

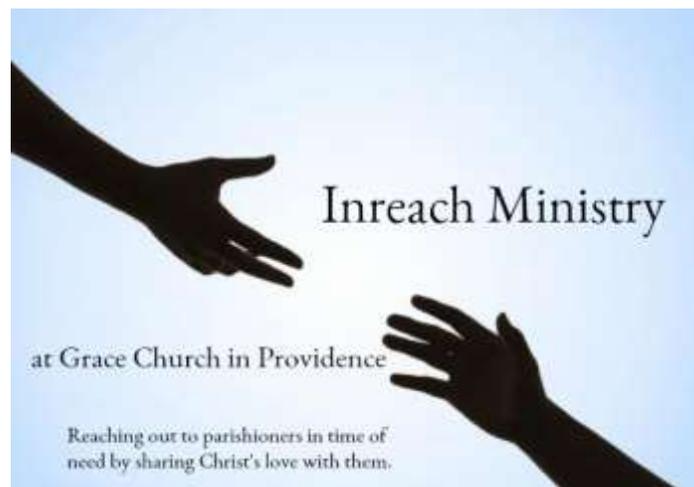


Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

June 8, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: The Grace Church Inreach Ministry

We can say a lot of things about Grace Church, but we certainly *wouldn't* say that Grace is a village church. Most of our parishioners live outside the city of Providence, and almost all of us pass at least one other Episcopal church on a Sunday morning to be here. That means we don't often bump into our fellow parishioners in the grocery store, and it can be hard - in a church the size of Grace - to notice when someone hasn't been in church for several weeks.



All that is to say it takes a greater degree of intentionality to make sure people at Grace feel cared for, remembered, and loved by their church community. To that end, I've gathered together a group of parishioners to serve as our new Inreach Ministry. Of course, all of us care for and support fellow parishioners in myriad informal ways week in and week out. This particular group of parishioners will simply be doing so in a more structured way in order to do what we can to make sure no one "falls through the cracks", as can happen in a church as big as ours. The mission of the Grace Church Inreach Ministry will be to, "reach out to parishioners in time of need by sharing Christ's love with them, and following in his words: "by this everyone will know that you are my disciples - if you have love for one another."

This Sunday, June 10th, I will be commissioning this new ministry at the 10 a.m. service. You can be in touch with the ministry, coordinated by parishioner Sue Hall, by emailing inreach@gracepvd.org or by calling the church office. The ministry can arrange for someone to call or visit with you and, if you like, for communion to be brought to you. Of course, as always, if you want your rector to visit you, just give me a call at the church at 331-3225.

That's why I'm here!

God's Peace,
Jonathan+

Know Thy Vestry: Junior Warden Todd Hart

Our ongoing series *Know Thy Vestry* seeks to help parishioners and newcomers to better know the lay leaders who serve on the Grace Church Vestry. We present these profiles in no particular order, beginning this week with our Junior Warden Todd Hart.



What brought you to Grace and how long have you been here?

Zoe & I joined Grace in late 2014 when we arrived in Providence. We appreciated the openness, diversity and energy of the congregation and clergy. With the growth of the choir and music, we feel truly blessed.

What ministries have you been involved in here at Grace?

I have mostly been involved with the Finance & Investment Committee and the Vestry at Grace.

Tell us something about yourself that your fellow parishioners might not know.

Prior to moving to Providence in late 2014, Zoe, our kids & I lived in Dallas, TX, and were active in St. Michael and All Angels Church there. The opportunity to run Narragansett Bay Insurance brought me here & fortunately we sold that company in late 2017. Unfortunately, this means we are returning to Dallas in late Summer 2018 & we will miss our Grace friends.

The 150th Anniversary of Sissieretta Jones: America's First Black Diva

We enjoyed a wonderful performance in The Pavilion at Grace Thursday night of "The Sun is Shining: Sissieretta Jones", a one-woman play. Thank you to all who attended.

Sissieretta Jones grew up in Providence, toured the world as a first rate soprano, and broke racial barriers.

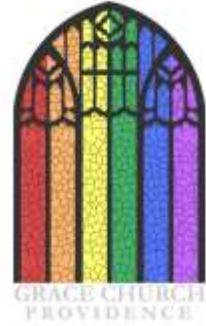
At the conclusion of the three-day celebration marking 150 years since her birth, a headstone will be dedicated at her gravesite in Grace Cemetery (at the confluence of Broad St and



Elmwood Ave) this Saturday, June 9 at 5:00pm.

Grace at the Rhode Island Pride Festival

The Outreach Ministry at Grace Church will again this year have a tent at the Rhode Island Pride Festival, from 10:30am through 5:00pm on Saturday, June 16, . Last year was our inaugural year with a presence there, which participants hailed as having been both fun and very successful at communicating what a warm and welcoming community we are. In conjunction with that effort, parishioners Rob & Ron Simoes Walsh produced this wonderful video called "Come and See", which if you haven't seen we [encourage you to view and share](#).



A sign-up sheet for volunteers to help staff the tent has been circulated in recent weeks, but if you missed the sign-up and would like to inquire about supporting or participating in this effort, please contact Outreach Ministry chair Nick Halar at outreach@gracepvd.org.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

Saturday, June 9, 10:00am: A Service of Ordination. We are hosting the Diocese for a diaconal ordination for Rob Izzo. Reception to follow in The Pavilion at Grace.



PVDFest: Downtown Providence will be aglow with added energy this weekend as we celebrate the fourth annual PVDFest event this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Please don't let this deter you from attending Sunday services, for although there will be some street closures downtown, the area behind the church accessed via Empire St and/or Weybosset will be passable to access parking. Another great reason to come: enjoy a performance by Collegium Ancora in the Food Village in Kennedy Plaza at 2:45pm on Sunday.

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 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.

Collegium Ancora to Perform in PVDFest

Our own professional ensemble choir in residence [Collegium Ancora](#) will offer two performances Sunday, June 10 during PVDFest. The first performance will be in the Food Vaillate at Kennedy Plaza at 2:45pm, presenting From Bach to Bacchus: A Celebration of Song. The second performance will be accompanying the band [Ranky Tanky, at 25 Dorrance Street, at 5:00pm](#). If you're attending PVDFest, please be sure to enjoy one or both of these performances.

Come and Sing with the Summer Choir

Trinity Sunday marks the last Sunday of the full Grace Choir until September. During the summer months, we are grateful to those who volunteer in our Summer Choir. While many of these folks are regular members of the Grace Church Choir, others are visitors for the summer, guests or relatives of parishioners, etc. Please consider joining us for one Sunday or many! We meet at 9 AM in Cronhimer Hall (lower level under the Chancel) and sing an anthem or two for the 10 AM service. If you are interested or have questions about Summer Choir, please contact Vince Edwards, Director of Music: vedwards@gracepvd.org or 331-3226, ext. 4.

June 10, 2018 Third Sunday after Pentecost

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 Episcopal Asset Map Relaunch](#). [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.