

Outreach Ministry News

The Outreach Ministry wishes to thank all of those who walked and supported “Team Grace Episcopal Church” at the annual Children’s Friend Walk and Run on June 16. It was a beautiful day and a great time was had by all!

During the month of August we will be sponsoring a back-to-school drive for children served by Children’s Friend who will be entering kindergarten in September. Please join us at our July meeting to plan for this drive.

Looking Ahead:

July 15 : Outreach Ministry meeting in the Chafee Room, following the 10 a.m. service

August: Back-to-school drive for Children’s Friend

September Presentation by Providence In-town Churches Association (PICA)

November: Thanksgiving food drive for PICA

December 1: Grace Annual Silent Auction

December – Advent Giving Tree

Grace Website Earns Honors!

Ninedot, the creative agency housed at Grace Church, has earned three awards from the renowned International Academy of the Visual Arts and Communicator Awards competition — including the agency’s work to design and build the new Grace Church website (www.gracechurchprovidence.org).

The Communicator Awards is the leading international creative awards program honoring creative excellence for communication professionals. It is an annual competition honoring the best in advertising, corporate communications, public relations and identity work for print, video, interactive and audio. The 2012 Communicator Awards received more than 6,000 entries from ad agencies, interactive agencies, production firms, in-house creative professionals, graphic designers, design firms, and public relations firms.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline date for August’s Newsletter is Sunday, July 15.

Send submissions to Carolina Boyle at: cboyle@gracechurchprovidence.org.



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From The Rector

On June 2, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Rhode Island elected the Very Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely, currently Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Phoenix, to be our next bishop. Bishop-elect Knisely was elected on the first ballot, which is quite rare in an election where there are five candidates (as there were in this election). When Dean Knisely’s election was announced, there was both great surprise and joy in the room, and countless people throughout Rhode Island are looking forward to November, when he officially becomes our 13th bishop.

Under all that surprise at such a speedy election, and that joy that the clear majority of delegates at the convention wanted the same candidate to be their bishop, there was a deep well of hope. We all hope that Nick Knisely will be a blessing to our diocese. We hope that he will inspire us and strengthen our faith. We hope that he will listen deeply to all of us. We hope that he will have the leadership skills to make the important decisions that need to be made. We hope that he will be a kind yet strong leader. Let’s be honest – we hope for Jesus.

The fact is that no bishop can be Jesus or even what Paul describes himself as being: “all things to all people.” Some of you who listened to the radio in the early 1990s may remember the Spin Doctors, who sang in one of their songs, “She wants one man made of Hercules and Cyrano.” When we elect a bishop, we have great hope, but no bishop will be everything we want him or her to be. So what do we do with that hope?

Well, firstly, we remember that Grace Church has seen many bishops over the years. After all, we are the oldest Episcopal parish still active in Providence. In fact, one of our early rectors actually doubled as Rhode Island’s bishop! We cannot expect that every bishop will be perfect, but whoever our bishop is, we continue to do what we are here to do – preach the Gospel in the heart of downtown Providence.

Even though we know that not every bishop is going to walk on water, it is good and right to have hope for wonderful things from our next bishop. St. Paul speaks of the importance of hope and how we are to understand it. In his first letter to the Corinthians, he tells us that the three things that truly last in this world are faith, hope, and love. He tells us in his letter to the Romans that, “hope that is seen is not hope.” Even though we cannot know for certain what this wonderful priest from Arizona will do as a bishop in Rhode Island, we are still to have hope. And, as St. Paul would certainly remind us, we are still to have faith in Christ and to love one another. That’s true no matter who our bishop is!

Peace,

Jonathan

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.

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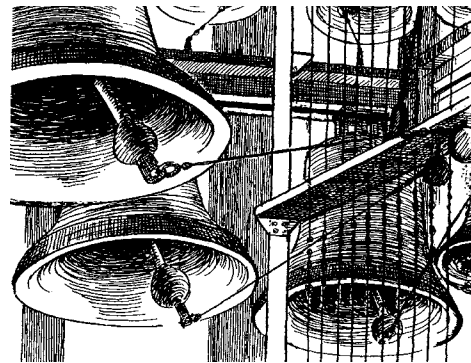
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The last "Sunday at 5" Evensong of the season occurred on June 10 and included music of Finzi, Howells and Rose sung by the choir, and a S.S. Wesley duet sung by two boys from

Wheeler School. We are hoping to find more boys so that we might form a small boys section to function similarly to our current girls section.

The regular choir season concluded on Sunday, June 24. Our thanks are due not only to our choristers, who have offered so freely of their time, energy and skill while working together, but also to all those who have supported them and our music program in their efforts through transportation, hospitality, etc.

On Sunday, July 1, we switched over to our multigenerational summer choir, which will continue through Sunday, September 9. There

are no weekday rehearsals, but we practice at 9 a.m. each Sunday prior to singing during the 10 a.m. service. It is a weekly, not a full-season, commitment. Everyone is welcome. Singing can be a meaningful and enjoyable way to participate in the liturgy while providing an opportunity to meet others engaged in a common effort.

Information about these opportunities or any other aspect of the Grace Church music program is available from marktgrace@yahoo.com.

GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sundays in July

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. – Adult Christian Formation: Chafee
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Sunday, July 1

10:00 a.m. – Healing Prayer: Messiah Chapel
11:30 a.m. – Health & Wellness: Front pews

Monday, July 9

Deadline for submissions for the July 16 e-news

Monday, July 16

Deadline for submissions for the July Newsletter

Monday, July 23

Deadline for submissions for the July 30 e-news

Tuesday, July 24

6:30 p.m. – Vestry meeting: Chafee

General Convention Meets in Indianapolis —

A few days after this newsletter is published, the Episcopal Church will convene the 77th General Convention, in Indianapolis, Indiana. This series of meetings over a period of eight days serves as the primary governing and legislative body of the Episcopal Church.

Here's how Wikipedia describes General Convention:

"With the exception of the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Constitution and Canons, it is the ultimate authority in the Episcopal Church. General Convention comprises two houses: the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops. It meets regularly once every three years; however, the House of Bishops meets regularly in between sessions of General Convention. The Bishops have the right to call special meetings of General Convention."

Each diocese elects clergy and lay representatives to the House of Deputies. The Rev. Bill Locke, rector of St. Paul's in Pawtucket,

is the chair of the Rhode Island deputation. Other clergy are the Rev. Jennifer Pedrick, the Rev. Pam Mott and the Rev. Scott Gunn. The Rev. Melody Shobe is attending as an alternate.

Lay deputies from Rhode Island are Mary-Ann Kolakowski, Dennis Stark, Missy Bennett and Dante Tavolaro (an alternate who is replacing Amy Esposito). Joel Gardner also is attending as an alternate.

Additionally, our bishop-elect, the Very Rev. Nicholas Knisely, is the chair of the deputation from the Diocese of Arizona.

You can learn more about General Convention at these websites:

www.episcopalri.org/Events/GeneralConvention/tabid/360/Default.aspx

www.generalconvention.org/

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_Convention_of_the_Episcopal_Church

by Raymond Finelli

Marc and Valoree Schrank are more than husband and wife; they're companions. They are both engineers; both avid golfers; both salt water kayakers (they own three kayaks); they both sing with the Grace Church singers; they regularly join the Saturday sandwich brigade; and they're both bikers. They bike the Pan Mass Challenge – a fundraising event for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston that will be coming up in early August.

The Schranks came to the east from Kansas City, Missouri, about 20 years ago. Marc grew up a Lutheran, while Valoree grew up a Methodist. Valoree became a Lutheran in 1982 while in college, where she met Marc. Having established themselves in Rhode Island and attended a Lutheran church in Providence for several years, Marc and Valoree were looking for a new church home and became acquainted with Grace Church when they saw the broadcast of the service of celebration for the life of Senator John Chafee in 1999. They have since become faithful parishioners. And when the Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck arrived to assume his call to be our rector, the Schranks were one of the families who hosted "Rector on the Rhode" dinners to help our community get to know the Huycks.

Marc and Valoree are both employed by a French company named Dassault Systemes which has Providence offices in the Rising Sun Mills complex on Valley Street. The company develops software for computer-aided engineering, which – through the analysis of computer models – enables its customers to design and develop their own products more effectively with fewer physical prototypes and testing. Marc's concentration is in the automotive side of the business. He travels frequently to Germany, Japan, Korea and China to meet with the company's customers for project consultation on the application of the company's software in the customers' development of new cars. Marc and Valoree both worked previously for 10 years at Al-



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liedSignal in Kansas City, where Marc used the software that Dassault develops, and Valoree was involved in component assembly and product engineering. At Dassault she does the technical writing, documenting the software that the company develops.

Marc received both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in mechanical engineering at the University of Missouri. Valoree also attended the University of Missouri, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in engineering. Marc and

Valoree were married in 1983. They have two children: Michelle, a daughter age 24 who is an intern architect in New York City, and a son, Aaron, 20, who is entering his junior year at Roger Williams University studying math and secondary education.