



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 2, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: Putting The Pavilion to Great Use



The Pavilion at Grace is foremost a resource for fellowship and gathering for our church, and just last night the 20s/30s group enjoyed their first monthly potluck dinner in the space. Secondly, The Pavilion is a resource for our downtown neighborhood, offering a stunning new venue for events of all kinds.

We have already seen that The Pavilion will be a sought-after space for wedding receptions. We have been inundated with inquiries and site tours for wedding couples, and bookings for 2018 and 2019 are beginning to materialize. The three terrific caterers that we have approved to service events in The Pavilion -- [Blackstone Caterers](#), [Pranzi Catering](#), and [Easy Entertaining](#) -- all collaborated for a wonderful Open House event on February 1.

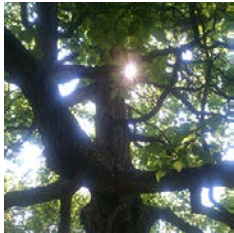
The photo at left courtesy of [Luke Renchan Entertainment](#), one of several sponsoring vendors who donated their services for the event.

Meanwhile, The Pavilion is already seeing use in service to our local community, with more such opportunities on the horizon. We are delighted to provide a monthly meeting space for the [Providence Downtown Neighborhood Association](#). The Pavilion also hosted the [RI Center for the Book](#) kickoff event, shown in the photo at right, for [their current reading campaign](#). And we are in talks with multiple non-profit organizations here in our



downtown neighborhood as we continue to seek to put this wonderful new space to great use.

3 Spots Remaining for Lenten Monastic Retreat



Please join vestry members and other Grace parishioners for a silent retreat on the weekend of March 9-11 at the Episcopal monastery in Cambridge - [the Society of St. John the Evangelist](#). The retreat begins Friday afternoon and concludes Sunday afternoon. During the weekend, we will join the brothers in worship in the monastery chapel, take our meals with them, and meet with one of the monks, Br. Luke, who will usher us through the retreat with four group sessions, first with an orientation Friday evening. Saturday he will share some reflections, facilitate some discussion about our experience, and offer suggestions for how to pray. If you'd like to attend or have questions, call or email the rector at 331-3225 or jhuyck@gracepvd.org. The monastery's suggested donation for the weekend is \$270, but if that is a challenge, just let the rector know, as financial assistance is available. Spaces are limited, so, if you would like to come, please let the rector know as soon as you can.

The Lenten Giving Cross



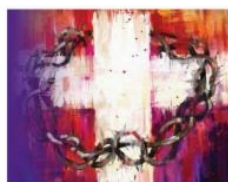
The Lenten Cross located in The Pavilion still has loads of bulbs on it which represent donation requests for foster families through our partner agency Children's Friend. Thank you for selecting one or more bulbs from the cross if you would like to participate in this heartwarming annual effort of the Outreach Ministry here at Grace.

When dropping off your donations, please affix the corresponding bulb to your donated item. Items can be left at the back of the church on Sundays, or brought to the parish office during office hours.

Naming Opportunities at Grace



Following the renovation of the rooms in the west tower of Grace's 1912 parish house, we now need to give them names! The vestry decided to approve the renovation months ago, but we're now doing some post-facto fund raising to support the parish's finances by offering the chance to name a room in honor or memory of a loved one. If you think you might be interested in doing so, please call or email the rector at 331-3225 or jhuyck@gracepvd.org.



CHORAL EVENSONG



For Lent

Lloyd – View me, Lord



Titcomb – Evening Service in A



Haydn – Insanae et vanae curae

Sung by the choir of Grace Church in Providence

Rodney Ayers, Guest Organist

Sunday, March 18 at 5 PM

Also, Please mark your calendars for a visiting choir concert - Join us on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 PM for a concert by the [Choirs of Susquehanna University from Pennsylvania](#). The choirs are on a New England tour and will be singing a wonderful array of music, both sacred and secular. The concert is free and open to the public!

Join the Sandwich Brigade



Each year during lent, volunteers with the Outreach Ministry at Grace Church descend upon the kitchen at Crossroads Rhode Island for a number of Saturday mornings to make sandwiches for members of our downtown community. This rewarding and enjoyable ministry offers a great opportunity to get active in outreach at Grace Church and get to know your fellow parishioners in the process.

The last two Saturdays for this year's brigade will take place at Crossroads at 10:00am on March 17 and 24. Please look for a sign-up sheet in the back of the church, and thank you for signing up in advance. With question, please contact Nick Halar at outreach@gracepvd.org.

Welcome Assistant Sexton Pedro Quinilla

Please join us in welcoming to Grace Church this Sunday our new Assistant Sexton Pedro Quinilla. On Sunday mornings, Pedro will focus his efforts primarily upon the church, while lead sexton Wade Hamilton will continue to prepare for and support coffee hour among other things.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

Thursday Concerts at Noon: Performing this Thursday, Mar. 8 will be Cheryl Bishkoff, Oboe and Vince Edwards, Piano.

Lenten Bible Study with the Rector:
Sundays in Lent at 9:00am in The Pavilion

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.

Prayer Group: The prayer group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am, presently in The 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.

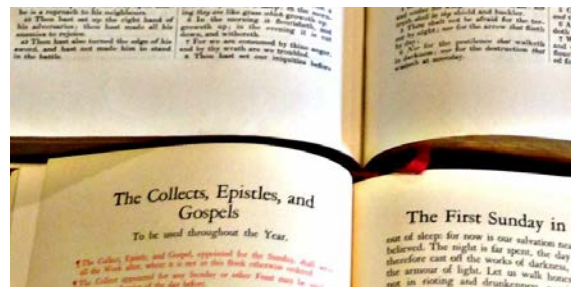
Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 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.



March 4, 2018 Third Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: [The Presiding Bishop's Lent 3 Devotional](#). [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

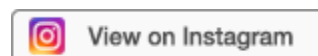
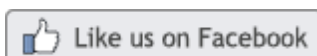
Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

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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.