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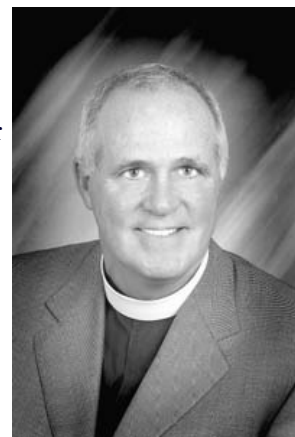
Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

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Spotlight on Grace: A Remembrance of The Rev. Bob Brooks by The Rev. Meaghan Brower

I was the youth group leader at Grace when Bob came on as the new rector, but when he first arrived I wasn't sure about him. He was kind of... corporate. I learned very quickly, however, that Bob broke the mold, and he taught me more more than I could have ever hoped to learn from a priest, mentor, and friend.

When Bob first started in his role, I would get emails from him that appeared short and cold. Then one day I sat by him as he sent an email out. I watched as he painstakingly hit the keys with his two pointer fingers - typing at the slowest pace I had ever seen. I realized his "cold" emails were short by necessity, and that the man who seemed like he could do anything still had a couple of gaps. **Bob taught me that you didn't have to be great at everything, you just had to be honest about what you could and could not bring to the table.**



Another day when in his office for a meeting, I noticed that he had an extra phone next to his office phone on his desk. This was 20 years ago, and I simply assumed it was the phone you needed to dial up to the internet and get your AOL account going. Then extra phone rang. He stopped our conversation to answer, and gave stilted responses: "yes, yes, 5pm. Ok. Love you." Hanging up the phone he looked at me and said "that's Rhea's line." I laughed as I realized the guy who was so clearly a boss had a direct line for the real boss in his life. **Bob taught me that after God, your spouse comes first, and it's okay to do whatever it takes to tend to your beloved.**

What I ultimately came to learn was that Bob wasn't "corporate", but instead was bold and straight-forward and refreshingly honest, and it helped him to get so many things done. He helped so many of us to become the best version of ourselves, including me, when he so directly said "Meg, I think you should be a priest, just tell me when you're ready." **Bob taught me that sometimes people are too scared to say yes to what God has in store for them,**

and we can help with that yes.

Like so many of you, my life will be forever changed because of the way he showed me God's abundant love. He was an incredible priest, mentor, and friend.

May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.

The Rev. Meaghan Brower

The Rev. Meaghan (Kelly) Brower is Director of the Episcopal Conference Center, and Rector at Church of the Beloved, both in Pascoag, RI. Meaghan was a youth minister at Grace during Bob's tenure here, she was sponsored for ordination to the priesthood by Grace Church, and was married at Grace... by Bob Brooks.

Memorial Service for Bob Brooks

A memorial service for The Rev. Bob Brooks, 20th rector of Grace Church in Providence, will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 11am at the [United Congregational Church of Little Compton](#), located on the Commons in Little Compton. All are invited to attend.

The New Season of Music at Grace

Please look for the newly issued Music at Grace booklets for the Winter 2019 and Spring 2020 season, which will be mailed to Grace parishioner households shortly, and which outlines an exciting year of concerts and music-filled worship here at Grace. A number of advance copies are available in the back of the church.



Please save the date for our upcoming Collegium Cabaret event in The Pavilion on the evening of **Saturday, September 21**. As anyone who attended last year's cabaret will attest, it's a wonderful night of entertainment and fun, and we look forward to sharing a the experience with you. Please mark your calendars, and watch for details coming soon!

Also upcoming are the season openers for:
Thursday Noon Concerts - September 12
Compline - September 15 (8 PM)
Choral Evensong - September 22 (4 PM)

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 with confirmations on 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.

Styrofoam Recyclables Collected Once per Month

Beginning this Sunday, September 1, and *solely* on the first Sunday of every month thereafter, Grace Church will collect your carefully cleaned and dried styrofoam recyclables in a blue recycling barrel that will be placed outside the office entrance to The Pavilion, next to the handicapped ramp.



Items such as styrofoam coffee cups, take-out food containers, rigid styrofoam padding from packages (but not those foam packing peanuts, which are not recyclable), foam meat trays, etc., can be recycled through this special program. Key to the success of this program will be your cooperation in ensuring items are thoroughly cleaned and dried before drop-off.

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. And please do not place recyclables of any other variety in the blue barrel... it is exclusively for styrofoam recyclables.

A Sunday Respite for the Summer Choir

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.

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.

September 1, 2019 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Missionaries: Joe Pagano & Amy Richter](#).

[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.

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.

