

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

July 28, 2016

Spotlight on Grace: 150 Voices Raised in Praise



Please don't miss a special
RSCM Evensong
here at Grace Church:
Friday, August 5, at 5:00pm!

The Royal School of Church Music Summer Course will take place in Newport from August 1 to 7. Over 150 choristers will gather to study, rehearse, play and perform. Vince Edwards, our Director of Music, will be on the faculty overseeing the services of Morning Prayer and Compline.

On Friday, August 5, the course's "Providence Day" culminates with Evensong here at Grace Church at 5 PM. This promises to be a magnificent service with a choir of 150! Please plan to join us, invite a friend... and by all means please wear cool and comfortable clothing! Because our new gathering space is presently under construction next to the church, we are unable to offer parking for this event. Thank you for planning accordingly, and for your understanding.

[RSCM America](#) is the branch of the Royal School of Church Music in the United States. Their goal is to uplift the spiritual life of our communities through high quality choral music. They provide musical education to singers through a structured choral music program and summer music courses. They provide support to music directors through an organizational forum which facilitates the exchange of knowledge and ideas. Through their efforts to raise the quality of choral music performance, they have touched the lives of multitudes of singers and listeners.

This Week at Grace

Worship Services:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music

Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

Parking for Worship: During construction on the site of the Grace Church parking lot, parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow Streets. For the Wednesday Noon Eucharist, we are unable to provide parking at this time.

Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:

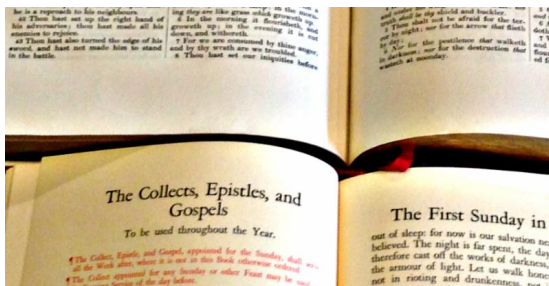
A temporary ramp is scheduled to be in place prior to Sunday worship on July 31, providing wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. A parking spot for people with disabilities has been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.



Sunday School Summer Session:

July 17, 24, and 31: focusing on stories from the Hebrew scriptures. We will spend some time on Moses, Joshua, Esther and Deborah. Please come as you can!

July 31, 2016 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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](#):

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-11 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

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.

Outreach Ministry - Back to School Supply Drive

YOU can help send a vulnerable child to school ready to learn!

Please Support the Grace Church Outreach Ministry's Back to School Supply Drive for [Children's Friend](#).

The following items are needed:

construction paper, children's books (ages 3-5), writing paper, glue sticks/craft glue, crayons, popsicle sticks, pencils, small backpacks, washable markers, glitter, tempera paints, watercolor paint sets, paint brushes, preschool size scissors, etc.

Donations will be collected each Sunday through September 11th, and can be left in the collection box at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!



Your Health and Wellness Minute



"We are the voices and the hands that encourage people to change their lives with hope, comfort and peace."

- Grace Episcopal Church Health and Wellness Ministry Mission Statement

There are new postings on the Health and Wellness bulletin board in the narthex! Take a peak and improve your health!

For more information on our program please contact: Pam Quinn RN CPHQ at pquinn371@gmail.com.

Music at Grace

An exciting new program for Fall 2016: The Grace Church Choristers

- A choir for boys and girls, grades 2 through 12
- Learn healthy vocal technique, music-reading skills, and history of music & the church!
- Sing the world's greatest sacred music, spanning 500 years!
- Perform alongside the Choir of Grace Church in our splendid landmark building!
- Attend a 5-day Choir Camp at Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT
- Free piano lessons offered to the first 10 choristers who join the program!



[Please click here for the full Choristers program brochure.](#) Musical interviews may be held at any time, but choristers must be registered for the program by August 1 to be able to attend the August 15-19 Choir Camp.

For more information, or to schedule a Musical Interview, please contact Vince Edwards, Director of Music at Grace Church: vedwards@gracepvd.org or 401-331-3225, ext 4

YES! A Workshop Series by the Episcopal Diocese of RI



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The Commission on Ministry will again offer the Yes! curriculum beginning on September 21 through November 9, 2016. The 7 session course will be facilitated by our Archdeacon, The Venerable Janice Grinnell, and will be held at St. Columba's Chapel in Middletown, RI. This

program is in direct response to lay people who are seeking ways to discern and understand their God given purpose. Cost for the entire series is \$100. [Please click here](#) for a listing of all 7 session times.

[Please click here to Register Online](#)

For more information, contact Canon Betsy Fornal, 401-274-4500, ext. 225, [or by e-mail](#).

Your Priest-in-Charge: The Reverend Lavonne Seifert

During the period of Jonathan's sabbatical, through the end of August, please direct all pastoral questions, inquiries, and/or conversations to Mother Lavonne Seifert.

Lavonne will serve as Priest-in-Charge of Grace Church, and is already well known to this congregation as both a longtime parishioner and as our current Associate Rector. To speak with Lavonne, or to make an appointment to visit with her, you may reach her by telephone at 401-331-3225 (ext. 6), or via email: lseifert@gracepvd.org.



Parish Administrator Away This Week

Our parish administrator, Chris Barker, is away this week, July 25 through 29, vacationing in New Hampshire and Maine with his family. The church office will be closed Monday and Friday, and have limited reception hours (11am-2pm) for the other days, thanks to the kind volunteer help of several Grace Church parishioners. For prayer list requests or flower dedications, please [e-mail your requests here](#), and although you may receive an 'out-of-office' reply, your message will get through to the appropriate contact. For all pastoral matters, please contact Priest-in-Charge Lavonne Seifert (see contact information above).




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