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Spotlight on Grace: The Way of Love

Can you imagine a world where love is the way? Presiding Bishop Michael Curry can. And at the 2018 General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas, he challenged every Episcopalian to do so by embracing the "[Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-centered life](#)" as a way to help the church enter into a new era of spiritual growth.

That stirring call, in the Opening Eucharist sermon, set the tone for a convention centered on compromise instead of conflict.

General Convention - the governing body of the Episcopal Church - meets every three years. And this year, Grace Church parishioner Dave Seifert attended as a lay deputy from Rhode Island.



Photo by Dave Seifert

The convention acted on a record number of resolutions. These included approving a way for all Episcopalians to be married by their priests in their home churches, and adoption of a plan for liturgical and prayer book revision to create new liturgical texts while continuing to use the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.

The convention's most emotional moment was welcoming the Diocese of Cuba back into the Episcopal Church after an absence of 52 years. Worship highlights included a rousing "Episcopal Revival" attended by more than 2,500. More than 1,000 deputies and bishops traveled 45 minutes to hold a prayer vigil at an immigrant detention facility, and scores of bishops led an anti-gun violence demonstration in a downtown Austin park. Please [click here for an overview](#) of the resolutions passed by the



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General Convention. But for more insight into the experience of the event, please join Dave Seifert for a discussion here at Grace at 9:00am on Sunday, September 16.

Come to the Cabaret for Collegium Ancora

[Collegium Ancora](#) invites you to our first-ever Cabaret evening held in the Pavilion at Grace, Saturday, September 15 at 6 PM. Hear your favorite show tunes, torch songs, and cabaret numbers sung by the talented members of Collegium, while enjoying wine and light hors d'oeuvres. Tickets available soon. Please stay tuned for more info!



Worship Where You Are

This week's edition of our occasional summer series *Worship Where You Are* comes to us from our rector himself.

While vacationing in the Catskills in Southeastern New York, the Huyck family worships at Church of All Angels, [Twilight Park](#), Haines Falls, NY. And this summer, Jonathan officiated for two Sundays.

As stated on [the All Angels website](#):

Jonathan is an alumnus of Twilight Park Day Camp and a life-long (well, since age 3, anyway) Twilighter, having grown up with brother Peter, sister Laura, and parents Phil and Mary in the yellow cottage at the top of Thank You Ma'am Road. "I have many happy memories of both the Park and All Angels, and I am thrilled and humbled to lead worship at the church of my youth."



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

We are excited to inform you that a representative from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will be joining us in the Chafee Room on August 26th, 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,

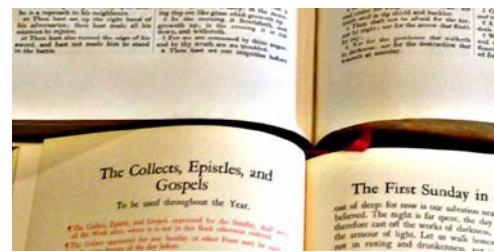
state organizations and volunteers who work in our community to raise awareness and provide support and education that was not previously available to those in need.

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

August 12, 2018 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Feast of St. Mary the Virgin](#). 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.

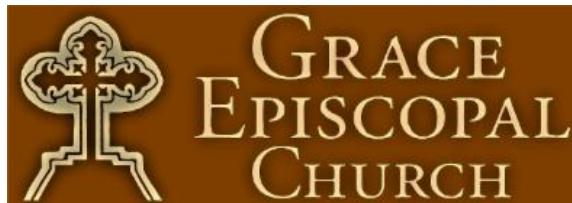
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