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Spotlight on Grace: A Letter from Bishop Knisely

People in Texas and Louisiana need our help. We are all watching the search and rescue efforts underway in eastern Texas and in particular in the Houston area - but that is only part of the story. The early reports out of storm-ravaged areas are unable to convey the widespread damage and long-term needs of the people displaced because of it.



Nobody knows a community as well as the people who live in it. I invite you to join with me to use our church networks to get money directly to the people who are on the front lines of the local response. The dioceses of Texas, West Texas (which contains Corpus Christi, Rockport and other coastal communities) and the Diocese of Western Louisiana (Port Charles and more) will be coordinating efforts on the ground. I know the people who will be doing this work, and that they will be tireless in their response.

Let's join together to help the army of local people providing hands-on relief. You can make a donation in one of two ways:

- Donate by credit card online, directly to our churchwide relief agency, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) here: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-harvey-response>
- If you prefer to write a check, you can make it payable to "Episcopal Charities Fund of RI," write "Hurricane Harvey Relief" in the memo line, and either mail it to Episcopal Charities, 275 N. Main St., Providence, RI 02903 or give it to your priest to forward to us. We will then send one large donation to ERD.

Money will help the most. If you want to do more, you can [sign up on the Ready to Serve database here](#) to register as a possible volunteer in the future. ERD reminds us not to send

food, clothing or other items because affected areas have limited or no capacity to receive, store or distribute goods. Making a monetary donation is more efficient, and better for the local economy.

Prayer matters too. I believe prayer changes things, and I ask us all to keep the people who have been impacted by this terrible storm in our prayers. This prayer from our Book of Common Prayer seems particularly appropriate to use this weekend:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, page 124)

If you wish to share more information about the Church's continued response to Harvey, here are some additional resources: [this Sunday's bulletin insert](#), follow Episcopal Relief & Development [on Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), and check [the Episcopal Church website](#) and [the Episcopal New Service website](#) for updates.

Thank you for your compassion and generosity,

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The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely
Bishop, The Diocese of Rhode Island

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

Prayer Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am, Chafee Room.

Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. During the summer, Open Doors will be Monday through Thursday.

Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking: Please find wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. Handicapped parking spaces have been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.



Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. Additional free parking is also available 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. A small number of spaces are available on the portion of the Grace Church lot facing Snow Street, along an inset section of the construction fence. For all other times, please [check with the parish administrator](#) for availability.



Back to School Supply Drive for Children's Friend

YOU can help send a vulnerable child to school ready to learn! Please support the Outreach Ministry's 2017 Back to School Supply Drive for Children's Friend. Needed items include: construction paper, children's books, 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 10th, and can be left in the collection box at the back of the church.



Training Choir for Grace Church Choristers

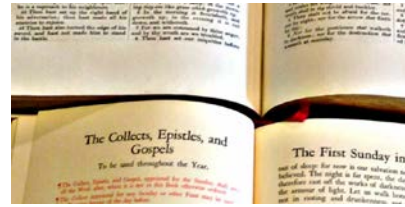
Does your child love to sing? Would you like to begin or enhance their musical education? The Training Choir for the Grace Church Choristers offers vocal training, music theory and church education for youngsters entering 1st, 2nd or 3rd Grade this fall (1st graders must have some reading skills). Training Choir lays the groundwork for membership in the Grace Church Choristers, a choir for boys and girls based at Grace Church. Rehearsals will likely be on Thursdays from 4 to 4:45 PM, and include a snack. The first session will be September 14. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Vince Edwards, Director of Music: vedwards@gracepvd.org or 203-984-8943.



September 3, 2017

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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](#):

[Jeremiah 15:15-21 ~ Psalm 26:1-8 ~ Romans 12:9-21 ~ Matthew 16:21-28](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Responding to Hurricane Harvey](#). [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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