



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

June 13, 2019

Spotlight on Grace: Grace Celebrates Rhode Island PrideFest

With a special documentary film presentation tonight (Thursday) at 7:00pm in The Pavilion, our fun-filled booth at Rhode Island PrideFest during the day on Saturday, and our special free concert for Pride Saturday evening at 5:00pm, Grace Church is offering three great ways to connect with this year's Pride event.



CALL ME KUCHU



An abridged screening of the award-winning documentary about the struggle for LGBTQ rights in Uganda.

Followed by commentary and discussion with:

John "Longjones" Abdallah Wambere, Uganda LGBTQ rights activist and co-founder of Spectrum Uganda Initiatives.

Event Details:



Thursday
June 13, 2019



7pm



The Pavilion at Grace
300 Westminister Street
Providence

Grace Episcopal Church is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) welcoming and affirming space

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Free

Documentary Screening: *Call Me Kuchu* Grace will sponsor a free documentary film event from 7:00-

9:30pm tonight (Thursday, June 13) in The Pavilion at Grace, presenting an abridged version of the documentary *Call Me Kuchu*, followed by a short talk and Q&A with Ugandan LGBTQ rights activist John "Longjones" Abdallah Wambere. The documentary is about the struggle to defeat state-sanctioned homophobia in Uganda, centered on the work of David Kato, Uganda's first openly gay man, and retired Anglican bishop Christopher Senyonjo. Longjones is a Uganda LGBTQ rights activist and co-founder of Spectrum Uganda Initiatives, a Kampala based LGBTQ rights advocacy organization. Because of the threat of violence and persecution he faced in Uganda, he was approved for asylum in the

United States in 2014. He is a recipient of the the LOGO Tv International Trailblazer award. He is a practicing Episcopalian currently living in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Join us for this important event tonight at 7pm in the Pavilion.

The Grace Church Booth at Pride Building upon the unforgettable fun and fellowship shared in recent years, Grace Church will once again have a booth at the [Rhode Island PrideFest](#) on Saturday, June 15, 2019. The Outreach Ministry chaired by Charles Carroll is seeking a number of volunteers to join us at the booth in shifts to help share information and excitement about our wonderful faith community with PrideFest attendees. To sign up for a shift, [please click here to access the sign-up sheet directly](#), or see Charles Carroll on Sunday after the 10:00am worship, and if you have any questions please contact outreach@gracepvd.org.

Free Concert: *In Harmony* Collegium Ancora, the professional ensemble choir in residence at Grace Church, will present a free concert at Grace Saturday at 5 -- in partnership with RI Pride -- called *In Harmony*. The concert celebrates love in all its forms,



and highlights works of LGBTQIA+ composers on the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising. The hour-long concert will feature David Conte's "Elegy to Matthew", composed in 1999 in memory of Matthew Shepard. This 10-minute work is accompanied by chamber orchestra. The concert will also feature the world premiere of the winning entry (and two runners-up) in Collegium's inaugural composition contest. This concert is generously sponsored by a grant from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. The concert begins at 5:00pm and a simple reception follows.

Parish Barbecue June 23

On Sunday, June 23rd, we'll celebrate the start of summer with a parish barbecue immediately following the 10 a.m. service in the garden of The Pavilion at Grace. (If it rains, we'll stay in the Pavilion!)

The church will provide burgers and hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We'll have a special game for the kids, so bring friends and kids, and pray for good weather on the 23rd!



Summer Worship in The Pavilion at Grace

Summer Chapel Please note that during the warm summer months, beginning on Sunday, June 30, we will enjoy worship in our beautiful (and air-conditioned) Pavilion at Grace. Please enter through the pavilion's entrance gate at Westminster Street, or through the reception entrance off our Chapel St parking lot.



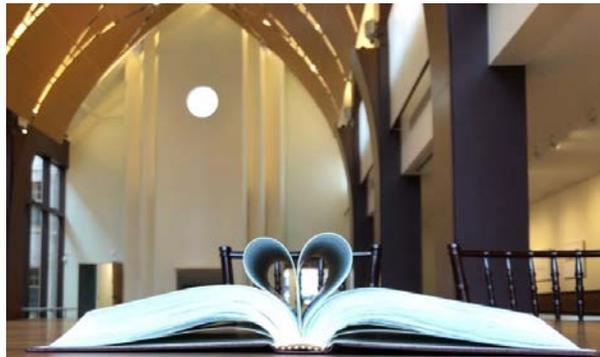
Summer Choir Also, during the summer months, we are grateful to those who volunteer in our Summer Choir. While many of these folks are regular members of the Grace Church Choir, others are visitors for the summer, guests or relatives of parishioners, etc. Please consider joining us for one Sunday or many! We meet at 9 AM in Cronhimer Hall (lower level under the Chancel) and sing an anthem or two for the 10 AM service. If you are interested or have questions about Summer Choir, please contact Vince Edwards, Director of Music: vedwards@gracepvd.org or 331-3226, ext. 4.

Annual Weed Pull

Many hands make light work. Our annual Grace Church weed pull will take place Sunday, June 30, beginning at 11:15am. Anyone interested in taking part is encouraged to dress accordingly, bring gloves if you have them, and gather in the garden of The Pavilion at 11:15. Sandra Read will guide the effort. In the event of foul weather, the following Sunday (July 7) will serve as an alternate date.

Weekly Bible Study at Grace

Grace Church offers a weekly Bible study through the end of June, from 9:30am to 11:00am. The study sessions will be led each week by Gale Grey, Jonathan Huyck, Lavonne Seifert, or Hartwell Hylton. For this spring, we'll be starting with the Acts of Apostles. All are welcome to attend anytime they're able.



You are welcome to park in the church lot and enter through the Pavilion entrance.

For this coming Saturday, please note that Westminster Street is scheduled to be closed for a street fair, so approaching the lot from Empire Street or Weybosset Street is recommended. We will meet in the Chafee Room. If you have any questions, feel free to [ask the rector](#). Please join us!

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist
with Music

Wednesday 12:00 Noon Eucharist

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.

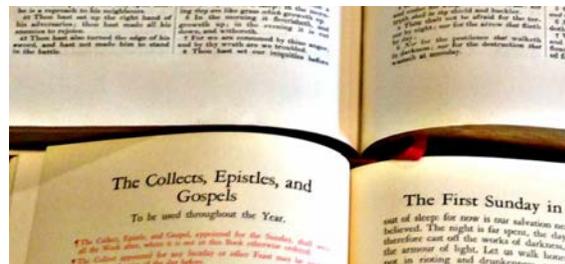
Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 1.) in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow; and
- 2.) 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.



June 16, 2019 Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please click here](#).

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Presiding Bishop's Invitation to the Annual Appeal](#).

[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.

Discover This Gem of the Episcopal Diocese

If you haven't yet discovered the wonderful and welcoming [Episcopal Conference Center in Pascoag, RI](#), we encourage you to consider visiting the campus for their upcoming open house on Saturday, June 22, from 11:00am - 3:00pm.

And did you know that in addition to their beloved camps for families, children and teens, the ECC offers occasional programs for adults that provide both respite from the non-stop pace of modern life as well as meaningful opportunities for fellowship, reflection, and spiritual growth? They've just announced [a new adult conference](#) for September 6-8 called *Standing in the Need of Prayer: Connecting with God, one another, and ourselves*. The conference will be led by our own Drake Douglas and The Rev. Meaghan Brower, and [you can register online at this link](#).

