



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

August 23, 2019

## Spotlight on Grace: Grace's Choristers *Clean Up*

This past Sunday, August 18, the Grace Church Choristers washed cars in the Grace Church parking lot during and after our 10:00 worship service, as part of their ongoing effort to gather funds in support of their exciting 2020 trip to the United Kingdom.

With your kind support, they raised more than \$500 to help defray some of their travel expenses. One might even say they *cleaned up*!



The Grace Church Choristers are planning a two-week tour of Scotland and England in the summer of 2020. They will be singing daily services at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, and Lincoln Cathedral in England.

In preparation for their trip, the group is raising money for the scholarship fund to ensure that all our choristers are able to take part in this extraordinary opportunity. If you would like to contribute to this scholarship fund, please simply

mail a check with "Choristers" in the memo line. Thank you for supporting the Grace Church Choristers!

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## 2019 Inquirers' Class Ongoing

The 2019 Inquirers' Class continues this Sunday morning at 9am in the Chafee Room, and will run through September 22, in advance of the bishop's annual visitation September 29. The clergy will lead discussions on the Christian faith in the Anglican / Episcopal tradition. Adults interested in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, reception, or renewal of baptismal vows are encouraged to attend, and absolutely all are welcome. With questions, please contact the rector: [jhuyck@gracepvd.org](mailto:jhuyck@gracepvd.org).



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## Bells Toll the Commemoration of 400 Years of Slavery

August 25th, 2019 marks the 400th anniversary of the arrival of "20 and odd" captive Africans at Port Comfort, near Jamestown, Virginia, thus marking what is considered to be the official beginning of racial slavery in English North America. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, the Diocese of Virginia, UNESCO, the National Park Service, the national



Middle Passage Ceremonies and Port Markers Project and the Center for Reconciliation invite all people of faith to participate in the commemoration of this anniversary this Sunday, August 25, at 3:00pm by ringing a bell. Grace Church will participate by tolling our tower bells for one minute this afternoon along with other churches throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

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## Last Sunday with the Summer Choir

This Sunday, August 25, will be the final Sunday of the season with our ad hoc Summer Choir. We are most thankful for this talented group which contributes to our summer worship in the Pavilion! There will be no choir on Sunday September 1st for the 10am Eucharist.

On Sunday, September 8th we will be returning to worshipping in the Church for both the 8am and 10am Holy Eucharist services. That Sunday, we will also welcome back the Grace Church Choir and Choristers from their summer hiatus as they begin their regular program year of singing for the 10am Sung Eucharist, Evensong and Compline.

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## Styrofoam Recyclables Collected Once per Month

Beginning Sunday, September 1, and *solely* on the first Sunday of every month thereafter, Grace Church will collect your carefully cleaned styrofoam recyclables (meat trays, etc.) in a blue recycling barrel that will be placed outside the office entrance to The Pavilion, next to the handicapped ramp. Next week's ENews will include more detail as to precisely which foam products are recyclable. Please be sure to **ONLY** bring foam recyclables on the first Sunday of a calendar month, as no recyclables will be collected on any other day.



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## This Week at Grace

### Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist  
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist  
with Music & Baptism  
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.



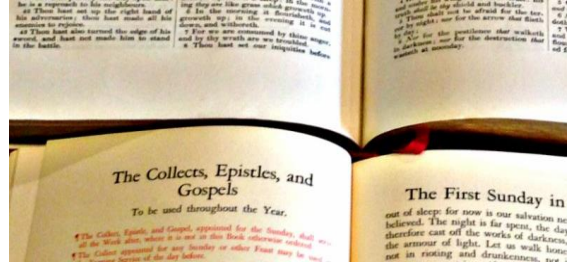
**Parking for Worship:** Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 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.
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# August 25, 2019

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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: [Meet Our Episcopal Service Corps Programs: Life Together](#).

[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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## An Invitation to Participate in ECC's Halloween Village

On Sunday, October 27, the Episcopal Conference Center in Pascoag, RI will host its annual Halloween Village from 2-5pm, followed by a worship service in the barn at 5pm. The participation of teams of volunteers from Episcopal parishes throughout the state, decorating a small space and handing out treats to visitors, is the foundation of this fun and family-friendly event. And so if any Grace parishioners may wish to pull a small team of 2-3 people together for an afternoon of fun, we would be delighted to have Grace represented among the parishes participating. If interested, contact Joanne in the ECC office: [eccoffice@gmail.com](mailto:eccoffice@gmail.com).

