



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 29, 2019

## Grace to Go Generates 400 Meals

The new *Grace to Go* meal-kit ministry at Grace Church, spearheaded by Pastoral Associate Hartwell Hylton and supported by a throng of energetic volunteers, officially launched last Saturday, March 23, with its inaugural meal-kit assembly operation in The Pavilion at Grace. We would like to thank all who participated, including all



those taking part in the A New Heart series with Maria DeCarvalho, since after-cost proceeds from that series will directly benefit Grace to Go.



With just this first effort, Grace to Go assembled 200 shelf-stable meal kits -- representing 400 meals (since each kit is a meal for two) -- which have been transferred to [Better Lives RI \(formerly PICA\)](#) for distribution directly to families in need through their community food pantry. Over time, the ministry may expand to include additional distribution partners for its meal kits.

Both through the regular and collective efforts of our parishioners in donating non-perishable food items on Sunday mornings for the Better Lives RI food pantry, and now through this new ministry and its easy-to-prepare kits for making a savory Jambalaya, the Grace Church community is providing meaningful direct support to help ensure the shelves of the Better Lives RI pantry are stocked to meet the substantial need for food assistance here in our downtown community.

Anyone interested in getting involved with future Grace to Go kit assembly events, or with questions about this new ministry, please contact Hartwell at [hhylton@gracepvd.org](mailto:hhylton@gracepvd.org). And for

anyone seeking additional ways to support Better Lives RI and the invaluable work that they do, please consider attending and/or supporting the organization's annual fundraiser gala celebration at the Rhode Island Shriners in Cranston on Saturday, April 6, 2019, beginning at 6:00pm. Please [visit the PICA website here](#) for more details and to purchase your tickets online using their PayPal link. Also, if you or someone you know is a business owner whom you think might be willing to donate a silent auction item for the event, please [contact PICA](#).



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## Choral Evensong This Sunday Plus the Next Collegium Ancora Concert May 5



Please make a point to join us for our next service of Choral Evensong, this Sunday, March 31, at 4:00pm. This will be our final Evensong of the Spring 2019 season here at Grace, and will feature music by Rheinberger, Spicer, and Blair.

And please be sure to mark your calendars for a special upcoming concert by Collegium Ancora, the professional choral ensemble in residence at Grace Church, on Sunday, May 5, at 5:00pm. Collegium will present G.F. Handel's Israel in Egypt, an engaging oratorio with chamber orchestra. [Please visit collegiumancora.org](http://collegiumancora.org) for information or to purchase tickets online.

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## Lenten Giving Cross

The Lenten Cross has been placed in The Pavilion, and is adorned with some remaining bulbs which represent donation requests for foster families through our partner agency [Children's Friend](#).

Thank you for selecting one or more bulbs from the cross if you would like to participate in this heartwarming annual effort of the Outreach Ministry here at Grace. Gift cards to local grocery stores and general retail stores (e.g. Walmart, Target) are most appreciated, and can be donated even if all bulbs from the cross have been spoken for. For safe-keeping, please place gift cards into the tall donation box near the baptismal font.

When dropping off your donations, please affix the corresponding bulb to your donated item. Items can be left at the back of the church on Sundays, or brought to the parish office during office hours, through Palm Sunday.



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## Lenten Weeknight Worship

Grace Church is offering a new weekday worship option on Thursdays during Lent. The photo shows where in the church we will worship, just in front of the Messiah Chapel. We will gather at 6 PM on Thursday evenings for prayer, scripture, Eucharist, and song.

This service will be contemplative in nature and feature music from the Celtic tradition, accompanied by our beautiful concert grand piano. We will be treated to homilies by a different lay preacher each week, with next week's preacher being Drake Douglas.

Invite a friend into a warm, candlelit space and share your Lenten journey with others. The service will last about 45 minutes, and parking is available in the Grace Church lot.



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## Please Support Easter Flowers and Music

Thank you for filling out a card located in the pews, and for your support of Easter flowers and music! Please print dedications legibly: In memory of... in honor of... in thanksgiving for... Place your card and gift in the green flower envelopes provided, and return in the offering plate or by mail. Dedications received before April 15 will be recorded in the service bulletins for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

**EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC**

I wish to make a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for  
Easter flowers at Grace (minimum \$20).

I wish to support special Easter music  
with my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I wish to make an additional Easter  
offering of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Total gift enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you!

Please dedicate my gift (circle one):  
in honor of    in memory of    or    in thanksgiving for    (please print legibly):

Please place card with your gift in the envelopes provided, before Tuesday in Holy Week.

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## 20s/30s Group Community Dinner Next Wednesday

Please note this date change for the upcoming 20s/30s Group community dinner. In place of its usual date on the 1st Thursday of each month, next week's dinner will be held the evening before, on **Wednesday, April 3**.

The group gathers will gather in The Pavilion at Grace at 7:00pm. Please bring a dish to share for this casual potluck dinner if you are able, and please contact [20s30s@gracepvd.org](mailto:20s30s@gracepvd.org) for more information.



## This Week at Grace

### Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist  
with Music

Wednesday 12:00 Noon Eucharist

Thursday 6:00pm Holy Eucharist during Lent

**Thursdays at Noon concerts** will continue for the Winter/Spring 2019 season through May 23.

**Open Doors:** Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please encourage your friends or guests to come and visit Grace Church and see the new Pavilion at Grace.



**Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:** Please find convenient accessible in the Grace Church parking lot with access from Snow Street. The new wheelchair ramp connects directly from the lot, and you will enter through the new reception entrance of The Pavilion and into the church at ground level.

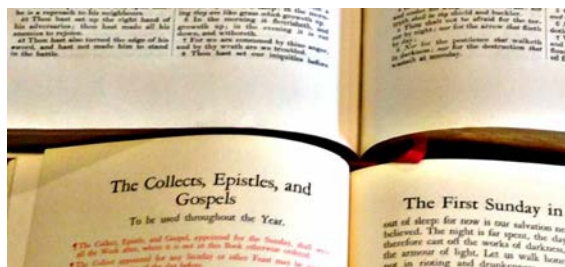
**Parking for Worship:** Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 1.) in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow;
- 2.) 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; and
- 3.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.

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## March 31, 2019 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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](#).

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Way of Love in Lent - BLESS](#).

[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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**Discernment Workshop** The Revs. Pam Gregory and Jennifer West, both trained by Suzanne Farnham in the "Listening Hearts" method of discernment, will present *Discernment: Are You Listening to your Life?*, at St. John's in Barrington on Saturday, April 6. The workshop will run from 8:30am to 3:00pm. For more information or to register, [please visit this page](#) on the diocesan website, and click the Eventbrite link. The cost of registration is \$5, and includes the cost of lunch and morning coffee and pastries.

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**ECC 70th Anniversary Gala** On June 1, 2019, Celebrate 70 years of joyful ministry at the Episcopal Conference Center in Pascoag, RI, and support future programming for children including inner city youth, children with special needs, the LGBTQ+ community, and individuals awaiting adoption. [Tickets are now on sale](#) for this 70th Anniversary Gala.

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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.*