



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

April 20, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: The New Paschal Candlestick at Grace

You may have noticed at the Easter Vigil, or on Easter Day that Grace Church has a beautiful new Paschal Candlestick (and candle!) The Candlestick was given in loving memory of Lester and Virginia (Les and Ginny) Fales, longtime parishioners of Grace Church.

Les was on the vestry and served as treasurer, and Ginny participated in various women's groups at Grace. Les and Ginny's son Steve is a retired Episcopal priest, having served parishes in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Indiana. Steve, his wife Marian and their daughters Becca Silvestri and Bethany Jackson are so pleased to make this memorial gift in memory of their beloved parents and grandparents.

The beautiful solid brass candlestick was chosen by Altar Guild co-directors Lois Lewis and Phylis Noke, along with former director Sandra Read. The Paschal Candlestick will stay in its place near the pulpit for the Great Fifty Days of Easter (through Pentecost Sunday) and then will reside in the Chapel of the Messiah, where a plaque will detail its dedication.



Getting a Handel on Britten



The Grace Church Choir and Soloists present: Getting a Handel on Britten, Sunday, May 6 at 5:00pm, at Grace Church in Providence. Selections include Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb, and Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Piano. And from Handel, selections from Messiah, Samson, Solomon, Israel in Egypt, and the Birthday Ode for Queen Ann.

A Bishop in the Family

The son of our beloved parishioner Mary Thorpe, of blessed memory, is in Providence this week visiting his family - including his sisters Elfreda, Barbara, and Willameta, all active members of Grace. As he was planning to be in worship with us this Sunday, and he happens to be a bishop (an archbishop, actually), I've invited him to officiate at the 10 a.m. service. The Most Reverend Jonathan B. B. Hart is Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Liberia and Archbishop of The Internal Province of West Africa. The archbishop graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology from Cuttington University College in Liberia and received his Master of Divinity degree from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. To our knowledge, this is a first time any archbishop has officiated at a worship service at Grace Church! - Jonathan+



This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music
Wednesday 12:00 Noon Eucharist

Thursday Concerts at Noon: April 26 will feature Vince Edwards, Organ.

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.



Enroll for Summer Programs at ECC

A great variety of summer camp programs for children and youths from age 4 through 12th grade are now enrolling at the Episcopal Conference Center in Pascoag, RI. Brochures are available in the narthex of the church, or [visit the ECC website for details](#) or to enroll. If you're interested in learning more, the ECC has two upcoming [Open House events scheduled](#).



Education for Ministry

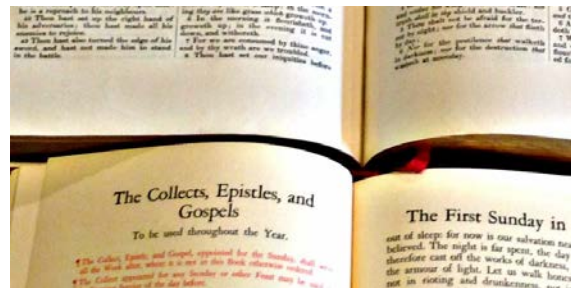
[Education for Ministry](#) (EfM) is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. Its purpose is not to train people for a certain type of ministry, but to help people learn to live into the idea that life is ministry. Local-area EfM courses are ongoing, and those interested are encouraged to contact Sue Hurn at shurn@cox.net. [Learn more about the program online.](#)



April 22, 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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 Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist.](#) [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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