



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

September 13, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: The Connick Windows at Grace

Beauty can preach as very few men with bundles of words can preach. I want to make beautiful interiors for both churches and souls. I want people to hear my windows singing. - Charles J. Connick

Charles J. Connick opened his stained glass studio in Boston in April, 1913. From this time until it closed in 1986, the Connick Studio designed impressive windows for churches, cathedrals, chapels, schools, hospitals, and libraries throughout the United States and abroad.

Using pure, intense color and strong linear design, this guild of artists led the modern revitalization of medieval stained glass craftsmanship in the United States. Their work reflected a strong interest in symbolism in design and color, and stressed the importance of the relationship between the window's design and its surrounding architecture. [Source: [The Charles J. Connick Stained Glass Foundation](#)]

We are blessed to have 2 windows here at Grace that feature Connick's work. Both were modifications of existing windows, with the second of the two showing more of the hand of this master glassmaker and his studio.

In 1928, Connick's studio modified a window first dedicated in 1921, and which had been made in England. Standing at the connector between the church and the pavilion, it's the next window to your right, dedicated to Heldegard von Brockdorff.

Then in 1939, Connick was commissioned by the Anthony family to replace two panels, and adorn a third, of the multi-paneled window that faces the vestry (i.e. in the wall of the



sacristy). In [this document](#) from a Connick archive housed at the MIT Library, mention is made of the "white acid" technique that yielded these charming small scenes interspersed with vine motifs surrounding the central figure (St. Martha of Bethany) in the window panel pictured above. The next time you find yourself in the vestry, take a moment to admire these windows which, despite their small size, are as just the artist promised in that document: a "stunning little masterpiece".

The Cabaret for Collegium Ancora this Saturday

[Collegium Ancora](#), the vocal ensemble in residence at Grace, invites you to their first-ever Cabaret evening held in the Pavilion at Grace, Saturday, September 15 at 6 PM. [Click here](#) for information. The event is sold out, but we will accommodate walk-ins as we're able with bench seating only, with a walk-in price of \$20 (cash-preferred).



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.

Inquirers' Class

Want to know the basics of what it means to be a Christian in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition? If so, join us for an inquirers' class Sunday mornings at 9am in the Chafee Room, September 23 through October 28. All adults interested in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, reception, or renewal of baptismal vows are encouraged to attend, and absolutely all in the parish are welcome, whether you're a cradle Episcopalian or you're brand new to the Episcopal Church or the Christian faith itself. The rector will lead the discussions. Feel free to call or email him with questions at 331-3225 or jhuyck@gracepvd.org.



Insights Into General Convention

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.



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.

This Sunday, September 16, at 9:00am in the Chafee Room, please attend a discussion led by Dave Seifert highlighting the important developments from General Convention, and hear his first-hand account of the experience.

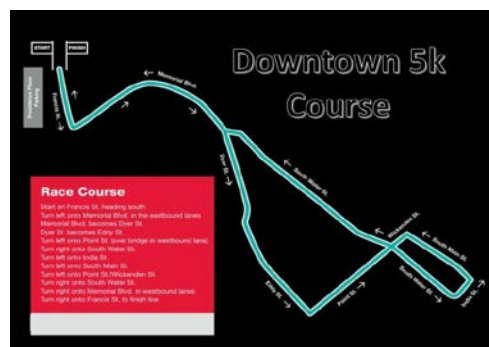
Weeding After Church

With our increased garden space around the church, we also have increased space in which weeds can grow - and grow they have! If you feel moved to help your church for an hour or so on Sunday following coffee hour, please come in appropriate clothing to church and join us at 11:30 in the Pavilion for weeding instructions. Thank you!



Downtown 5K Race Event Sunday

We very much hope that the downtown road race event this Sunday will not deter you from worship, but please be informed the a 5K event will be held downtown this Sunday, with the race start scheduled for 10:00am. In this case, the race route does not travel Westminster St, and if couased instead more on the East side. Click on this map for a closer view. Please [click here for race information](#), [click here for RIPTA impacts](#), and thank you for planning your approach route accordingly.



This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

Thursdays at Noon concerts Next Thursday September 20 will feature an organ concert by Vince Edwards.

Sunday School will reconvene this Sunday, September 16.

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.

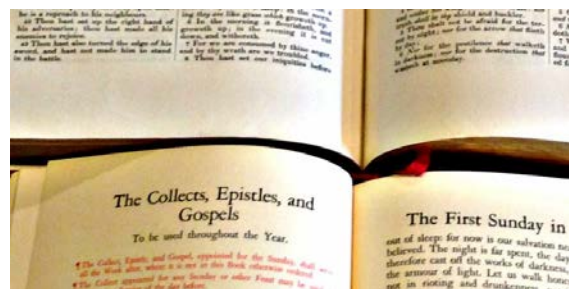
Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 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.

September 16, 2018 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ 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](#)



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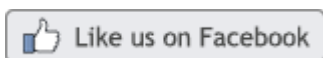
This week from the Episcopal Church: [Holy Cross Day](#). [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

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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