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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

September 28, 2018

## Spotlight on Grace: Welcome Your New Vestry Member

At their recent meeting on September 26, the Vestry of Grace Church in Providence elected Emily Madapusi-Pera to serve the remainder of Todd Hart's vestry term for the Class of 2020. Many of you will know Emily already, as she is also the co-chair of the Welcome Ministry here at Grace, is active with the 20s/30s Group, and is an active, engaged and faithful member of this community. Please join us in congratulating Emily on her election to the vestry.

By way of further introduction, we asked Emily to answer the same three questions we asked of all of our vestry members as part of our summer series: *Know They Vestry*.



What brought you to Grace?

*I'm thrilled to be at Grace and excited to get to know all of the great people who make Grace special. By way of "how I got here", we can start at the very beginning: My Episcopal claim to fame is having been baptized by Frank Griswold. I'm a former vestry member and youth group leader in Chicago, IL. Later, I met Jonathan in Paris, when I was studying abroad. It seemed like destiny to come to Providence and find him here.*

Which ministries are you involved in?

*My husband Keerthi and I joined Grace last year, and have greatly been enjoying our involvement in the 20s/30s group and in the Welcome Ministry. Along with Ginny and James Badgett, I am also helping lead the relaunch of the Grace youth group. Beyond Grace, in the wider RI Episcopal community, I co-lead a book club at the Center for Reconciliation. Additionally, I am involved with the Episcopal chaplaincy at the University of Chicago, where I serve on their board.*

What is something about you that your fellow parishioners might not know:

*Two fun facts. One, Keerthi and I live a stone's throw from the old Cathedral on Main Street. Two, my first name is actually Susan, but I go by my middle name, Emily!*

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## Lighting the Flame that Warms

At the start of spring this year, one of Grace Church's boilers failed, and we learned subsequently that a new one would be needed. Since we cannot function in the New England winter without heat, the vestry approved spending \$40,000 on a new boiler this month - funds that will need to come from our endowment. Since Grace depends significantly on its endowment to support the annual operations of the parish, the vestry and I are appealing to Grace parishioners to help us defray the cost of the new boiler. If you are able to help the church in this very tangible way, please send a check made out to Grace Church with "boiler" in the memo line. Heating the church is both for the benefit of those who worship here on Sundays and Wednesdays and also for anyone who comes into our church during the week - some of whom do so simply to warm up for a bit. Anything helps - thank you!



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## Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 7

Grace Church will hold its annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 7, to honor St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck will bless the animals at the church at the 10:00am service. Grace Church welcomes everyone and their pets: dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, fish, turtles, and toy pets that are brought to the church for the service and the blessing. The only requirement is that all animals must be properly restrained, leashed or caged.

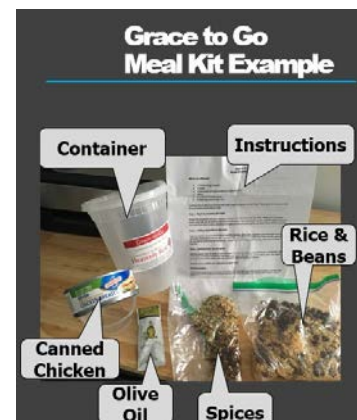


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## Update on *Grace to Go*

Our new meal kit ministry, *Grace to Go*, has just made a major milestone! This week we received approval from the RI Dept of Health that will allow us to package individual meal kits in The Pavilion at Grace to distribute to food pantries and elderly housing in Providence.

The path is clear to begin this work, so watch out for



forthcoming announcements and emails to those who have expressed an interest in this ministry about dates and how to help out. Volunteers of any age are welcome. To find out more, please email Andy Connolly at [gracetogo@gracepvd.org](mailto:gracetogo@gracepvd.org).

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## Halloween Village at the ECC

As anyone who attended last year's inaugural Halloween Village event at the ECC will attest, this is an incredibly fun and family friendly event!

Trick-or-Treat down the row of softly spooky cabins decked out by costumed volunteers from area Episcopal churches.

Mark your calendars, and [click here for directions](#), and be sure to join in the fun.

And in case some of our Grace Church parishioners may wish to select a theme and organize to decorate one of the cabins and welcome Trick-or-Treaters on behalf of Grace Church, please contact the ECC at 401-568-4055.

Please visit the website of the Episcopal Conference Center for information on upcoming events, including [winter camps for youths in 7th through 11th grade](#), and consider [supporting the ministry of the ECC](#) through the Diocesan website here.



## An Episcopal Revival in Worcester

Ever been to a revival? Now's your chance. Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry will preach at the next Episcopal Revival - in Worcester. He's the preacher at a 5 p.m. service on Sunday, October 21, at the Hanover Theater.

The Diocese of Western Massachusetts is hosting the revivals, which includes a similar event earlier in the day in Pittsfield. Free tickets are available online through the [revival website](#).



## 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** Now through December 20, excluding Thanksgiving Day; and February 7 through May 23.

**Inquirers' Class:** Join us for this Sunday's forum on the Episcopal/Anglican Church at 9:00am in the Chafee Room. The topic for September 30:

*The Bible in the Anglican/Episcopal Church.*



**Gloria Gemma Run Walk:** The Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation will hold [a fundraiser 'run walk' event](#) in downtown Providence this Sunday, September 30. Please plan your travel times and approach routes to the church accordingly. [Bus route impacts are detailed here.](#)

**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.

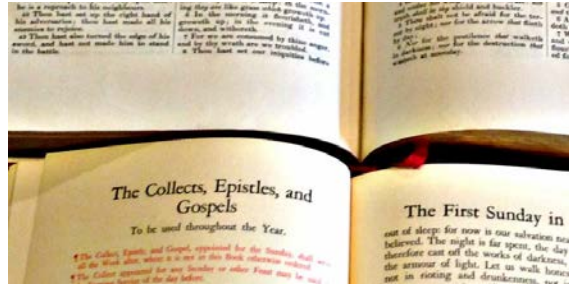
**Parking for Worship:** Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 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.

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**September 30, 2018**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: [Feast of St Francis of Assisi](#). [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

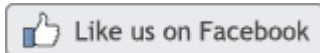
Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

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This Sunday's Readings

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*The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the gospel through worship, proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.*