol of their prayer intention.

The Sandwich Brigade at Crossroads Grace Church parishioners will volunteer to make sandwiches at [Crossroads](#), a homeless services organization in downtown Providence, on 3 consecutive Saturdays, March 11, 18 and 25, at 10:00am. Please find the sign-up sheet in the back of the church, or e-mail Outreach Ministry chair Nicholas Halar at outreach@gracepvd.org. Financial contributions are welcome (please place check payable to

Crossroads in the collection plate).

Take a Journey through the Bible The Prayer and Scripture Group at Grace will meet every Saturday during Lent in the Chafee Room at 9:30am to explore the exciting new book from Forward Movement: [The Path: A Journey through the Bible](#). "With informative trail signs to help you see how each piece of the narrative fits together, The Path is an experience unlike any other: an amazing 360-degree overview of the vast, sweeping story of God's extraordinary love for ordinary people." To take part, [please contact Louise](#).

The Lenten Giving Cross

Grace Church will collect donations for Children's Friend to assist foster families that are welcoming a baby into their home. We will welcome a variety of donations including: bibs, clothes, car seats, and gift cards. Donation requests will be written on flower bulbs on the Lenten Cross, located at the back of the church. If you'd like to get involved, the Outreach Ministry will meet this Sunday, February 19 in the Chafee Room following the 10:00am service.

Choral Evensong for Lent The Grace Church Choir will offer a Service of Choral Evensong for Lent, Sunday, March 26 at 5:00pm at Grace Church, featuring music of music of Vierne, Blair, and Finzi.

Other Resources for your Lenten Journey Grace Church will have copies of [Lenten Meditations 2017](#) -- a publication of [Episcopal Relief & Development](#) -- available while supplies last. Episcopal Relief & Development is the compassionate response of The Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. Hearing God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, Episcopal Relief & Development serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world. We will also have copies available of [Lenten Prayers for Hungry People](#), a six-sided 'table tent' provided by [Bread for the World](#). Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

This Week at Grace

Worship Schedule:

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

Collegium Ancora Concert:

Tomorrow, Saturday, February 18,
at 6:00pm, Collegium Ancora
presents: *A Little Night Music*,
featuring the sumptuous Serenade
to Music of Vaughan Williams, as
well as works of Brahms, Barber,
Sondheim and more! \$10
suggested donation.



Prayer and Scripture Group:

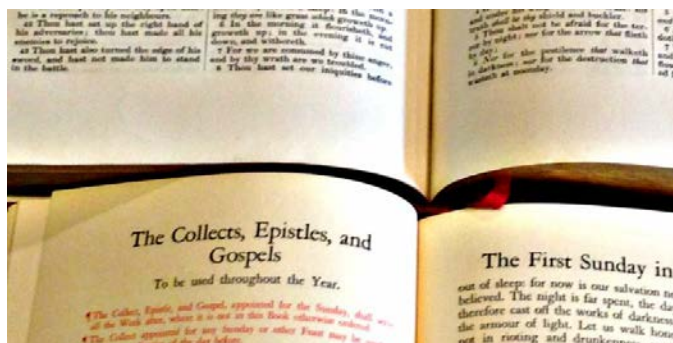
2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room.

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.

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.

February 19, 2017 - Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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

[Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18 ~ Psalm 119:33-40 ~ 1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23 ~ Matthew 5:38-48](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Do Not be Afraid to be People of Love](#)
Also, [click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service.

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.

Join Us for Winter and Spring Musical Events at Grace

Collegium Ancora, February 18 at 6PM

Collegium Ancora presents A Little Night Music, featuring the sumptuous Serenade to Music of Vaughan Williams, as well as works of Brahms, Barber, Sondheim and more! \$10 suggested donation.

Thursdays at Noon: March 9 - May 25

Please join us on Thursdays at Noon from March 9 through May 25 for in for mal half-hour organ, voca l or instrumental concerts. Feel free to stay for a portion of the concert or the entire concert if your schedule will allow.

Choral Evensong: Sunday, March 26 at 5PM

The Grace Church Choir offers Choral Evensong for Lent. Music of Vierne, Blair, and Finzi.

St. Matthew Passion: Friday, April 7 at 7:30PM

Museum Concerts of Rhode Island 50th Anniversary Gala Concert Performed by the Brown University Chorus and Schola Cantorum of Boston. For tickets, visit www.museumconcerts.org or call 401-274-5073.

Music of Praise and Glory:

Sunday, April 30 at 5PM

The Grace Church Choir and Choristers join with Collegium Ancora to present Vivaldi's beloved Gloria and Purcell's Te Deum and Jubilate with Chamber Ensemble. \$10 suggested donation



Learn & Lead 2017: Register by February 18 and Save!

Saturday, March 18, 2017
9:00am - 3:00pm
St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth

But We've Never Done it that Way Before... Understanding Generational Differences in our Churches

Within our churches at this moment in time are potentially five different generations of members, each operating with distinctly different expectations in such important areas as communicating, giving, learning, attending and participating. Come learn the basic ways of looking at different aspects of life - especially life in the church - through the eyes of the different generations. Learn how these differences may become either a stumbling block to church growth or a catalyst to new ways of living life together. [Click here to register early and save!](#) With questions, email info@episcopalri.org.

Ticket prices include the cost of a boxed lunch.
Early bird ticket ([now - Feb. 18](#)) - \$8.50/person
General ticket (Feb 19 - March 12) - \$10/person

Learn & Lead 2017:



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Understanding generational differences

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This Sunday's Readings

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Your Grace Church Clergy & Staff
401-331-3225

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.