



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

September 8, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: Now Joining the Staff

Please join us in welcoming Sarah Dwyer as the Sunday School Director at Grace. During the week, Sarah teaches middle school at St. Pius V School here in Providence, RI. A teacher since 2009, Sarah also has experience teaching first and fifth grades, and various grades in Special Education. She graduated from LaSalle Academy in Providence and received a Bachelor's Degree from Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI. Sarah graduated with a Master's in Elementary Education from Lesley University.



When she is not teaching, Sarah enjoys spending time at the beach with her family. Sarah is very active with her adult basketball and kickball leagues. She has ten years experience coaching basketball and is currently coaching St. Pius V's middle school girl's basketball team.

Sunday School resumes September 17 for ages 3-12. We encourage parents and families that are involved with or interested in information about our Sunday School program here at Grace to please join us this Sunday, September 10, for coffee and conversation in the Chafee Room immediately following the 10:00am service.

And last week we welcomed our new Sexton here at Grace, Matthew Cunha. Just in time for the imminent expansion of our campus, we are glad to have Matthew's full-time help.

Matt graduated high school in 2007, and has since held a



range of customer service and driving jobs. He has been practicing martial arts for 7 years, and recently began practicing yoga for flexibility. He enjoys traveling, board games, pizza, sushi, physical activities, and Game of Thrones.

Music at Grace

Music at Grace 2017-18 Look for the 2017-18 Music at Grace booklet in your mailbox this week! In addition to the music listings for Sunday mornings, we are offering numerous services of Choral Evensong, Lessons and Carols, and concerts. The concert listings for Collegium Ancora (Ensemble-in-Residence at Grace Church) are included as well. A Music at Grace offering envelope accompanies the music booklet, and we hope that you will consider supporting our musical offerings here at Grace Church.



Thursdays at Noon Thursdays at Noon concert series resumes this Thursday, September 14. Vince Edwards will play organ music in recognition of the Feast of the Holy Cross.

Training Choir for Grace Church Choristers

Does your child love to sing? Would you like to begin or enhance their musical education? The Training Choir for the Grace Church Choristers offers vocal training, music theory and church education for youngsters entering 1st, 2nd or 3rd Grade this fall (1st graders must have some reading skills). Training Choir lays the groundwork for membership in the Grace Church Choristers, a choir for boys and girls based at Grace Church. Rehearsals will likely be on Thursdays from 4 to 4:45 PM, and include a snack. The first session will be September 14. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Vince Edwards, Director of Music: vedwards@gracepvd.org or 203-984-8943.

Hurricane Relief and Prayer

With Hurricane Irma threatening Florida as a category 5 hurricane, and a swath of damage in the Caribbean already in its wake, we now direct our prayer and our support to the victims of two major hurricanes.

[This link](#) to the online giving page of Episcopal Relief & Development includes a specific option to support relief efforts related to Hurricane Harvey, as well as another option to support US Disaster



Response which will effectively support victims of both major disasters. Here is the link: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now/individual-donation>

Money will help the most. If you want to do more, you can [sign up on the Ready to Serve database here](#) to register as a possible volunteer in the future. ERD reminds us not to send food, clothing or other items because affected areas have limited or no capacity to receive, store or distribute goods. Making a monetary donation is more efficient, and better for the local economies.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, page 124)

If you wish to share more information about the Church's continued response to Harvey and Irma, follow Episcopal Relief & Development [on Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), and check [the Episcopal Church website](#) and [the Episcopal New Service website](#) for updates.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

Thursday Noon Concerts

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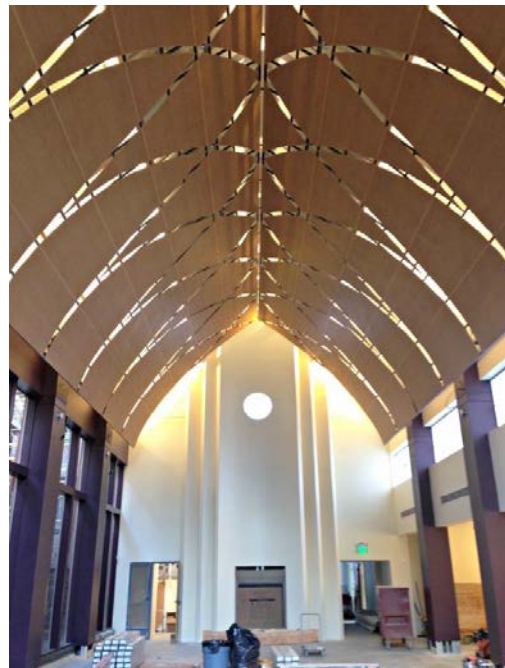
Prayer Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am, Chafee Room.

Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. During the summer, Open Doors will be Monday through Thursday.

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.



Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. Additional free parking is also available 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. 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.



Back to School Supply Drive for Children's Friend

Thank you for the bounty of back-to-school supplies collected for Children's Friend through this year's drive. We will bless these donated items during today's service, and then deliver them to Children's Friend after the service. If you missed your opportunity to donate supplies before today, please bring your donations directly to Children's Friend at 153 Summer Street in Providence.



Grace Cemetery Cleanup Saturday, September 16

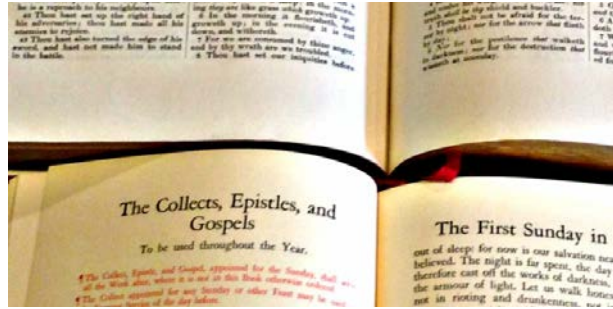
The Providence Improv Guild has kindly organized a clean-up effort at the Grace Church Cemetery from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, September 16. Meet at Providence Improv Guild (rear of Southside Cultural Center), 393 Broad Street. Please bring thick gloves. With questions, e-mail jamesjosephbagley@gmail.com.

September 10, 2017 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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:](#)

[Jeremiah 15:15-21 ~ Psalm 26:1-8 ~
Romans 12:9-21 ~ Matthew 16:21-28](#)



This week from the Episcopal Church:
[Georgia Revival and Deaconess Alexander.](#)
[Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here.](#)

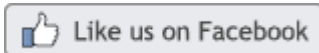
Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

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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.