



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 22, 2019

Spotlight on Grace Know Thy Vestry: Anaezi Modu

Today, in our occasional series, "Know Thy Vestry," we feature our newest vestry member, Anaezi Modu. Anaezi was elected by the vestry to complete Dave Reedy's term when Dave moved to Virginia this summer. For those of you who may be new to the Episcopal Church, here's a short primer on vestries:

According to the website of the Episcopal Church, "The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the church's mission by word and deed, to select the rector, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances." While there are some clearly defined roles for the rector (such as responsibility for worship services) and the vestry (such as budgeting and financial decisions) much of the leadership of the parish is shared by rector and vestry, in keeping with the Episcopal commitment to the equality and partnership of lay and ordained leadership.



Here at Grace, we have 12 vestry members that are each elected for a three-year term (with the possibility of re-election once before needing to rotate off the vestry). A nominating committee named by the vestry each fall (and made up of both vestry and non-vestry parishioners) selects a slate of new vestry members that is formally elected each February at the parish's annual meeting. Following that meeting, the vestry elects four officers (Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary/Clerk) to serve for that year. The vestry meets monthly, usually on the last Wednesday of the month, and any parishioner who would like to receive the minutes of the vestry meetings is welcome to call or email the parish office and ask to be placed on that email list.

I hope everyone at Grace Church feels free to approach their rector about anything that's on their mind, but parishioners should also know that they can talk to anyone on the vestry at any time about ideas or concerns or questions they might have about the life of the parish. I want to thank Anaezi for joining the vestry as well as all who have served on the vestry in my time here at Grace!

God's Peace,
Jonathan+

A few words from Anaezi Modu:

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the vestry, and to contribute towards the continued growth of our spiritual home.

I came to Grace about 7 years ago following the closing of The Cathedral of St. John. Seeing some familiar faces during a visit, along with Jonathan's warm welcome, I felt immediately at home. One of the many things I appreciate about Grace is the friendliness of fellow parishioners and the fact that you can simply "come as you are" without much pomp and circumstance.

Some parishioners may not know that I have an adult daughter that currently lives in New York City. During one of her occasional visits, I hope she gets to meet some of you. Trained as an architect, I currently run a small business (REBRAND.com) that assesses and showcases effective brand transformations globally.

Please do say hello when the opportunity arises.

Anaezi

Thanksgiving 2019 Food-Drive

Please support the Grace Church Outreach Ministry's food drive to stock the shelves at the PICA Food Pantry in downtown Providence.

Items of particular interest include:

canned vegetables, canned fruit, stuffing mix, turkey gravy, rice, coffee, oatmeal, healthy breakfast cereals, & peanut butter.

Non-food items such as hats, gloves, coats, toiletries, and paper goods are also greatly appreciated.

Please bring your food donations to Grace Church no later than this **Sunday, November 24**. Small cardboard boxes to carry them in are helpful.



Upcoming Music at Grace

Thursdays at Noon Concerts *There will be no Noontime recital this coming Thursday, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.* The next recital will be December 5, with a program of Advent music played by Rodney Ayers, Minister of Music & Organist at St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich.

An Advent Procession with Lessons & Carols Join us on Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 PM for a festive liturgy for the beginning of Advent! The Grace Church Choir will sing works by Palestrina, Webb, Byrd, Parsons, Rheinberger, Thalben-Ball and others from various points throughout the church, gradually approaching the High Altar at the East End. This service is meant to embody the beginning of our anticipation of the coming of our Savior. A reception will follow in The Pavilion.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Spoken Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Sung Holy Eucharist with Music
Wednesday 12:00 Spoken Holy Eucharist

Holiday Office Hours: The church and office will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



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:

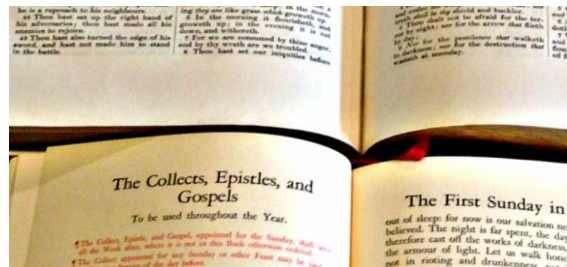
- 1.) in the lot directly across Snow Street from our lot, at the SW corner of Westminster and Snow; and
 - 2.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.
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New Parking Location for Sunday Worship

On Sunday mornings (until noon) we now have use of the parking lot immediately opposite the church lot on Snow Street, next to the Federal Building. Please either park facing the brick of the Federal Building, or on the opposite side facing Snow Street. Once both sides are full, please create a single line of vehicles down the middle, straddling (and parallel to) the line that runs down the middle of the lot. Our hope is that most people will use this new lot, and only use the old lot across Westminster Street if the new one is full. Thank you for reserving spaces in the Grace Church lot for those with mobility considerations.

November 24, 2019 Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



This Sunday's readings are:

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Episcopal Service Corp Applications](#).

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? Please email administrator@gracepvd.org 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.
