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Spotlight on Grace: The Power of Living Generously

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful and righteous. It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

Psalm 112:4-6

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Grace Church in Providence
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Psalm 112 speaks eloquently about the theme of "Living Generously." It defines generous living as being gracious, merciful and righteous. To live in such a way, we are to conduct our lives with justice.

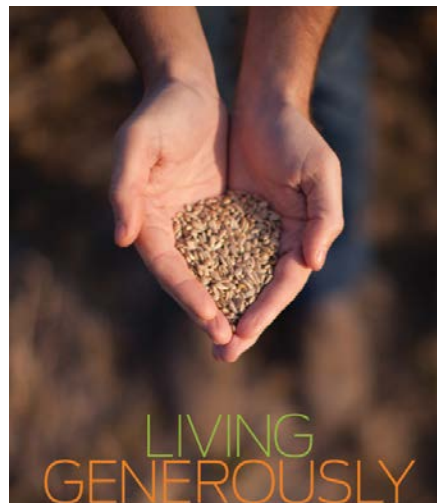
[Generous living](#) is much more than what we do with our money. We are called to be kind to one another and to all living things. We are called to deal with each other honestly... and to be humble.

We believe each of us is called to live wildly generous lives, and that such generous living can transform us and our faith communities.

Over the next several weeks, we will explore the idea of Living Generously as the focus of [our Stewardship campaign for 2017](#). We invite you to begin to reflect upon what living generously means to you, and how you have experienced (or hope to experience) the transformative power of generous living.

This week, we celebrate the life and legacy of St. Francis, who so graciously espoused his love and devotion for Christ and all of God's creation that -- for eight centuries and counting -- Christians worldwide have been inspired to live generously by his example. As we recall St. Francis this week, let us consider these words ascribed to him: "For people lose everything they leave behind in this world; but they carry with them the rewards of charity and the alms which they gave".

This Sunday, October 2, we honor the legacy of St. Francis of Assisi at the 10:00am service with our annual Blessing of the Animals here at Grace Church. We encourage you to attend, and you are most welcome to bring your beloved pets to receive God's blessing.



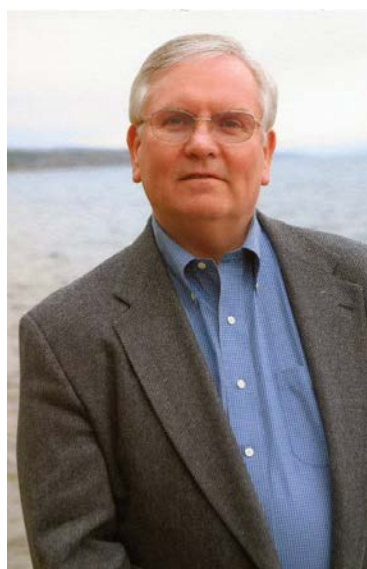
This Week at Grace

Worship Services:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music,
and Blessing of the Animals
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

Service of Christian Burial for The Rev. Dr. J. Edward Putnam

Tomorrow (Saturday), October 1, at 11:00am. All are invited to attend. Visiting hours here at Grace Church are today (Friday) from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. Ed was a priest of the Church who served parishes in multiple states, including Rhode Island. We were truly blessed that in his retirement, he and his wife, Doreen, chose Grace as their church home. May Ed's soul, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace.



A Service of Choral Evensong Sunday, October 2 at 5:00pm, featuring music of Tudor England by Mundy, Gibbons and Byrd, sung by members of the Grace Church Choir and Collegium Ancora.

Thursday Noon Concerts: Our popular free concert series continues. Thank you for encouraging friends, family, co-workers and/or visitors to join you.

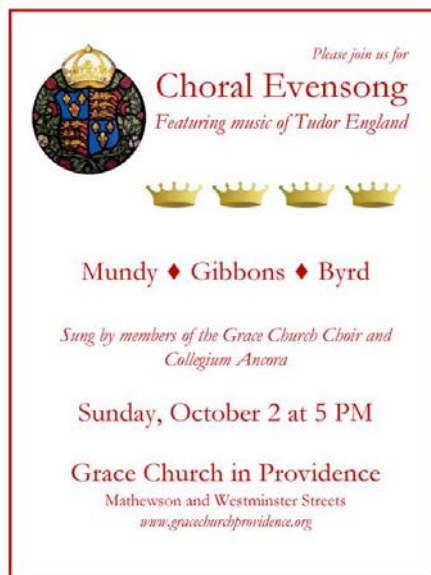
Parking for Worship: Parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. A small number of spaces are available on the portion of the Grace Church lot facing Snow Street, along an inset section of the construction fence. For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

Please note potential traffic implications:

Sunday, Oct. 2: Gloria Gemma Run/Walk. Events start at 9 AM. [Click for details](#). RIPTA route detours will be in effect 8 AM - 2 PM, [affected routes and details here](#). Sections of Memorial Boulevard, Francis, Dyer and Eddy Streets will be closed during this time.

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.

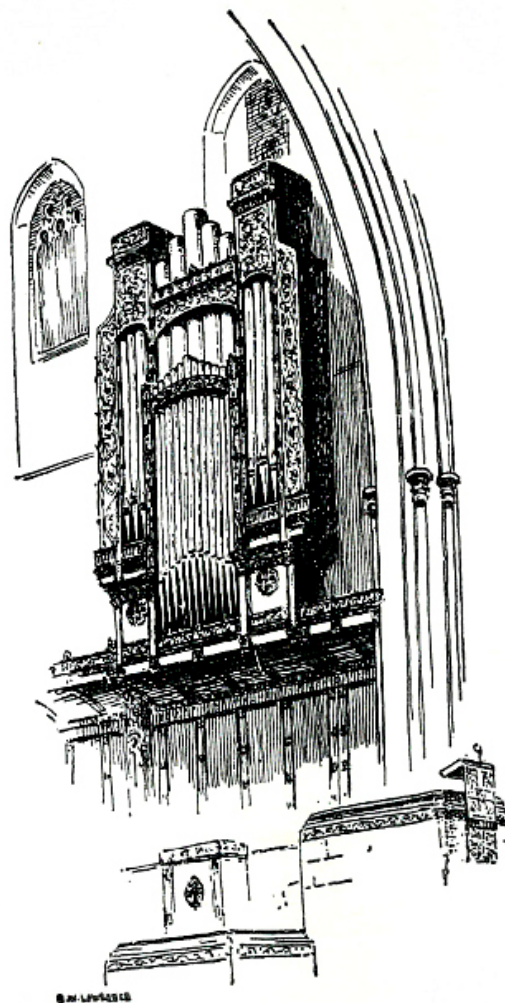


Music at Grace

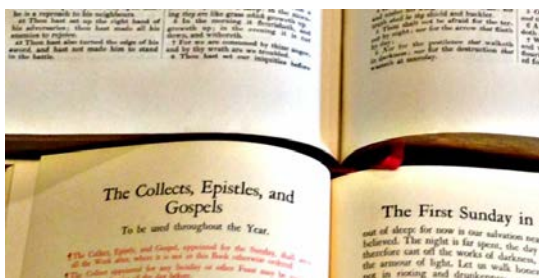
With such a great crescendo now unfolding of new and exciting musical offerings, we hope you will be a part of it all. Be sure to get your copy of the Music at Grace schedule for the Fall 2016 through Spring 2017 seasons, and [please click here](#) to view it online.

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

Music Class / Training Choir for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, Thursdays at 4:00pm at Grace 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, [email Vince Edwards](#) or call 401-331-3225, ext 4.



October 2, 2016 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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](#):

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-10 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

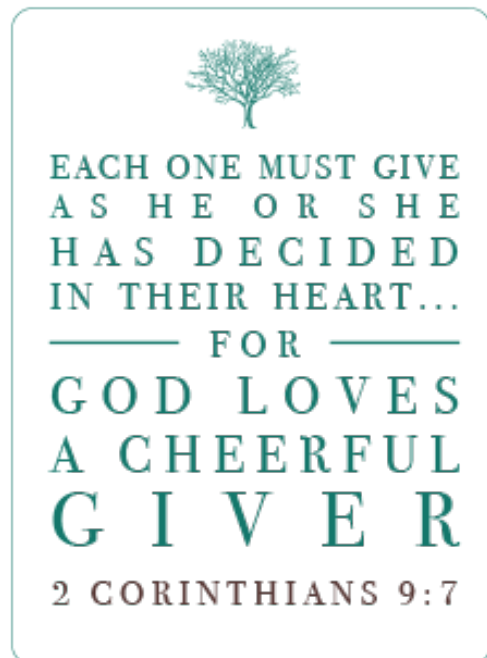
Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

The 1829 Society - Special Workshop: November 13

The 1829 Society is sponsoring a workshop that will help you prepare a notebook of your wishes and preferences regarding issues that arise at life's end. This brief workshop -- which many Grace Church parishioners have found quite helpful -- will follow the 10:00am Sunday service on November 13th. We hope you will join us!

Members of The 1829 Society have remembered Grace Church in their wills, and we hope many of you will consider supporting Grace in this way.

The 1829 Society of Grace Church was created to encourage giving to God, to invite you to give witness to God's abundance in your life, and to honor the loving faithful who assure and sustain the ministries of Grace Church. The Society's purpose is to encourage, support, and celebrate gifts made to our endowment. With a gift of any size, you may direct the income to an area of specific interest to you.



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.

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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.