



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Rector's Letter



Friends,

As we begin the month wherein we,

as Americans, prepare for Thanksgiving, I want to share with you two experiences I had of the bounty of God's goodness just yesterday. I'll say up front that neither of them happened in church or with me acting as a priest in any capacity, but I could not help but think of God's blessings in both cases.

In the morning, my family and I made our third annual Columbus Day trip to go apple picking. I'm sure I'd gone apple picking a couple of times in my youth, but I'm basically a city/suburb kid, and I had no idea that apple trees produced SO MANY APPLES! They were literally falling from the tree, and we picked to our hearts' content. I asked an orchard employee if they collected the apples that had fallen and lay beneath the trees, and he said, "No, they just act as fertilizer for next year's crop." I couldn't help but think of that verse from the 23rd Psalm, "My cup runneth over." For those who see the hand of God in the beauty of nature, a tree laden with delicious fruit on a crisp autumnal morning is hard to beat, but, at least for me, the

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Grace Church Calendar

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

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

**Saturdays,
November 8th & 22nd**
9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer and
Bible Study: Chafee Room

afternoon may have done so.

For several years now, a parade has gone through our neighborhood each October. The event is called "Pronk!" and, according to its website Pronk, "...invit[es] people from all walks of life to come together for a day set aside for the celebration of music. We aim to blur social boundaries between audience and performers as well as between musical genres, resulting in a joyous reclamation of public space." My sons and I walked in the parade (me pushing a double stroller), and I have never been in the midst of so many people so joyfully celebrating...well, nothing! Or maybe everything? Perhaps just being alive and together in the glorious diversity of God's people? There was nothing at all explicitly religious about the event, and, I suspect that many of those in attendance would not claim any religious affiliation at all, but, for me, it was God at work in community, making glad the hearts of his people through music and fellowship across boundaries. Now that I think about it, that's a pretty good description of what we do at Grace Church! That's probably why I like this place so much!

God's Peace,

Jonathan

Time Change!



Don't come to church early on Sunday! Remember to set your clock back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday night . . . and enjoy that extra hour of sleep on Sunday morning!

Commitment Sunday: November 2

Pray. Serve. Give.

Join fellow members of Grace Church this Sunday, at the 10 am service, to make your 2015 financial commitment to the church.

Additional pledge cards will be available at the back of the church if you did not receive the Stewardship 2015 mailing.

Organ Concert to Benefit Ebola Victims



Christian Lane, Interim Organist and Choir Director, will present a free organ concert in the church on Saturday, November 8th at 3:00 pm. Plan to come, invite your friends, and plan to stay for that evening's WaterFire lighting at 4:33 pm.

Donations will be gratefully accepted for the Ebola Crisis Fund of the Episcopal Relief and Development Agency to benefit the epidemic's victims in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

The Anglican Pope?

Join us at the Sunday Forum beginning on November 9th (9 am in the Chafee Room) as we discuss the office of Archbishop of Canterbury and watch an interview that the current ABofC, the Most Rev. Justin Welby, gave this year. If you can't make it to the fora but would like to watch the interview, it's [here](#).



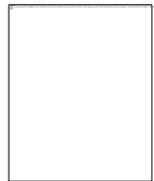
Helping in the Ebola Crisis

Parishioner Elfreda Thorpe is helping to collect needed supplies to send to Liberia as it struggles to from the list below. You can bring them to the church during regular business hours. If you would like to help by making a financial contribution, you can give to the Episcopal Church's Ebola Crisis Response Fund, which is one of the giving opportunities found on this website: [Ebola Crisis Help](#)

Needed supplies: hand-sanitizers, anti-microbial hand soap, Clorox bleach, chlorine, disinfectants, gloves/obstetricians gloves, medical buckets with bottles, disposable gowns/hazmat suits for staff, goggles, plastic aprons, water bottles, face masks, mouth masks, paper towels, cave wipes, hype wipes.

Remembering Loved Ones at All Saints' Day - November 2

All Saints' Day will be observed at Grace Church this year on Sunday, November 2. Once again this year, we invite you to bring in pictures of deceased loved ones to place on the high altar. You may place them on the altar yourself or ask a greeter or the rector to help you, before a worship service or during coffee hour. Please also use one of the name cards (on the high altar) to identify a picture or if there is someone you would like remembered but you don't have a photo of that person. Please collect the pictures after the 10 am service November 2.



Having a Halloween Party?

The church has some old Halloween decorations it hasn't used in years. If you'd like them, there yours! Just call the parish office at 331-3225 to arrange a time to pick them up.



Classical Music on Vinyl . . . for free!

The church has roughly 200 albums (mostly classical and church music) that it no longer needs. If you are someone who has a record player and would like to have these albums, they're yours for the taking! Just call Veda Bucko, our parish administrator, at 331-3225 to arrange a time to pick them up.



Upcoming Outreach Ministry Events

PICA Fundraiser to benefit Rhode Island's largest food pantry this Wednesday, November 5th from 5:30 pm TO 7:30 pm. Hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, and cash bar at The Waterman Grille, 4 Richmond Square in Providence. Admission is \$25. Tickets may be purchased online at ripica.org, picathanksgiving.eventbrite.com or at the door.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive for PICA begins this Sunday. You are invited to bring canned goods to

church to go PICA's Food Pantry for those in need until Sunday, November 23rd. Please contact Pat Trosclair at 401-749-9876 if you have any questions.

Mark your calendars for our **Silent Auction**: Saturday, December 6 at 5:30 pm. All proceeds are shared between PICA and Children's Friend. Please email Joshua Klemp at jklemp@ccri.edu if you have any questions.

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