

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

September 8, 2016

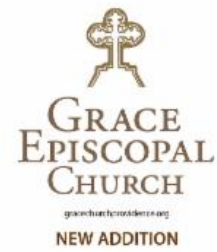
## Spotlight on Grace: What's In a Name?

As construction of our new building progresses, efforts are now underway to discern what the name for this new space will be, and we are eager for your input as a valuable step in this process.

To assist the Grace Church vestry in deciding upon the new building's name, we have formed a naming committee -- chaired by Junior Warden Bill Galligan -- that will make recommendations to the vestry. The following [very brief survey](#) seeks to incorporate your input into these thoughtful deliberations, and we thank you for taking part. [Please click here](#) to share your input with the naming committee.



**Click here to  
take our survey**



<b>CENTERBROOK</b> Architect Centerbrook, Connecticut	<b>BOWERMAN ASSOCIATES</b> Construction Manager Providence, Rhode Island
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## This Week at Grace

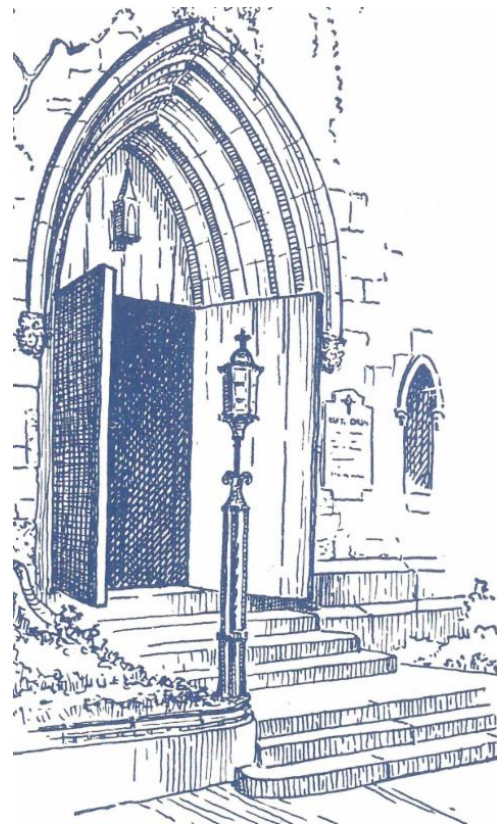
### **Worship Services:**

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

**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.

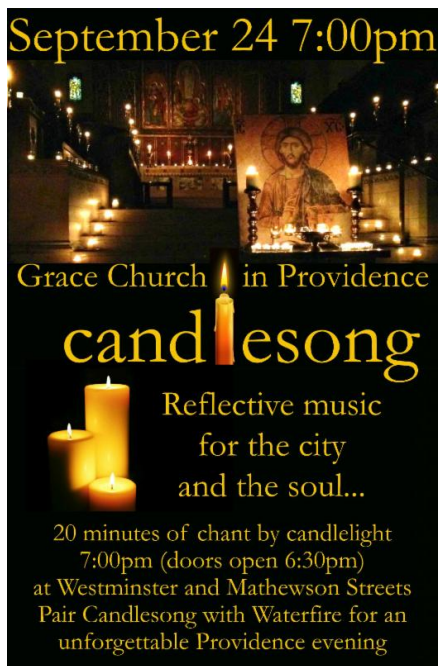
### **Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:**

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.



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## Music at Grace



The [Fall music program](#) at Grace gets underway Sunday, September 11 with the return of the full adult choir, and we're thrilled to welcome our Grace Church Choristers to the choir stalls! These nine boys and girls spent a week at Choir Camp in August, and worked hard to prepare for the year ahead. They will be joining the Grace Church Choir approximately twice per month to sing for the Sunday Eucharist. Please welcome them and let them know how excited we are to have them singing for us.

Also this Sunday, please join us in welcoming Laura Gullett as our new Organ Scholar at Grace. Laura is a recent graduate of Harvard University, and attended St. Paul's School in Concord, NH, where she served as the Organ Scholar in Chapel. During her time 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, and allow our Music Director to be in front of the choir. This will be particularly important when our Choristers sing. Please make her feel welcome here at Grace!

Last week we 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](mailto:cbarker@gracepvd.org).

We look forward to the return of our informal half-hour concerts Thursdays at Noon, which for the Fall will run from September 15 through November 17.

We're delighted to announce the next offering of Candlesong: Reflective music for the city and the soul, Saturday, September 24, at 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. Please note that a full lighting of Waterfire -- scheduled for an 8:00pm start -- makes the perfect complement to Candlesong for a memorable downtown Providence experience.

And 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 find the complete performance schedule in the [2016-2017 music program schedule](#).

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. For more information, [contact Vince Edwards](#), or call 401-331-3225, ext 4.

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**Last Call for our Back to School Supply Drive**

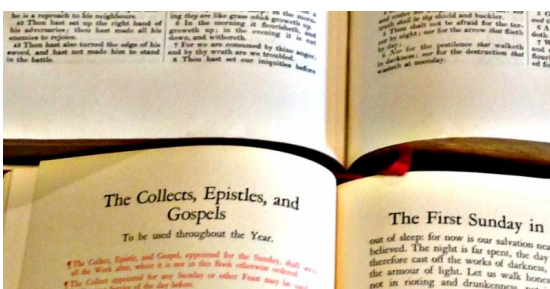
This is our final call for school supply donations [for Children's Friend](#). During this Sunday's worship, the donated supplies will be arranged up in the front of the church near the chancel, and it's not too late to place your donation items there before church.

Thank you for helping our collection to grow in this final week, and for your kind contribution to children in our communities.



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## September 11, 2016 - 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 click here](#):

Exodus 32:7-14    Psalm 51:1-11    1 Timothy 1:12-17    Luke 15:1-10

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.

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## 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.



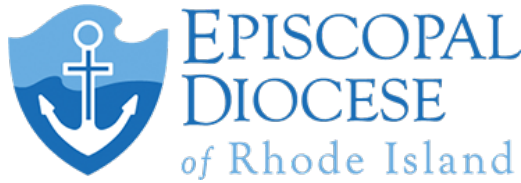
The Happening weekend will take place at the Episcopal Conference Center at 872 Reservoir Rd in Pascoag, RI. The Fall Weekend is Friday, October 14th - Sunday, October 16th. The cost of the weekend is \$160.00. Scholarship is available if needed.

[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](mailto:happeningri@gmail.com). We hope you will encourage the high school students you know to attend this special weekend.

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## YES! A Workshop Series by the Episcopal Diocese of RI



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](#).

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