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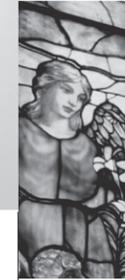
Newsletter Deadline

The deadline date for December's newsletter is Thursday, November 15. Send submissions to Andy Shapiro-Zysk at azysk@cox.net.



GRACE *In The City*

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE



From The Rector

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity."

- 2 Corinthians 9:11

This is what Paul said to the Christians of the city of Corinth almost 2,000 years ago, but he's also speaking to us today. But it might cause you to ask the question, "Well, St. Paul, what do you mean exactly by 'enriched?'" Primarily, when St. Paul says that we will be enriched for our great generosity, I believe he means that we will live more deeply, more profoundly.

He doesn't mean that we will live more easily though. For the Grace Church community, 2012 has been a hard year, in a lot of ways. Funerals are a part of the life of any church, of course, but this year, Grace Church lost a number of people way too soon. As most of you know, my wife and I lost our own daughter at birth this year. Neither God nor the Church is there to make our lives easy but to make our lives fuller, and, when we face great sadness, to lift us up in our despair. Annie and I felt lifted up by the Lord and by all of you here in our tragic loss through your cards, prayers, kind words, and even meals. I have no doubt that others in the parish who went through their own dark valleys this year felt their brothers and sisters in Christ here at Grace holding them up too. In fact, when one young person faced a point of crisis earlier this year, she called us up and asked, "Is the church open today?" Her first thought was to come to pray here at Grace, her spiritual home, to be comforted and surrounded by God's love in the midst of her troubles.

Our church lifts us up in tough times, but it also celebrates with us in joyful times, and, thanks be to God, there were plenty of those in 2012 too! We've baptized several people (mostly babies, but also one adult recently arrived as a refugee from Burma!). We've married couples who have stayed to join the parish and worship with us each week. And we've been motivated by the love of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to care for the less fortunate. That work was made so visually real by all of you bringing to church and placing at the foot of the pulpit school supplies and diapers and toys for needy children and families through our partnership agency, Children's Friend.

My family and I support the ministry of Grace Church by committing a portion of our income each year in the form of a pledge, not because doing so will make

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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.

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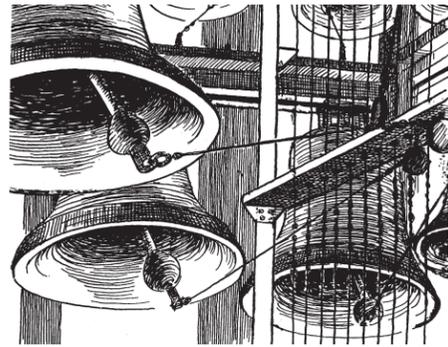
our lives easy or painless, but because we believe that Grace Church provides a spiritual home for all in a unique way here in the city of Providence. Simply put, many, many people need Grace Church to be here, and we want to make sure it is.

This month, I invite you to join me in supporting Grace Church by making a financial commitment to the parish. I encourage you to consider giving a portion of your annual income, following the biblical model. You never know when you're going to need Grace Church to be here, but through your pledge,

you can ensure that it will be, in good times and bad. And it will be there to minister to all who come through its doors, for many years to come.

Thanks and blessings,
Jonathan+

Music Notes



October was a busy month for our music program:

- *Sunday, October 7th:* Both the Choir and the Singers sang for the annual "Blessing of the Animals" service. Compline was sung at 8 p.m.
- *Sunday, October 14th:* The Singers sang the 10 a.m. service, and the Choir sang Evensong, including music of Purcell as part of the "Sundays at 5" series.

- *Sunday, October 28th:* The Choir sang music appropriate for the kickoff of the Parish Stewardship Campaign and music marking Reformation Sunday, a seminal commemoration of our Lutheran brethren.

Looking ahead to this month:

- *Sunday, November 4th:* We will celebrate the solemnity of All Saints with music including the traditional hymns and motets by Byrd and Victoria. Compline will be sung by candlelight at 8 p.m.
- *Sunday, November 11th:* The Singers will lead the worship at the 10 a.m. service, and the Choir will sing a sequence of readings and music for All Saints/Souls as part of the "Sundays at 5" series, including a remembrance of Veterans (as Veterans Day falls on November 11th).
- *Sunday, November 18th:* Music at the 10 a.m. service will help commemorate the Stewardship Ingathering for this year.

- *Sunday, November 24th:* The Choir will sing music for "Christ the King," the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year.

- *Sunday, December 2nd:* We begin the church year anew with traditional Advent hymns and anthems.

We are hoping to add members to all of our ensembles. Information about this or any aspect of our music program is available from Mark Johnson – 401-331-3225 or mjohnson@gracechurchprovidence.org.

Building for Our 3rd Century

In the August newsletter, the rector wrote about the exciting possibility that our parish has for a major building project here at Grace Church in the coming years. It would be the first large-scale building project in over a century! As an early stage in that process, the

3rd Build Committee is looking at what our needs and hopes are for space in our church. The committee will be holding two open forums for the parishioners at Grace Church to share their thoughts on what kind of spaces would best allow us to do the ministry

of the parish, both now and in the future. The first forum will be on Sunday, November 11th at 9 a.m. in the Chafee Room, and the second will be on Sunday, November 18th at 11:30 a.m. in the nave of the church. All are welcome!

An Advent Day on Forgiveness

A workshop facilitated by The Rev. Maria DeCarvalho

Maria writes...

Years ago, Nelson Mandela said, "Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for it to kill your enemy." In my experience, that's exactly what being unable to forgive someone who has hurt us feels like.

Forgiveness has always been a struggle for me, and my decades of listening to people suggests that I am not alone. The movement beyond bitterness to freedom and love lies at the heart of the Church's mission.

But how do we do it?

For the past few years I have been studying and working with Harvard researchers Robert Kegan and Lisa Lahey, creators of a groundbreaking method to making challenging personal changes ranging from significant, sustained weight loss to managing powerful emotions to ending a lifetime of micromanaging others. This process, called "Immunity to Change", has been featured in The New York Times, The Harvard Business Review and also in Oprah Magazine.

As a facilitator, coach and now faculty member with Bob and Lisa, I have had the opportunity to support and witness big changes in people from all over the world with whom I have worked -- people who are now able

to speak up, or enjoy life, or reduce over-functioning, or exercise regularly or engage in difficult conversations in ways that previously seemed unimaginable to them.

I was originally drawn to this process because it begins with an intriguing approach to self-examination that reminds me of the counsel offered almost two thousand years ago by the people we now call the Desert Fathers and Mothers -- some of the very earliest Christian spiritual teachers. Now, having witnessed the power of Immunity to Change coaching in helping people shift into whole new ways of being themselves, I would like to explore a particular application for it: the thorny, painful process of forgiving someone who has hurt you.

On Friday, December 7th, I will offer a workshop for up to 12 people who are ready to take a fresh look at the possibility of moving beyond bitterness and resentment in a particular relationship. (If the hurt you are looking at is fresh, or your anger still feels "hot", it may make more sense to wait awhile before engaging in this process.)

We'll meet from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., and Grace Church will provide lunch. I am offering the workshop as a gift to Grace Church and suggest a donation of \$100 to

the Church for participation. That is a suggestion; no one will be turned away because of inability to make that contribution. Please call or email the Church office by December 1st if you would like to take part.

What this day will offer is a helpful new way to look at yourself, what is important to you, and how you see things. We'll also imagine what life would look like if you do decide to forgive the person whose actions have caused you to suffer and plan a safe first step for you to take if you choose to move forward.

We've planned this workshop for Advent, the start of the Church Year. What better time to make a new beginning?

Very best,

Maria

GRACE CHURCH
CALENDAR

Sundays in November

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. – Sunday Forum: Chafee
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays in November

Noon – Holy Eucharist
12:30 p.m. – Intercessory Prayer Group
(Beginning Nov. 7)

1st and 3rd Saturdays in November

10:00 a.m. – Women’s Centering Prayer Group

Sunday, November 4

10:00 a.m. – Healing Prayer: Messiah Chapel
8:00 p.m. – Compline

Tuesday, November 8

Deadline for submissions for the November 15 e-news

Saturday, November 10

11:00 a.m. – Funeral for Judy Brown

Sunday, November 11

9:00 a.m. – 3rd Build Committee
Open Forum: Chafee
5:00 p.m. – Choral Service

Thursday, November 15

Deadline for submissions for the December Newsletter

Saturday, November 17

2:00 p.m. – Ordination and Consecration of Rhode Island Bishop

Sunday, November 18

10:00 a.m. – Stewardship Commitment Sunday
11:30 a.m. – 3rd Build Committee
Open Forum: Nave of Church

Friday, November 23

Deadline for submissions for the November 30 e-news

Tuesday, November 27

6:30 p.m. – Vestry Meeting: Chafee



Providence In-Town Churches Association (PICA) Thanksgiving Food Drive

Grace Church will continue the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Providence In-Town Churches Association. PICA is a faith-based nonprofit agency whose mission is to offer stability, justice, and hope to those in need through advocacy and direct service. Baskets with a list of suggested food items will be available at the rear of the church through November 11th. Please return all baskets with food donations to Grace Church by Sunday, November 18th. Volunteers are needed to assist with delivery of food donations following the 10 a.m. service on November 18th. Please contact Elaine Gabellieri at jefffoster1@cox.net

or Joshua Klemp at jklemp@ccri.edu for more information.

Coming Soon - Christmas Giving Tree

Once again this year, the Outreach Ministry will host a Christmas Giving Tree in order to collect holiday gifts for children served by Children’s Friend. The mission of Children’s Friend is to be the innovative leader in improving the well-being and healthy development of Rhode Island’s most vulnerable young children. Watch for the tree to be displayed in the back of the church at the end of this month! Ornaments on the tree will be available for parishioners to choose, take home, and shop for a gift or two or more for a child/children in need. All wrapped gifts must be returned to the church with the ornament/tag securely attached to it on or before December 17, 2012. Most of these children would not receive ANY gifts at Christmas this year, were it not for the generosity of someone like YOU!

Grace Church Silent Auction

Save the Date!!! The Outreach Ministry Team Invites YOU to join fellow Grace Church parishioners to celebrate Christmas and the spirit of giving! On December 1st, Grace Church will host its annual Silent Auction from 5 - 7:30 p.m. Parking is free in the church parking lot. All of the proceeds will benefit Children’s Friend and the Providence In-Town Churches Association (PICA).

Please contact Elaine Gabellieri at jefffoster1@cox.net or Joshua Klemp at jklemp@ccri.edu for more information or to become involved in any aspect of the Grace Church Outreach Ministry.

Parish Profile: The Vaughan Girls: Andrea and Sinead

by Raymond Finelli

Andrea and Sinead are both full-time members of the Grace Church Choir and sing with the Grace Church Singers as well. The children of Roger and Rochelle Vaughan, Andrea and Sinead go to St. Phillip’s School in Greenville in the northern part of the state, and, in spite of their ages and school schedules, they give the church their total choir participation, including practice time, concerts, and both Sunday morning and other special services.

Abilities and talent in art and music run in the family. Their mother, Rochelle, a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), is a free-lance organist filling in at churches throughout the state wherever necessary. Their father, Roger, a bass player, sees the Anglican tradition as much removed from everyday life and, as such, a unique experience for their children. Asked how they like Choir, both girls say, “We like it a lot, because it is so different from the rest of the day . . . but we have to work hard and ‘get it right.’ Mark says ‘let’s try it again, and again . . . and again.’”

Andrea, age 14, is in the 8th grade and likes art and writing. “In class, we will draw a picture of a fish and give it a certain pattern to represent faith, or cut out an animal from a magazine and place it in a landscape and get as close as possible to a color that goes with the figure.” Another interesting subject for Andrea is a variation in writing. She and her classmates are assigned to make up a conversation between two people on any subject, a burglary, for example, or an interesting vacation trip. Andrea also likes Life Science and says she wants to be an entomologist – one who studies insects. She says her teacher, Mrs. Sydney Werner, sent for a kit which included about 16 cockroaches for study of their characteristics such as how they clean their antennae. In addition to Choir, Andrea has an extra-curricular activity: she is taking lessons on the harp with Terri Viveiros who teaches harp out of Robert’s Music Company in Warwick.

Sinead is in the 6th grade. She is currently learning the Periodic Table and says, “We’re learning the elements and how to understand the number of protons, neutrons, and electrons that are in each one.” As with Andrea,



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Sinead too likes art and music. She is studying Violin with Gladys Crees of North Providence and also dances at Marie K. Jennison’s School of Dance in Greenville, which titles its company “The Home of ‘Excite’ Dance.” Sinead likes language and says her class is learning Spanish vocabulary and the parts of speech. “Also at school, we’re learning to play the recorder. We play solos and sometimes

we play in groups, and have a lot of fun.” Both girls are Harry Potter enthusiasts. Andrea shows talent in drawing, in addition to her verbal skills. She draws dragons, birds, and animals especially. Sinead is a voracious reader and particularly likes stories about wolves and their habits. Andrea thinks about starting competitive cross-country running.

From the Grace Church Stewardship Committee

Dear friends,

By the time you read this, you will be prayerfully considering your gift in support of our church mission and ministry for the coming year. In support of your consideration, we've invited members of our congregation to reflect on their joyful giving. Watch this space for their thoughts over the coming months. We are excited to present the first offering on Stewardship by Ray Finelli:

In Marjory Williams' *The Velveteen Rabbit*, the Rabbit asked, "What is Real?" "Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you when someone loves you for a long, long time ... someone who REALLY loves you. Then you become Real, and once you are real it can't become unreal again. It lasts for always."

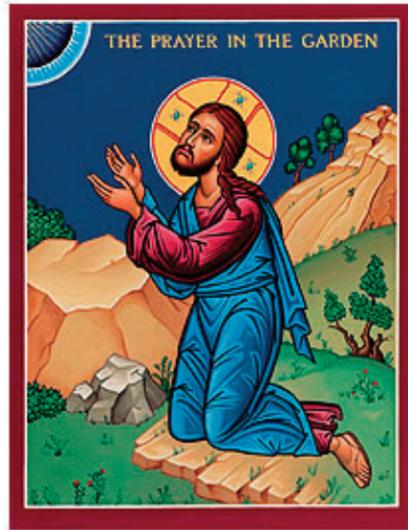
Our Church is like that. The more its members love and support the Church, the more Real it becomes. We call it Stewardship – growing the kingdom of God.

That growth comes from our pledges. Since 1829 and through the years, Grace Church has been a symbol of love and life made real, because its people have loved it. That's why we support the Church, to keep it strong and effective in the community. That's why we give of ourselves, our resources, and our energy and why we encourage each other, our fellow Christians, to give, to grow God's Kingdom. For as St. Paul said in his second letter to the Corinthians, "You will be enriched in every way for your generosity."

As we prepare for our second annual Commitment Sunday on November 18th, please add this prayer to your daily devotions:

"Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded by the Psalmist that Yours is 'the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.' We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have, and are, and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that You call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us. Help us always to use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Prayer at Grace Church



Beginning on November 7th, Grace Church will be launching a new prayer group practicing intercessory prayer on Wednesdays, following the noon Eucharist. Intercessory prayer is when we pray to God for the well-being of others (much like we do in the Prayers of the People on Sunday morning). The Intercessory Prayer group will be praying for those on the parish's prayer list, and you can always add someone needing prayers to that list by calling or emailing the parish office. Those attending the Intercessory Prayer Group on Wednesdays will also have the opportunity to offer any personal prayer petitions for those on their hearts and minds. Since this coincides with the lunch hour for many, feel free to bring a brown-bag lunch to

eat with your fellow "pray-ers". The Wednesday Eucharist lasts 25 minutes, and we expect the intercessory prayer time to be around 15 minutes, leaving a good 20 minutes for lunch before the hour is up. Anyone is welcome to take part in the Intercessory Prayer group on any Wednesday.

This new prayer initiative is in addition to the Women's Centering Prayer Group, which meets on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 10 a.m. Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer in which we experience God's presence within us. If you have questions about the Women's Centering Prayer Group or you'd like to take part, please email Louise Clarke at lgclarke4@earthlink.net.

Note of Thanks: Teens In Action – Miracle Workers!

Last spring, at my request, the Teens In Action, Grace Church's youth group, responded to my invitation to clean my garage. They showed up with their advisors, and, by the end of the day, what had been a very dirty, messy garage was neat and clean. I bought

them a couple of pizzas for their lunch. The group members went at their task with enthusiasm, and they were fun to work with. I have since made a couple of donations to Grace Church for their use only, and I'll make another before the year's end. If you

have a messy project that you'd like some enthusiastic help with, these are your go-to people. I highly recommend them!

– Marty Ames

ORDINATION AND CONSECRATION OF OUR NEW BISHOP SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

By the grace of God and with the consent of the people,

THE VERY REVEREND WILLIAM NICHOLAS KNISELY, JR.

Will be ordained and consecrated a bishop

In the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,

And XIII Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island,

On November 17, 2012,

the Commemoration of Hugh, and Robert Grosseteste,

Bishops of Lincoln.

The Chief Consecrator will be

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori

Presiding Bishop & Primate of The Episcopal Church.

The Standing Committee requests the honor of your presence:

Saturday, November 17, 2012 at 2 p.m.

at St. George's School in Middletown.

Please park at Sachuest Beach (Sachuest Point Road in Middletown)

and a trolley will take you to the school.

A light reception follows at St. George's School.