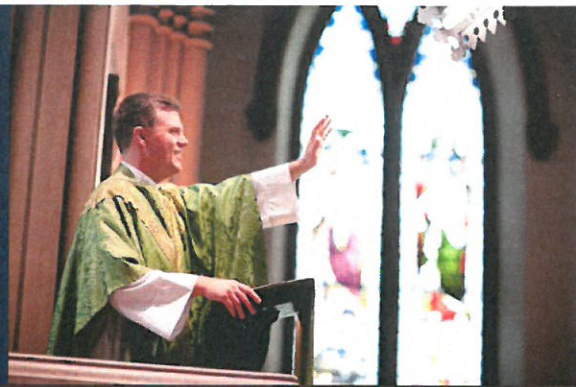




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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

September 15, 2016

Spotlight on Grace: Cue the Music

Today begins the Fall session of our popular **Thursdays at Noon** concert series here at Grace, featuring free half-hour concerts every week now through November 17. Please join us today for "We're Back... with Bach". If you missed today's performance, please make a point to join us next week, and thank you for encouraging friends, family and/or co-workers to join you. The following pair of Thursdays, September 22 and 29, will feature organ performances by Christopher Cready and Gigi Mitchell Velasco, respectively.

With such a great crescendo now unfolding of new and exciting musical offerings, this week's *Spotlight* provides a synopsis of what's in store for you for the [Fall 2016 through Spring 2017](#)

[seasons](#) of *Music at Grace*.

September 24 7:00pm

Grace Church in Providence

candlesong

Reflective music
for the city
and the soul...

20 minutes of chant by candlelight
7:00pm (doors open 6:30pm)
at Westminster and Mathewson Streets
Pair Candlesong with Waterfire for an
unforgettable Providence evening



Welcome!



Enjoy
FREE
Half-Hour
Concerts

Donations
Gladly Accepted

Thursdays at Noon

Weekly Organ, Vocal or
Instrumental Performances
brought to you by
Music at Grace

We have scheduled our next offering of ***Candlesong: Reflective music for the city and the soul*** for Saturday, September 24, at 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. Please note that a full lighting of Waterfire is scheduled for that evening, which makes the perfect complement to Candlesong for a memorable downtown Providence experience.

We have two upcoming **Services of Choral Evensong** to get excited about. The first is coming up fast on Sunday, October 2 at 5:00pm, and will feature wonderful music of Tudor England. Then on All Saints' Sunday, November 6, please join us at Grace Church for a Choral Evensong with combined choirs from Grace and from St. Luke's in East Greenwich, featuring *Cathedral Greats - Music of Wood, Howells and Parry*.

Grace continues to expand its musical offerings for children and young people! The **Grace Church Choristers** -- a vocal program for boys and girls in grades 3-12 -- sang alongside the adult choir last Sunday, September 11, and will sing for Sunday Eucharist approximately twice per month.

Beginning Thursday, September 22 at 4:00pm, a **Music Class / Training Choir** for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade will be offered at the church. There is no fee for this program, and membership at Grace Church (or any church for that matter!) is not required. The 45 minute classes will be led by Grace's Director of Music Vince Edwards. The children will learn the basics of vocal production, sight-reading skills, and music history; and will use games and movement to ensure a fun experience! This music class / training choir will serve as a training program for the Grace Church Choristers, but participation does not obligate anyone to continue in the Chorister Program. For more information, or to register your child, please [email Vince Edwards](mailto:vince@gracepvd.org) or call 401-331-3225, ext 4.

In case you haven't heard the exciting news: we are forming a new professional chamber choir -- made up of talented singers from all over Rhode Island -- which will be our ensemble-in-residence here at Grace Church. The group will be called **Collegium Ancora**, and will perform a diverse repertoire with an emphasis on sacred a cappella music. Please don't miss the group's premier performance Sunday, November 20 at 5:00pm: *Blessing Living and Loving*, featuring music of Handel, Byrd, Britten, Copland and more!

Please give a warm Grace Church welcome to Laura Gullett, our new **Organ Scholar**. Laura is a recent graduate of Harvard University, and is currently an analyst at healthcare consulting firm Health Advances. Laura attended St. Paul's School in Concord, NH, where she served as the Organ Scholar in Chapel. While at Harvard, Laura studied organ with Christian Lane, who was interim Director of Music at Grace. Laura will be with us approximately twice per month to accompany the choir, allowing our Music Director to be in front of the choir. This will be particularly important when our Choristers sing.



Finally, please note that music program donation envelopes have been placed on the table at the back of the church right next to the new program schedules. We are hopeful that you will consider making a contribution in support of the music program at Grace, in addition to your regular stewardship pledge which is so important to the church. We recently mailed out [the full music program schedule](#) through Spring 2017. If you did not receive your copy, and would like to be included for future mailings, please contact Chris at 401-331-3225, or e-mail cbarker@gracepvd.org.

This Week at Grace

Worship Services:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music

Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

Thursday Noon Concerts: Our popular free concert series is back for the Fall session (through November 17). Please make a point to attend, and encourage friends, family and/or co-workers to join you. Next week, September 22, features Christopher Cready on the organ.

Parking for Worship: Parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. 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.

Please note potential traffic implications:

Sunday, Sept. 18: [CVS Health Downtown 5k](#).

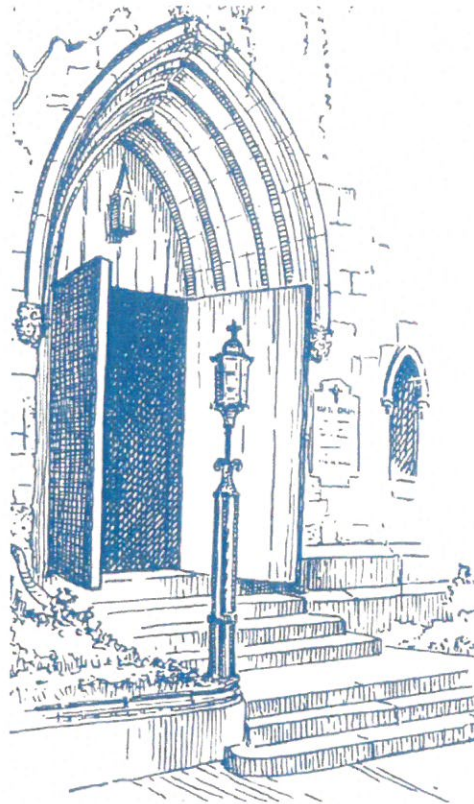
Events start at 8 AM. RIPTA route detours will be in effect 8 AM - 1:30 PM, [affected routes and details here](#). Memorial Boulevard, Francis, Dyer and Eddy Streets will be closed during this time.

Candlesong: *Reflective music for the city and the soul.* Saturday, September 24, 7:00pm. Doors open 6:30pm. Twenty minutes of chant and candlelight.

Outreach Ministry Meeting: Sunday, September 25, in the Chafee Room following the 10:00am service. We encourage all who may be interested in participating in this rewarding ministry to attend.

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.



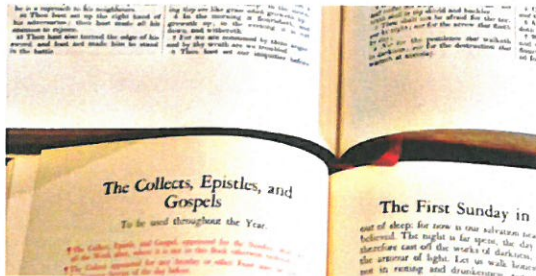
Thank You for Your Support!

On behalf of the Outreach Ministry, staff and clergy here at Grace, we wish to thank you for the outpouring of support for our recent Back-to-School supply drive to benefit [Children's Friend](#). Together, we gathered 35 boxes of crayons, 38 boxes of markers, 10 children's backpacks, 35 notebooks, 34 boxes of pencils, 74



glue sticks, 24 pairs of scissors, plus an varied assortment of pens, construction paper, glitter, paints and brushes, composition books, rulers, and more. This bounty of much-needed supplies will be so very appreciated by the children who receive them. If you would like to be involved in outreach ministry here at Grace, we hope you'll attend an informational meeting in the Chafee Room on Sunday, September 25, following the 10:00am service.

September 18, 2016 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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](#):
Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

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.

Happening Weekend for High School Students

The Diocese of Rhode Island is about to have its 78th [Happening weekend](#) for the young people of RI! Happening is a diocesan youth-led retreat designed to give high school students an opportunity to explore their faith through small groups and by listening to their peers tell them about their own spiritual journeys. Happening provides a unique opportunity for friends and families of the participants to help them experience God's love in a truly life-changing way.



The Happening weekend will take place at the Episcopal Conference Center at 872 Reservoir Rd in Pascoag, RI. The Fall Weekend is Friday, October 14th - Sunday, October 16th. The cost of the weekend is \$160.00. Scholarship is available if needed.

[Online registration for Happening is available now](#) through the ECC registration website. If you would prefer a paper copy of the application or if you have any questions regarding the Happening weekend, email happeningri@gmail.com. We hope you will encourage the high school students you know to attend this special weekend.

Are You Called to Serve?



The 226th

Diocesan Convention

Of the Episcopal Diocese of RI

VACANCIES TO BE ELECTED AT CONVENTION

STANDING COMMITTEE*

4-year term: 1 clergy, 1 lay
2-year term: 1 lay

DIOCESAN COUNCIL*

3-year term: 2 clergy, 1 lay

COMMISSION ON FINANCE*

3-year term: 1 clergy

COMMISSION ON CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

3-year term: 1 clergy, 1 lay

SECRETARY OF CONVENTION*

1-year term: 1 clergy or 1 lay

DIOCESAN TREASURER*

1-year term: 1 clergy or 1 lay

DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION*

3-year term: Deputies - 4 clergy, 4 lay
3-year term: Alternates - 4 clergy, 4 lay

DELEGATE TO PROVINCIAL SYNOD*

3-year term: 1 clergy, 1 lay

DISCIPLINARY BOARD*

3-year term: 1 clergy, 2 lay

Do you discern a calling to serve the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island as a lay representative to one of the several councils or committees [described here](#)?

At left is a list of vacancies that will be filled by election during the 226th Diocesan Convention, which will take place Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5, 2016 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in East Greenwich, RI. [Please click here](#) for an enlarged view of the vacancies list, and [here for a description](#) of the relevant councils and committees.

Please note: all are welcome to attend Diocesan Convention, but only authorized clergy and delegates are permitted to vote.

If you are interested in seeking nomination for any of the listed vacancies, please contact a member of the Grace Church clergy as soon as possible. The deadline for filing [nomination forms](#) is September 20.

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](#).