



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

August 17, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: Letters Home from Choir Camp

The Grace Church Choristers have enjoyed an incredible week at [Incarnation Center](#) in Ivoryton, CT. Sixteen choristers, two chaperones, one voice coach, one choir director, and one priest have spent the week rehearsing, playing, eating, swimming, sliding, climbing, and lots more!

Each day is framed with a sung service of Morning and Evening Prayer, and we shared a celebration of the Holy Eucharist with the choir of St. Paul's from Fairfield, CT. The choristers have endured torrential downpours, power outages, sunshine, warm weather, and fog. Through it all they have proved to be flexible, good-natured young people willing to "go with the flow".



A few thoughts about the week in the words of some of our choristers:

I loved the water slide and lake - Fiona H., Age 8

It was fun playing Monopoly Empire and using the Water Slide - Ben H., Age 8

I liked singing for the Eucharist with the Fairfield choir - Annabel W., Age 12

Swimming in the lake with the fishies - Quinn D., Age 7

I was happy to be picked for a solo and playing Scattegories - Briella W., Age 10

Game night was fun and going to the lake was fun! - Emily E., Age 12

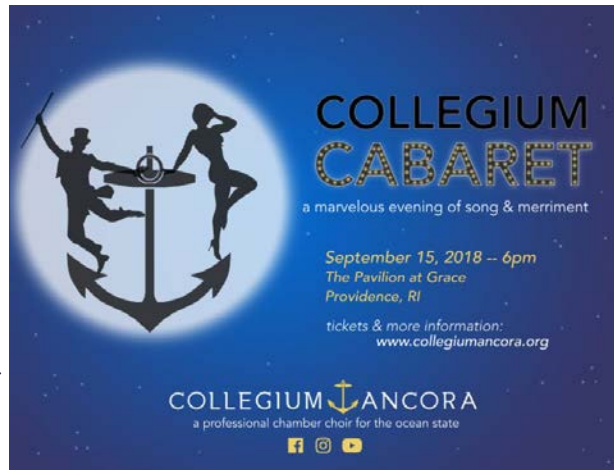
Singing the Preces and Responses and the Water Slide - Julius C., Age 11

PLEASE join us on Sunday, September 23 at 4 PM for a service of Choral Evensong sung by our Choristers. During the service, the choristers will receive their ribbons and medals for the coming year. Please support these talented and devoted young musicians!

Come to the Cabaret for Collegium Ancora

[Collegium Ancora](#) invites you to their first-ever Cabaret evening held in the Pavilion at Grace, Saturday, September 15 at 6 PM. [Click here](#) for information and tickets, and please tell your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors by [sharing this Facebook event post](#).

The Collegium singers will step out of their usual ensemble to present interpretations of show tunes, torch songs, and contemporary cabaret: prepare to laugh, cry, and be dazzled.



Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and music that is familiar, unexpected, and sure to delight. Proceeds from the evening will support our expanding programming across the region. This evening will officially launch our third season, so come be the first to hear about an exciting slate of concerts and venues for the year ahead.

Tickets are available individually, in pairs, or in tables of eight. We anticipate this event will sell out, so be sure to [get your tickets early!](#)

Know Thy Vestry: Marc Schrank

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. This week we highlight Senior Warden Marc Schrank.

What brought you to Grace and how long have you been here?
We became aware of Grace when Sen. John Chafee's funeral was broadcast on TV in 1999, and were impressed by the liturgy and music. When we were looking for a new church home a few years later, we remembered Grace, started attending Sunday worship, and were drawn into the Grace Church family.



What ministries have you been involved in here at Grace?
I am finishing up my second term on the vestry. My wife, Val, and I sing in the Grace Church choir. Liz Messier and I co-chair the Finance & Investment Committee. Polly Daly and I co-chaired our Restore, Renew, Reach & Rejoice capital campaign a few years ago, and I served on the Feasibility Study committee that preceded it. And we have participated in the Sandwich Brigade in the past.

Tell us something about yourself that your fellow parishioners might not know.
I was raised in the Lutheran church, and Val was raised in the Methodist church, so we are not life-long Episcopalians. But we feel entirely comfortable here, and glad to add to the diversity that is the Grace Church family.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

Summer Worship in The Pavilion at Grace:

Please note that during the warm summer months we will be enjoying worship in our beautiful new (and air-conditioned) Pavilion. Please enter through the pavilion's entrance gate at Westminster Street, or through the reception entrance off our Chapel St parking lot.



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.

Mental Health Presentation August 26

On Sunday, August 26, representative from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will be joining us in the Chafee Room following the 10:00 Service. The presentation is titled *Ending the Silence*, and focuses on warning signs of suicide and what someone can do if they or a friend is suicidal. Please join us in the Chafee Room for this informative gathering.

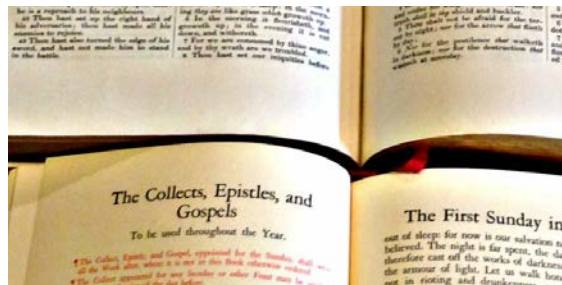


The National Alliance on Mental Illness is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. What started as a small group of families gathered around a kitchen table in 1979 has blossomed into the nation's leading voice on mental health. Today, they are an association of hundreds of local affiliates, state organizations and volunteers who work in our community to raise awareness and provide support and education that was not previously available to those in need.

With questions, contact Health & Wellness Ministry chair Pam Stephanopoulos at health@gracepvd.org.

August 19, 2018 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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](#):

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered life Part 1](#). [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.
