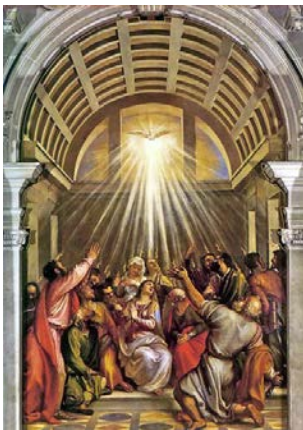




Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

June 6, 2019



Spotlight on Grace: A Word About Baptism and Pentecost

The Church sets aside four Sundays per year as being especially appropriate for baptisms: All Saints' Sunday, the Sunday after Epiphany, the Easter Vigil, and Pentecost. Each of these days has its own particular connection to baptism. For instance, the Sunday after Epiphany is known as the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, when we remember Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan River. If you like the idea of being baptized on the same day Jesus was baptized, that's the day for you!

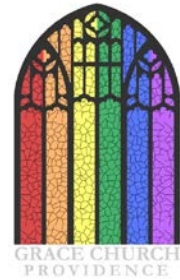
What about Pentecost? Pentecost is a rare Christian holy day with biblical roots, in that Jesus is nowhere to be found - he's recently ascended to heaven. What Pentecost celebrates is the fulfillment of Christ's promise to his disciples that he would not leave them comfortless but would send the Holy Spirit to guide them. This happens in dramatic fashion, with wind and fire, and the disciples speaking several languages that they'd never known.



It's this day - not the birth, baptism, or resurrection of Jesus - that we have come to see as the birth of the Church. Before this day, the disciples were waiting for something to happen. After this great event, the disciples became apostles - those who are sent - and shared the Gospel with all they met. And the Church - the "Jesus Movement", as our Presiding Bishop calls it - began to grow, both in size and diversity. Our own church has grown in size and diversity in recent years, and one way we experience that blossoming is through the sacrament of baptism. Through baptism we are connected not just to Christ himself but to all those disciples who have come before us, going all the way back to the very first disciples, who, on the Day of Pentecost, became the Church. Here at Grace on Sunday, we will share in that great event as we baptize five new Christians and celebrate with them, with their families, with each other, and with all the saints who have gone before.

- Jonathan+

Grace Church Celebrates Rhode Island PrideFest



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.

Grace Church will also sponsor a separate event during Pride week, from 7:00-9:30pm on 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.

Following the screening, we will hear from John "Longjones" Abdallah Wambere, who is featured in the film. 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 on Thursday, June 13 at 7pm in the Pavilion.

20s/30s Group Community Dinner Tonight

Please join Grace's lively and growing group of 20s/30s (& 40s) for a Community Dinner on the 1st Thursday of each month in the Pavilion at Grace at 7:00pm. This month's gathering will take place tonight, June 6. Please bring a dish to share if you are able, and contact 20s30s@gracepvd.org with any questions.



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!

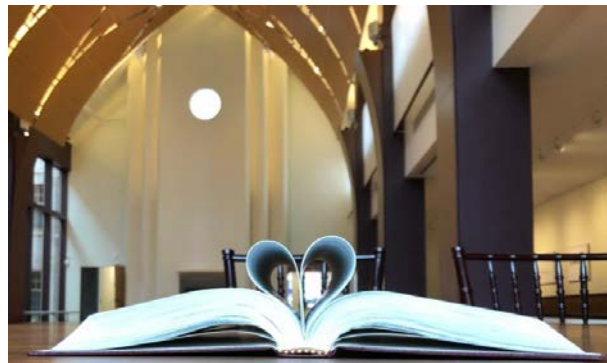


Weekly Bible Study at Grace

Grace Church offers a weekly Bible study 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!



PVDFest in Providence This Weekend

Although [PVDFest will be taking place](#) in downtown Providence this weekend, on Sunday we do not expect major crowds to form until after our worship hours. Still, [some street closures](#) slated for the more easterly portion of the downtown area make it advisable for those traveling from the East Side, in particular, to plan your routes accordingly and allow a little extra time for travel.

It is our hope that the event will not dissuade any from attending worship, as we look forward to sharing this Day of Pentecost with you!



This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist
with Music

Wednesday 12:00 Noon Eucharist



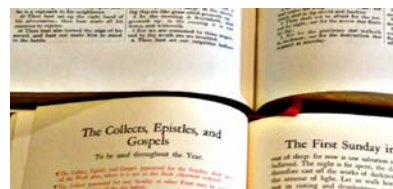
Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please encourage your friends or guests to come and visit Grace Church and see the new Pavilion at Grace.

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 9, 2019 Day of Pentecost



Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Pentecost](#).

[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.
