



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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 and to downtown Providence.

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Deadline: May E-News

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Grace Church Calendar

Sundays in May
8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Eucharist

Wednesdays in May
12:00 p.m. Noonday Eucharist
12:20 p.m. Intercessory Prayer

Saturdays,
May 9th and 23rd
9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer and Bible Study: Chafee Room

Rector's Letter

Friends,

This spring we are doing two things that we haven't done here at Grace Church in 25 years: We are undertaking a capital campaign, and we are calling a new Director of Music. Both of these worthy projects have involved many hours of work over a period of many months. Both have engaged committees of parishioners to spearhead these efforts. Both have been hard work, but both have also been fruitful...and fun!

As is generally the case with worthy endeavors in this life, they take time to bear fruit. It will be a couple years, for instance, before we see the completion of the building that the capital campaign is helping to fund. It will also take time for our new Director of Music to expand our music program here at Grace. But, in both cases, growth is already present. Scaffolding is already up around our church, and actual repair work is imminent. And our next Director of Music will by no means be starting from scratch, thanks to those who are singing in the choir and the wonderful leadership of our interim Organist/Choir Director, Christian Lane.

In all the meetings of these committees, we have prayed for God's guidance and blessing. I ask for your prayers for both of these parish initiatives. In this past Sunday's Gospel reading, we heard Jesus speak to the need to always ground our lives (both individually and communally) in him: "Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." (John 15:4) As these two "once-in-a-quarter-century" endeavors take form, let us rejoice in what God is doing here at Grace...and continue to pray for God's guidance and blessing for all that we do here in the heart of downtown Providence.

Youth Sunday - May 17

Next Sunday (May 17th) will be Youth Sunday at Grace.

Come support our teens as they read, sing, pray, and preach their way through our 10 a.m. worship service!



Choral Evensong - May 17



The Grace Church choir will offer a service of Choral Evensong on Sunday, May 17 at 5:00 p.m. Evensong is a beautiful worship service in the Anglican tradition, and this is the one time this year that we will be offering this experience at Grace. All are invited to attend this service of reflective beauty and illustrative music.

In honor of PICA's 40th Anniversary



We are collecting a minimum of 40 jars of peanut butter for the month of May to be donated to the PICA food pantry. We are calling it the "40 Protein Items Food Challenge!" You can bring the peanut butter jars to church on Sunday and place them in the food basket for offerings. Thank you for participating in this month's food challenge!

Restore, Renew, Reach, Rejoice



The Restore, Renew, Reach, Rejoice campaign at Grace Church seeks to raise funds to help repair and renovate our current building to better suit our needs and ensure that Grace will be here for generations to come. To date, we have raised over \$980,000 of our campaign goal of \$1,250,000! This is an incredible accomplishment for a parish that has not conducted a capital campaign in 25 years. If you haven't yet made a pledge to the campaign, please consider doing so. You can get a pledge form

and accompanying materials from the parish office by calling 331-3225. If you have questions, feel free to talk to anyone on the campaign committee: Peter Bond, Polly Daly, Christine Pulciani, Marc Schrank, Patricia Trosclair, and Elizabeth Wheeler. Thank you for your support and keep us in your prayers!

Director of Music Search Update

We're almost there! After considering more than 60 applications, the search committee has conducted Skype interviews and on-site interviews last month, and we are expecting to be able to announce Grace Church's new Director of Music in the next couple of weeks! Our new musician would begin his work at Grace sometime in late summer.

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